

**AB-108**

April-2015

**T.Y. B.A. Examination (Annual Pattern)**

**English Compulsory**

**Text : Prism**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Max. Marks : 70**

1. Answer briefly any **five** of the following questions : **10**

- (1) What is the favourite food of Sii Sward that people offer to her ?
- (2) What happened to the son at the end ?
- (3) What did Aksionov's wife tell him when he set out for the fair ?
- (4) What did Jim bring for Della and how did he manage to buy it ?
- (5) Where does Miss Brill go on Sunday afternoons ?
- (6) Why would Sambu feel unhappy at the end of each film show ?
- (7) Who is Angoori's husband ? When did he cremate his first wife ?
- (8) Why was Diga respected by his friends ?
- (9) What did Rakesh do immediately on learning about his results ?
- (10) What was inside Amma's plastic god-box ?

2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : **10**

- (1) Jim and Della.
- (2) The Rain Ceremony in '*My Thai Cat*'.
- (3) The father and the son in '*The Devoted Son*'.
- (4) The character sketch of '*Amma*'.
- (5) The significance of the title '*The Weed*'.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 8

The cinema is an outstanding wonder of the modern age. It is not only a means of entertainment, but it is also in many ways an education in itself. The cinema is a very valuable teaching aid. Historical films help the teacher of History. A couple of hours spent in the company of historical characters dressed in the costumes of the period can teach us far more than we can learn from a whole week's study of a history book.

Science can be taught very effectively through films. There are educational film companies which devote their time to the filming of the habits and customs of animals, insects, fish, germs, and numerous other branches of scientific life. We can see the hatching of the eggs of fish and their gradual development into large fish, we can watch the increasing activity of many kinds of germs and their effect on water, milk or blood. We can watch the opening and closing of flowers and leaves, and the growth of grass and weeds. All these actions and movements are greatly magnified on the screen. Such pitchers are intensely interesting and are a very great help in the cause of education.

**Questions : (any four)**

- (1) What are the two great advantages of the cinema ?
- (2) How do historical films help the teacher of history ?
- (3) What do educational film companies do ?
- (4) How are the actions and movements of animals and insects shown on the screen ?
- (5) Suggest a suitable title for this passage.

4. (A) Write a short composition on any **one** of the following : 6

- (1) Tress-Our Best Friend
- (2) My Favourite TV Serial
- (3) Importance of Sports in Life
- (4) An Exciting One Day Match I Witnessed

- (B) Write a letter to the Principal of your college complaining about the unhygienic condition of the washrooms. 6

**OR**

You are suffering from Malaria. Write a leave-note to your employer asking for a week's leave.

- (C) Write an application for the post of an English teacher in a Higher Secondary School. 6

**OR**

Write a press report on accident caused by drunken truck driver.

(D) Match the words in List – A with their meanings in List – B.

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**List – A**

**List – B**

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| (1) Chaos    | Calm      |
| (2) Petition | Sad       |
| (3) Pensive  | Request   |
| (4) Placid   | Confusion |

5. (A) Change the voice of following :

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- (1) Hetal did not buy a new pen.
- (2) Will you buy a car ?
- (3) I told him a story.
- (4) A fairy tale was told by my mother.
- (5) Where is he putting his book ?

(B) Report the following in Indirect Speech :

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- (1) The priest said, “All men are mortal.”
- (2) The old man said to me, “Can you help me ?”
- (3) The old man wished that I might live long.
- (4) The principal says, “He is intelligent.”
- (5) Shilpa said, “How sweetly Lata sings !”

6. Translate the following passage into Gujarati or Hindi.

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Insurance is a protection in times of loss. Fire insurance or insurance against accidents is a great help to a businessman. No one knows when a shop or a factory may catch fire. In such emergencies insurance helps a businessman to start a new. In the absence of insurance his loss would mean his ruin. The most popular form of insurance is life insurance. It helps a man in old age and if he dies, his family. It saves the man from the woes of helplessness. Insurance is an out and out blessing. It helps an individual, it helps an industry, it helps a nation and it makes national economy stable. It is a means of compulsory saving and thus a check on inflation.

**OR**

Make a Precise of the following passage and give a suitable title :

**(Only for Foreign Students)**

Poverty, hunger, disease and war are man's greatest enemies. The world would definitely be a better place if the powerful nations spend half as much money and effort in solving these problems as they do for the space race. For the first time in history, man has the overwhelming technological resources to combat human suffering yet he squanders them on meaningless pursuits. If a man deprives himself and his family of food in order to buy and run a car, we would consider him mad. Individuals with limited budgets usually get their priorities right. They provide themselves with necessities before trying to obtain luxuries. Why can't great nations act in the same sensible way ? Let us put our house in order first and let space look after itself.

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