

MOCK TEST ( OBE)

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NAME OF THE PAPER: Advance English ( English Language A- Paper I)

NAME OF THE COURSE: B.A. (Prog.)/IYear

ANNUAL/SEMESTER: Annual/ Part I

DURATION: 3 Hours

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

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**Important: Write your roll no on each of your answer sheets and number them.**

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A)--Paper I**

(Advance English) (A-119)

(Meant for students who have studied English upto class XII)

*Time: Time: 2+1 Hours (One hour reserved for downloading of question paper, scanning and uploading of answer sheets)*

*Maximum Marks: 100*

*Attempt any four question.*

*All questions carry equal marks*

1. Answer any five of the following questions in about 30 words each: 5x5=25
  - i. What, according to Tarun Tejpal, is a good game of cricket all about?
  - ii. Why does Rashid lose his story telling powers?
  - iii. "I don't want to be a goddess", says the young narrator in the short story "Girls". What does this tell us about the way women are treated in our society?
  - iv. How does Baba Sankidas help Bannu?
  - v. In "Go Kiss the World", how were the children asked to address the driver and why?
  - vi. What were the specific circumstances of the birth of the 'Chipko' movement?
  - vii. Gaviri says that school is of no use for a girl like her. Why does she say that?
  - viii. In the poem "The Lost Word" what does the last line "when her mouth was full of someone else's tongue" suggest?
2. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow: 5x5=25

The doctors clamouring against reservations for OBCs have demanded that merit be the sole criteria for admission to medical and engineering colleges. Then, how is it that they haven't objected either to the NRI quota or candidates who procure admission on the basis of capitation fee? Does this not affect quality? Reservation was introduced in the Kolhapur State as early as in 1902 and in the State of Mysore in 1921. In Tamil Nadu, where the human health index is much better than in other states, there is as much as 69 per cent reservation. Let us take for a moment that upper caste doctors are meritorious. But is this of any help to the nation when many of them use elite institutes as springboard to go abroad for higher wages. Nearly 70 per cent of doctors from AIIMS go abroad. How are these elite institutes, under such circumstances, serving the interests of the common people? On the other hand, it has been in Tamil Nadu that a good number of SC/ST/OBC doctors, who procured admission into colleges due to the reservation policy, stick to their state or hometown, resulting in better healthcare services.

Reservation is not a phenomenon exclusive to our country. The American MNC, IBM, voluntarily introduced reservations for Blacks in 1930. In Malaysia there are reservations not just in jobs but also in contracts, licences and company shares for Malays. Reservation for the depressed and weaker sections exists in many countries like Brazil, South Africa, Japan, Netherland and Ireland. There is 50 per cent reservation for Blacks and women in the medical faculty of Harvard University. And the Whites have never made an issue of being eligible only for 50 per cent of the seats. In fact, it is the handful of anti-reservationist doctors, who talk of disintegration of society on account of reservation, who are really responsible for creating dissension and obstacles in the ways of social justice of the OBCs. The media have, of course, played a negative role. But it is a reality that Indian society is constituted on caste lines. If the anti-reservations are so concerned about the disintegration of society on caste lines, they should first lead the struggle against social discrimination.

Reservation gets a job or admission for the reserved category candidates even if they get less percentage of marks. But candidates getting high marks in a competition are not necessarily successful in the field. Merit, as it is being presently understood, does not include honesty, hard work and patriotism.

In the American school system, besides the syllabus, students have to undergo practical training in social services, etc. and marks are added in the certificate based on performance in this area. The only people talking of merit today are those who have studied in public schools or whose children study in such schools.

The expenditure incurred on education in public schools is 50 to 100 times more than those of corporation/ government schools. There is a vast difference in quality between the teachers of public and government schools. Parents who can afford to send their children to public schools are mostly educated. They not only teach the children themselves at home but also provide coaching for them. On the other hand, parents who send their children to corporation/ government schools are mostly uneducated. These children have to lend a helping hand to their

parents after schools hours. Under such circumstances, what is wrong if such students ask for concession of a few marks?

Reservation will bring unity and integrated in society. Reservation in elite institutes will enable people from different social strata to come together and establish bonhomie among them. It is true that reservation is not a permanent solution to the vexed problem of our society. As and when equal and compulsory education is introduced in the country, Dalits and OBCs will not stake their claims to reservation.

Reservation is not a panacea for the economic backwardness of the country. For this purpose, the government has already launched many schemes. Reservation is only a concession given to socially and educationally backward people, so that they may integrate with the mainstream. We have no objection if the poor among the upper caste people, too, get the benefit of reservations. But the problem here is that the better offs among them start taking advantage of the policy.

Questions:

- i. Why were the Indian doctors clamouring against reservation?
  - ii. What kind of reservations exists in private medical colleges?
  - iii. What kind of reservations exists in Malaysia and Harvard University?
  - iv. What is the difference between Indian view and American view of merit?
  - v. Why are public schools better than Government schools?
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3. You are applying for a job of a secretary at a Publishing House. Prepare a short Curriculum Vitae (CV) of yourself. 25
  4. Write an application to the General Manager, Cisco Systems, A-320, Sector-62, NOIDA for a job at their call center. 25
  5. Write an application to the Principal of your college, requesting him to provide online study material during Covid-19.
  6. Write an essay of about 300 words on any one of the following topics: 25
    - i. The importance of hand washing during Covid-19
    - ii. The importance of a clean environment
    - iii. My favourite hobby

