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**B.A. (Prog.)/I**

**E-II**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (C)**

**(Basic English)**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Attempt All questions.**

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

Flowers are a living symbol of delicacy and beauty. Gardens are beautiful because flowers bloom there in plenty. No one would like to go to a garden where there were no flowers.

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We use flowers on all occasions, for all kinds of purposes, throughout our lives. We use them at birth; we use them at death. Writers, poets, painters—all praise the beauty of flowers. There are a variety of flowers growing in India. There are roses in so many colours, there are lilies, there are golden marigolds. If you go to a garden in spring season, you can smell the fragrance of hundreds of flowers, you can touch their soft petals. You almost feel as if you were in heaven. It is so delightful to be in a garden in the early morning. The flowers dance in the morning breeze and your heart dances with them.

The rose may be called the king of flowers. It is found in so many colours—pink, red, yellow, orange, white, even black. Its smell is very sweet. It is a feast for the eyes.

(a) Answer the following questions briefly : 10

(i) What are flowers a living symbol of ?

(ii) Why are gardens beautiful ?

(iii) When do we use flowers ?

(iv) Who praises the beauty of flowers ?

(v) Name *three* flowers mentioned in the passage.

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

(i) No one likes a garden without flowers.

(ii) Flowers are used for both happy and unhappy occasions.

(iii) Only three variety of flowers grow in India.

(iv) It is very pleasant to be in a garden in the morning.

(v) All roses are red

- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate words from the passage : 5

- (i) Flowers are used on all .....
- (ii) We use flowers at birth and at .....
- (iii) In spring one can smell the ..... of flowers.
- (iv) Flowers dance in the morning .....
- (v) Roses are found in ..... colours.

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

There are eight thousand six hundred kinds of birds varying in size from the tiny humming birds to the largest of all living birds, the ostrich. They are of different colours and they live in many different places. They eat different kinds of food and they make different noises. But, in spite of all this, birds

are a group of animals that are similar in many ways. For example, they all have feathers. They have warm bodies and the feathers help to prevent this warmth from being lost. Only birds have feathers so that if you want to decide if some unknown creature was a bird or not, you would only need to see if it had feathers.

As well as having warm bodies and feathers, all birds have wings. Most birds use these for flying but there are birds that cannot fly, such as penguins and ostriches, and they use their wings in other ways. Penguins use their wings for swimming and ostriches use them when they run and sometimes for showing off.

- (a) Answer the following questions briefly : 10

- (i) How many kinds of birds are there ?

- (ii) Do all birds eat the same food ?
- (iii) What similarities do all birds share ?
- (iv) How do feathers help birds ?
- (v) Which birds cannot fly ?

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

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- (i) There are, in all, eight thousand six hundred birds.
- (ii) All birds are of the same size.
- (iii) Feathers do not help to keep the birds warm.
- (iv) Birds fly with feathers.
- (v) Penguins and ostriches have no use of wings.

- (c) Find words from the passage which are opposite in meaning to the following words :

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smallest, different, known, some, always.

3. (a) Match the words/expressions in Column A with their meanings in Column B :

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## Column A

## Column B

Wages

Kindness

Ageing

Payment

Mercy

Growing old

Wealth

Fate

Destiny

Money

- (b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with an appropriate phrasal verb from those given below :

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has taken after, makes up, put up with, look up to, look after.

- (i) Who will ..... her plants when she goes away ?

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- (ii) They always ..... their father for guidance.
- (iii) It is very difficult to ..... such rude behaviour.
- (iv) He has a fertile imagination; he ..... excuses in a second.
- (v) She ..... her mother; when you see her, you are reminded of the mother.
- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the opposites of the words given in brackets : 5
- (i) That was very ..... of you. (rude)
- (ii) I have ..... my examination with a first class. (failed)
- (iii) Once I finish my duty I ..... my work and relax at home. (remember)

- (iv) That's very ..... of you, but, I have an appointment with the doctor. (unkind)
- (v) The task was very ....., I could not complete it. (easy)
4. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the verbs given below : 5
- Is, are, was, were, have
- (i) In his locality there ..... a lot of dogs.
- (ii) One of the boys ..... missing.
- (iii) ..... you finished your work or not ?
- (iv) Thirteen ..... often regarded as an unlucky number.
- (v) Why ..... those students unhappy yesterday ?

- (b) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with :

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can, could, shall, will, can't

- (i) ..... you lend me your car for the party ?  
 (ii) ..... I open the door and see who has come ?  
 (iii) I ..... easily swim across the river.  
 (iv) Yesterday I ..... have gone to the market with you.  
 (v) Her brother ..... reach here so soon.

- (c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the simple past or simple present tense of the verbs given in brackets :

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- (i) She usually ..... (drink) black coffee in the morning, but today she ..... milk.

- (ii) It is not safe to ..... (drive) fast but he (drive)

fast as he was late.

- (iii) Sheila always ..... (go) to office by car but today

she ..... (go) by metro.

- (iv) I usually ..... (get) up early in the morning but

today I ..... (get) up late.

- (v) His brother ..... (send) him pocket-money

regularly but forgot to ..... (send) it this month.

5. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on 'Trees are Nature's gift to man'. The following words/expressions will help you in writing it :

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beauty, shade, fruits, the usefulness of their parts—the bark and the wood, prevent floods, keep the soil from being eroded, can hang swings on branches.

6. Write a short dialogue between two friends, Ramesh and Suresh who have different views about movies. Ramesh feels that students should not waste their time in watching movies, but Suresh feels they are necessary for relaxing. 10