

Seat No. : _____

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B.A. Sem.-V
301 : General English
(Text : Gems of Wisdom)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. Answer any **seven** of the following questions briefly : **14**
- (1) Why had the King thrown the princess' lover into the prison ?
 - (2) What did Della decide to do in order to buy a gift for her husband ?
 - (3) How has the author described the sniper's appearance ?
 - (4) How did the black boy win his right to the streets of Memphis ?
 - (5) Why did the astrologer think that he had committed a murder ?
 - (6) Why did O' Henry call Jim and Della the Magi ?
 - (7) Describe the King in the story "The Lady, or the Tiger ?"
 - (8) What was the effect of the opponent's death on the sniper ?
 - (9) Why did the black boy refrain himself from going out ?
 - (10) What was the pact that was made between the astrologer and the aggressive passer-by ?
2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : **14**
- (1) The character of the Republican sniper
 - (2) Ending of "The Gift Of The Magi"
 - (3) The black boy's mother
 - (4) Theme of "The Astrologer's Day"

3. (a) Wanted : A librarian for a Municipal Library, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.
Write an application in response to this advertisement. **14**

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner complaining him about the irregular water supply in your area.
4. (a) Write an essay of about **100** words on any **one** of the following topic : **8**
- (1) Health is wealth
 - (2) My plans after graduation
 - (3) The Social Media – Uses & Abuses
- (b) Supply the missing words in the following passage by selecting appropriate options given below it : **6**

Tolerance is the watchword of the year 1995. The need for the revival of Gandhiji's tolerance is being felt today more 1 ever before. It is only this spirit of tolerance that can 2 mankind from the dangers it is faced with. Gandhiji did not like the word 'tolerance', but there was no substitute for it. He practiced tolerance in the sense which 3 the path of peace, bringing the people nearer at the international level. Gandhiji was essentially a man of religion, but his religion 4 nothing to do with any dogma or custom or ritual. He said, "Against whom shall we harbour enmity when God himself say that He 5 in all the living things". Therein lies the immensity of the soul of the Mahatma, who had a firm belief in the moral 6 he called the law of truth and love.

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| (1) | (a) than | (b) then | (c) for | (d) even |
| (2) | (a) teach | (b) reach | (c) preach | (d) save |
| (3) | (a) builds | (b) build | (c) show | (d) takes to |
| (4) | (a) was | (b) had | (c) is | (d) has |
| (5) | (a) dwelling | (b) dwell | (c) dwells | (d) dwelled |
| (6) | (a) those | (b) because | (c) that | (d) which |

- (1) Which word best describes the King of the story “The Lady, or the Tiger” ?
 - (a) Cruel
 - (b) Melancholy
 - (c) Semi-barbaric
 - (d) Loopy
- (2) Whose face did the sniper look into when he turned the dead body ?
 - (a) His father
 - (b) His commander
 - (c) His best friend
 - (d) His brother
- (3) What is the prayer that Della says just before her husband enters the house ?
 - (a) ‘Please God, make us rich’
 - (b) ‘Please God, make him think I am still pretty’
 - (c) ‘Please God, let there be a gift for me too
 - (d) ‘Please God, Let my hair grow fast’
- (4) What job did the author’s mother take up ?
 - (a) Labourer
 - (b) Cook
 - (c) Baby sitter
 - (d) Teacher
- (5) According to the astrologer’s recollection what instrument had once been used on the passer-by that nearly killed him ?
 - (a) A gun
 - (b) A long stick
 - (c) A sword
 - (d) A knife
- (6) What gift did Della’s husband bring her for Christmas ?
 - (a) Pure tortoise-shell combs
 - (b) A heart shaped pendant
 - (c) Tickets for musical performance
 - (d) A gold chain
- (7) How has the author described the appearance of the princess’s lover ?
 - (a) Brave, handsome and daring
 - (b) Fat, ugly and poor
 - (c) Pompous, vain and lethargic
 - (d) Athletic, intelligent and successful

