

Seat No. : \_\_\_\_\_

**NI-104**

**November-2013**

**T.Y.B.A. (Semester-V)**

**301 : General English**

**Text : - Gems of Wisdom**

**(New Course)**

**(For both Gujarati & English Medium)**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Max. Marks : 70**

- Instructions :** (1) Mention clearly the options you attempt.  
(2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

1. Answer the following questions in brief : (Any **seven**) **14**
- (i) Why was the King's arena built ?
  - (ii) Why had the King thrown the princess' lover into the prison ?
  - (iii) Why was Della unhappy on Christmas Eve ?
  - (iv) Why does O' Henry call Jim and Della the Magi ?
  - (v) Describe in brief the Sniper's ruse to kill the other sniper.
  - (vi) How did the Sniper experience futility of war ?
  - (vii) Why did the black boy refrain himself from going out ?
  - (viii) Why did the mother not allow her son into the house that night ? What lesson was she trying to teach him ?
  - (ix) How had the astrologer mastered the art ?
  - (x) Why did the astrologer run from his village ?
2. Write short notes on : (Any **two**) **14**
- (i) The theme of the story 'An Astrologer's Day'.
  - (ii) The character of the black-boy.
  - (iii) The love between Della and her husband Jim.
  - (iv) The Princess and the fate of her lover.

3. Nisarg Sathvara from 13-Vrunda Apartment, Naranpura, Ahmedabad applies for the post of an English Teacher in Shree H.K. Higher Secondary School, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad – 9. Draft the application on his behalf. **14**

**OR**

Bhavika Parmar from 20, Jay Ambe Society, Amaraiwadi, Ahmedabad writes a letter to the Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipality, complaining about the bad condition of roads after rain.

4. (A) Write a paragraph in about **100** words on any **one** of the following topics : **8**
- (i) Fashion Fever
  - (ii) Gujarat University
  - (iii) My Plans after Graduation
- (B) Supply the missing words in the following passage by selecting appropriate options given below it : **6**

[N.B. : Instead of reproducing the whole passage in the examination, the students are advised to write the answers only.]

The most obvious basic characteristic, which distinguishes man \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the animals, is the faculty of speech, the ability to use appropriate verbal signs for objects. Animals can express a desire for food by means of cries, but man can convey not only the idea that he is hungry, but also that he \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a banana or some rice. This also indicates the possession of another faculty – that of recognizing objects as belonging to a class. The possession of the faculty of speech has certain consequences such as accumulation of experience and creation of traditions. Animals can teach \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ young ones to such an accumulation of experience and creation of traditions. Animals can teach their young ones to swim or to fly, but man by \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of speech can also transmit concepts and experiences, so that the future generations not only inherit physical characteristics but also traditions based on the experience of their predecessors. An important consequence of this is the improvement of skills and tools employed by man today which are more developed \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ those in use 500 years ago. However there are no changes in basic animal habits and skills that have occurred in the \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_ period of time.

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| (1) | (a) form    | (b) from    |
|     | (c) for     | (d) four    |
| (2) | (a) wants   | (b) wanted  |
|     | (c) wanting | (d) want    |
| (3) | (a) their   | (b) there   |
|     | (c) this    | (d) that    |
| (4) | (a) mean    | (b) means   |
|     | (c) meant   | (d) wanting |
| (5) | (a) then    | (b) than    |
|     | (c) can     | (d) pen     |
| (6) | (a) some    | (b) shame   |
|     | (c) same    | (d) such    |

5. (A) Choose the correct answer from the options given below each of the following statements :

- (i) When an accused walked into the arena, how many doors was he expected to choose from ?
- (a) Three (b) Six  
(c) Two (d) One
- (ii) Which way did the princess point to when her lover asked with a questioning glance ?
- (a) Left (b) Right  
(c) Above (d) Between the two doors
- (iii) Which of her possessions did Della decide to sell in order to buy her husband's gift ?
- (a) Her diamond ring  
(b) Her gold necklace  
(c) Sterling silver from the kitchen  
(d) Her beautiful hair
- (iv) Why does Jim sell his watch ?
- (a) It isn't working any more.  
(b) He can't afford a chain of it.  
(c) He needs money to buy Della a present.  
(d) It always makes him late for work.
- (v) Who was the author threatened by on his way to the store ?
- (a) A gang of boys (b) A group of old women  
(c) The ghost of a dead woman (d) Old men
- (vi) What did mother give to the little boy on his third visit to the store ?
- (a) Money and a note (b) Money  
(c) Revolver (d) Money, a note and a stick
- (vii) What did the astrologer apply on his forehead to complete his look ?
- (a) Vermilion (b) Ash  
(c) Sacred ash and vermilion (d) Turmeric paste and ash
- (viii) 'Bombay Ice-Cream', 'Delhi Almond' and Raja's Delicacy were names used for which item ?
- (a) Vitamin tablets (b) Fried groundnuts  
(c) Roasted peanuts (d) Candy floss

(B) Fill in the blanks :

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- (i) Listen, Lata is \_\_\_\_\_ a song now. (singing, being sung)
  - (ii) The project had \_\_\_\_\_ by the students. (completed, been completed)
  - (iii) There is no harmony \_\_\_\_\_ the two. (between, among)
  - (iv) He sits \_\_\_\_\_ me in the class. (besides, beside)
  - (v) \_\_\_\_\_ CMs in India are as visionary as Mr. Modi. (Very few, No other)
  - (vi) Pariniti Chopra is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful actresses in Bollywood.  
(most, more)
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