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S. No. of Question Paper : 5581

Unique Paper Code : 203651

Name of the Paper : English A (Advanced English)

Name of the Course : B.A. (Prog.)

Semester : VI

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt All questions.

I. Answer any five questions in about 30-50 words each :

5×2=10

(i) Why is the final photograph of the mother important to the sons ?

(ii) According to Dinesh Kumar, what is the sole objective of the young, unthinking generation ?

(iii) Why does the speaker call Kedia 'a consummate consumer' ?

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- (iv) What advice does the writer give to the student examinees to manage time while writing the examination ?
- (v) According to Irawati Karve, how is Krishna depicted in the *Mahabharata* ?
- (vi) Why do you think Maniben is sympathetic to the Muslim man on the television set ?
- (vii) Who is Bharati ? Why is she being assaulted and by whom ?

2. Answer any *two* questions in about **75-100** words each :

2×5=10

- (i) What characteristics in Roop Singh make him 'The Leader of Men' ? Critically examine the appropriateness of the title.
- (ii) How is the television set used as a metaphor to expose the perpetrators of communal violence ?
- (iii) What impressions of the sons do you form from the way the mother has led her life ?

- (iv) What does Bharati represent for the other women- Mandira, Kajol, Kuri and the Grandmother in the play 'Her Name is Bharati' ?

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

5×2=10

When Sachin Tendulkar came out on to the field at the Eden Gardens for his penultimate Test to a mighty roar from the crowd, a minor statistic was missed by many. Tendulkar was only the second player to represent India in Tests after turning 40 (he was 40 years and 197 days old that day). The only other player to have achieved this feat was Mulvantrai Himmatlal Mankad, known to the world by his school nickname Vinoo. Mankad was 41 years and 298 days old when he played his last Test, beginning 6 February 1959, also against the West Indies.

Vinoo Mankad is almost forgotten today, but when he passed away in 1978, in its obituary, the Wisden magazine called him

“one of the greatest all-rounders that India has ever produced”, and stated that “for some years he was undoubtedly the best bowler of his type in the world”. He is also the only Indian cricketer to have a Test named after him—the 1952 Lord’s Test against England is referred to as Mankad’s Test, even though India lost. His opening partnership of 413 with Pankaj Roy in 1956 remained a world record for 52 years, and his 231 in that innings stayed the highest score by an Indian in a Test match for nearly three decades. His 231 had broken his own previous record of the highest Test score by an Indian : 184 at Madras in 1952, when India beat England to achieve its first-ever Test victory. It was almost entirely Mankad’s doing, as he claimed eight for 55 and four for 53 in the two innings.

Questions :

- (i) Which minor detail was missed by many ?
- (ii) When and against whom did Vinoo Mankad play his last Test match ?

- (iii) Which Test is named after Mankad ?
- (iv) When did India achieve its first ever Test victory and against whom ?
- (v) Find words from the passage which mean the following :

last but one, powerful

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct option chosen from those given in brackets : 10

Manu shook his head in disbelief ..... (at/on) his wife’s wiles. ‘Look, Sejal,’ he tried to ..... (logic/reason) with her, ‘I told you that we would go on a ..... (honeymoon/honeycomb) as soon as I can afford ..... (it/us).’

‘He calls her Bibijaan. Every Thursday afternoon, she ..... (made/makes) *sheer kurma*. And she doesn’t give me ..... (some/any).’

‘You mean he’s a ..... ?’

‘Yes.’

A ..... (vanquished/triumphant) Sejal hefted her bag and leaned more assuredly ..... (against/from) the railing. She ..... (knew/had known) she had her husband's ..... (attendance/attention) now.

5. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct option chosen from those given in brackets : 5

(i) Raju was afraid his father ..... (would/wouldn't) be angry on seeing his result.

(ii) ..... (Can/Could) anyone lift this boulder ?

(iii) Rakesh asked the teacher '..... (May/Might) I go and practice basket ball ?'

(iv) Reenu is very ill. She ..... (should/must) go to a specialist.

(v) If you want to make a ..... (carrier/career) you have to work hard.

(b) Complete the following sentences using appropriate determiners and quantifiers chosen from the list given below : 5

anyone/ a lot of/something/anything/none

(i) Perhaps there is ..... wrong with the car, take it to the mechanic.

(ii) Did you meet ..... you knew at the conference ?

(iii) We took ..... food for the school picnic.

(iv) ..... of the parcels have arrived yet.

(v) I couldn't think of ..... else to buy for her birthday so I bought a book.

(c) Write antonyms (opposites) of the following words : 5  
busy, familiar, sad, barren, active

6. Your friend invites you to attend his/her brother's wedding next week. You cannot attend the wedding as your semester examination is going to start very soon. Write a short dialogue between you and your friend. Write *five* turns for each one of you. 10

7. Write an essay of about **200** words on any *one* of the topics given below : 10

- (a) Health problems in India
- (b) The benefits of the Internet
- (c) A visit to a hill station.



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Name of the Paper : English C (Basic English)

Name of the Course : B.A. (Prog.)

Semester : VI

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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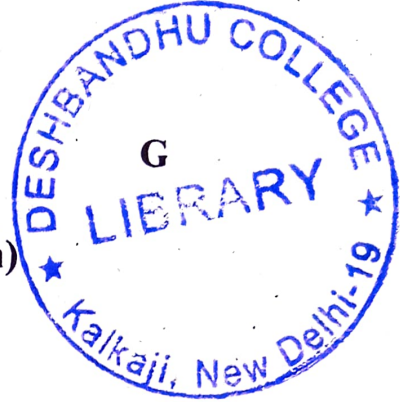
Attempt All questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Lightning is a streak of electricity that occurs in every thunderstorm. You see lightning before you hear thunder because light travels faster than sound. Lightning is caused when the negative charge of electricity in the rain clouds meets the positive charge of electricity in the falling raindrops. Most lightning occurs from cloud-to-cloud, but some lightning occurs from cloud-to-ground, where it can start fires, melt metal, or be deadly to people.

Although 90% of people survive lightning strikes, they can cause

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major internal injuries, burns, and hearing loss. 2,40,000 people are struck by lightning or are injured as a result of lightning every year.

(a) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) : 5

- (i) The passage is about snow in winter.
- (ii) Lightning and thunder come together.
- (iii) Negative charge of electricity in the rain clouds causes lightning.
- (iv) Most people died/die because of lightning.
- (v) Many people suffer injuries when struck by lightning.

(b) Answer the following questions briefly : 10

- (i) What is Lightning ?
- (ii) Why is lightning seen before thunder is heard ?
- (iii) What harm can lightning cause ?

- (iv) When does lightning become deadly for people ?
- (v) What percentage of people survive lightning strikes ?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions which follow :

I come from a very traditional family of ten brothers and sisters. I'm the youngest one. I was born after my elder sisters were married (I have a nephew and a niece who are older than me). So it's a two-generation gap between me and my father. My father was very orthodox. When I was small, my sisters were not allowed to step out of the house; if they did, they positively had to be back no later than 5 pm. They were not allowed to wear anything except for salwar kameez with a dupatta. The first five children were girls, my father was hell-bent on having a son. I didn't like this family tradition of treating girls as second-class citizens. My brothers' birthdays were like festival days-

big celebrations. As for my sisters, nobody even knew when their birthdays came or went. Once they reached seventeen or eighteen, my father got them married off. One of them wanted to be an IPS officer (Indian Police Service), another wanted to be a doctor, but they were not allowed to have careers of their own. I saw all this from childhood, so that's why I wanted to be in a profession—to be a bit different. I wanted a career.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly :  $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) Is the writer a man or a woman ? How do you know ?
- (ii) How were girls treated in the writer's family ? How did the writer react to this ?
- (iii) What was the age gap between the writer and the writer's father ?
- (iv) What careers did the writer's sisters want and did they succeed ?
- (v) What did the writer want to be ?

(b) Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F) : 5

- (i) The writer belongs to a small family.
- (ii) The writer's sisters wore Salwar Kameez with dupatta.
- (iii) The writer has a nephew and niece who are older than the writer.
- (iv) The birthdays of all the children were celebrated.
- (v) The writer wanted to be a person with a special career.

3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with an appropriate word from those given in brackets : 5

- (i) Anjali has ..... a girl child.  
(adapted/adopted)
- (ii) It is not easy to ..... oneself to a foreign culture.  
(adapt/adopt)
- (iii) The film 'Omkara' is an ..... version of the play *Othello*.  
(adapted/adopted)



(iv) Amit was five years ..... than Hema.  
(elder/older)

(v) My ..... brother lives in England.  
(elder/older)

4. Complete the sentences inserting until/since/for in the blanks : 10

(i) My parents have been married ..... 1990.

(ii) I studied ..... 2AM last night.

(iii) The fans waited ..... six hours to meet the rock star.

(iv) The children have been playing .....  
9 o'clock in the morning.

(v) I will not leave ..... you return my money.

(vi) Jim exercises ..... two hours every day.

(vii) One should sleep ..... eight hours daily.

(viii) Please don't leave the room ..... you are asked to do so.

(ix) They have been cheating people ..... 2010.

(x) ..... how long have you been sleeping ?

5. Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable word from the list given below and use 'enough' with it (before or after) big; time; loud; tall; butter : 5

(i) Is there ..... in your soup ?

(ii) I can't hear the teacher. She doesn't speak .....

(iii) Do you have ..... to reach the airport.

(iv) You don't look ..... to be studying in a college.

(v) The child was not ..... to reach the ball kept on the cupboard.

6. Complete the sentences using the comparative degree of the adjective underlined : 5

(i) It isn't very cold this week. It was ..... last week.

(ii) This paper isn't difficult. Last year's paper was .....

(iii) Salman isn't very tall. Ranbir is ..... than him.

(iv) This picture isn't very clear. The other one is .....

(v) This bag is not big enough. Have you got a ..... one ?

7. Write an application to the Principal of your college asking for permission to organize a cultural fest in the college. You could mention the date of the fest as well as the names of one or two artists whom you would like to invite to perform at the fest.

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8. Write a short paragraph in **100-150** words about a visit to an "**Adventure Park**". Mention whom you went with, what activities you did there and what food you enjoyed there.

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Sr. No. of Question Paper : 5628

Unique Paper Code : 203654

Name of the Paper : English Discipline : Fable of the Mermaid and the Drunks

Name of the Course : B.A. (Prog.)

Semester : VI

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

### Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This paper contains three Sections A, B and C.
3. All the **three** sections are compulsory.

### Section A

1. Answer Part (a) and Part (b). Each part carries 10 marks :

Place these lines in their context. Explain them with critical comments:

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(a) She was a mermaid who had lost her way.

The taunts flowed over her glistening flesh.

Obscenities drenched her golden breasts.

A stranger to tears, she did not weep.

A stranger to clothes, she did not dress.

**OR**

I looked and there was my friend---

his face was formed in stone,

his profile defied the wild weather,

in his nose the wind was muffling

the moaning of the persecuted. (10)

(b) She has let Jalim approach her on the promise of marriage. Daughter of an Oraon mother, she looks different, and she is also exceptionally tall. So she couldn't find a boy of her own kind. The colour of Mary's skin is a resistant barrier to young Oraon.

**OR**

This proved to be a turning point in Mookken's life. Fortune smiled on the old mother and her young illustrious son. Thousands of visitors, their curiosity not satisfied, offered to pay to take a look at Mookken's nose. After all, the mob is a stupid lot, isn't it? (10)

**SECTION B**

2. Describe the satirical and political implications in Basheer's writing.

**OR**

In 'Fable of the Mermaid and the Drunks' what does the maid symbolise? Can she be seen as a modern woman? (10)

3. Write a short note on:

How does Mary's hunt assume metaphorical overtones?

**OR**

Clothes as metaphor in Neruda's poem. (5)

4. Write a short note on:

Dinshawji and Parsi community in 'Such a Long Journey'.

**OR**

Sukhatme's role in *Silence! The Court is in Session*. (10)

**SECTION C**

5. Comment on the marginal identity portrayed in *Such a Long Journey* by Rohinton Mistry.



**OR**

Critically comment on the journey of Gustad Noble and his struggle as a family person message in *Such a Long Journey*. (15)

6. Describe how women are portrayed in *Silence! The Court is in Session* by the male characters.

**OR**

What impression do you form of Mr. and Mrs. Kashikar in 'Silence! The Court is in Session'. (15)