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**B. A. III**

FOUNDATION COURSE

**Paper II**

[ English Language ]

TIME — 3 Hours )

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**NOTE : All questions are compulsory.**

Unit—I

1. Answer the following questions in about 200 words  
each : (any three) **15**

- (a) Write a summary of the essay 'Bores' in your own words.
- (b) Why was Vikramaditya known as the greatest judge of India ? Can you produce any story of his judgement ?

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- (c) Write a summary of the essay Information Technology in your own words.
- (d) Write a story of the poem 'The Mouse and the Snake' from the point of view of the mouse which defeated the snake.
- (e) What is Feminism ? How it is meaningful in the Indian context ?
- (f) What are the basic needs of human beings ?

Unit—II

2. Write an essay on any **one** of the following in about 300 words : **10**

- (a) Portrayal of Women in Media.
- (b) Importance of Computers.
- (c) Science and Religion.
- (d) A Picnic Tour.

Unit—III

3. Write a precis of the following passage and supply a suitable title to it : **5 + 5**

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Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse. For, while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows it can also, if use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual or an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had intended to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride; unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning for our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought but one which demands careful handling : only a fool will express himself a like to all kinds and conditions of men.

Unit—IV

4. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : **5**

Machines were made to be man's servants, yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fairway to become his masters. Already

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most of men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines and the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal and given petrol to drink and oil to wash with and they must be kept at the right temperature. If they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So we have to wait upon them in good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or to play without machines, and a time may come when they may rule us altogether just as we rule the animals.

**Questions :**

- (i) Why did we make machines ?
- (ii) Man and machine—who is now the master and who is the slave ?
- (iii) How can we keep machines in good temper ?
- (iv) Why do machines spread ruin ?
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage.

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- (b) Give one word substitutions of the following phrases : **(any four)** 4

- (i) a problem or defect that hinders progress.
- (ii) the slogan of a group or crowd.
- (iii) gum used on branches of tree to ensnare birds.
- (iv) imitation of a genuine thing to deceive.
- (v) State of being correct or true.
- (vi) A written account of one's own life.

- (c) Give synonyms of the following words : **(any three)** 3

- (i) basic,
- (ii) state,
- (iii) problem,
- (iv) development,
- (v) value.

- (d) Give antonyms of the following words : **(any three)** 3

- (i) clear,

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- (ii) action,
- (iii) major,
- (iv) thin,
- (v) uneven.

Unit—V

5. Do as directed : (any 25)

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*Inset suitable articles :*

- (i) Raina travelled in.....second class carriage with a few Americans.
- (ii) The regular pay roll deductions are.....type of painless savings.
- (iii) Our house is closer to.....District Court building than the railway station.

*Put the following collective nouns in the blanks :*

bunch, fleet, crew.

- (iv) The cruise ship carries 100 passengers and a .....of 45.

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- (v) Karan gave Reetika a .....of flowers.
- (vi) Indian Airlines has a.....of Boeing 747s.

*Supply the correct form of the verb given in brackets :*

- (vii) Weather (change, changes) all the time.
- (viii) This scissors (is, are) blunt; give me another.
- (ix) Physics (was, were) the subject he was specializing as a student.
- (x) The amount of rainfall largely (control, controls) the kinds of plant life in a region.

*Supply the suitable tense form of the verb :*

- (xi) I (always have) trouble with my car these days.
- (xii) When we went to see them yesterday evening, they (play) chess.
- (xiii) I hope it will not rain when the bride (leave) the mandap tomorrow.
- (xiv) Mother (just go) to the market.
- (xv) We went down.....the lift.

*Use suitable prepositions :*

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(xvi) The accused was absolved.....all blame.

(xvii) I have not seen this orchestra group.....stage.

*Fill in the blanks with appropriate question tags :*

(xviii) Vikramaditya was a great king and judge.....?

(xix) Come and see me tomorrow.....?

(xx) You have heard about them.....?

*Change the voice :*

(xxi) The lion was caught in a trap.

(xxii) You must iron this dress for tonight.

(xxiii) The light was switched off.

*Change the narration :*

(xxiv) He asked, "what have you done to your coat ?"

(xxv) She said, "Have the children put away their toys."

(xxvi) She said, "Shut the door after you".

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*Add the missing relative :*

(xxvii) I am looking for somebody.....I can trust.

(xxviii) The book.....you lent me is not very interesting.

(xxix) The person.....is sitting next to me is very sharp.

(xxx) You can write on the paper.....this factory makes.

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