

Seat No. : _____

ME-106

March-2022

B.Com., Sem.- I

General English (English Medium)

(Text : Glimpses of Infinity)

(New)

Time : 2:00 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 50

- Instructions :** (1) **All** questions in **Section-I** carry equal marks.
(2) Attempt any **two** questions from **Section-I**.
(3) Question No-5 in **Section-II** is compulsory.

SECTION – I

(Attempt any two questions from Section – I)

1. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : **12**
- (1) Who did the policeman meet in the doorway ?
 - (2) What had happened to 'Big Joe' Brandy's restaurant ?
 - (3) Why did the narrator give money to the old woman ?
 - (4) What did the narrator look like when he went to Madras ?
 - (5) How did Vicky kill the mosquito ?
 - (6) Why did Vicky decide to leave the town ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** : **8**
- (1) The Policeman
 - (2) The old woman
 - (3) The title of the story : Valiant Vicky
2. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : **12**
- (1) Where did the school master teach his school ?
 - (2) Why did the school master's students laugh at all his jokes ?
 - (3) Who is addressed as 'Captain' ? Why is he addressed as a captain ?
 - (4) Why are the people 'exulting' at the beginning of the poem ?
 - (5) What does the son say to his mother in disgust ?
 - (6) What are some of the fond memories of her son that the poet remembers ?

- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** : **8**
- (1) The School master
 - (2) The poet's love for his 'Captain'
 - (3) The title of the poem: Middle Age

3. (A) Fill in the following gaps with appropriate forms of DO, BE and HAVE : (any **four**) **8**

- (1) _____ you playing now ? (Be)
- (2) Mohit _____ his own car. (have)
- (3) Meena _____ a strong girl. (be)
- (4) Suchi _____ her own food everyday. (do)
- (5) _____ she sing last night ? (Do)
- (6) He _____ his work himself. (do)

- (B) Fill in the following gaps using proper forms of the verbs given in the brackets : **12**
(any **six**)

- (1) They _____ cricket last Sunday. (play)
- (2) Mona _____ for five hours. (dance)
- (3) He _____ me every day. (call)
- (4) Listen, she _____. (sing)
- (5) He _____ next month. (join)
- (6) See, they _____. (eat)
- (7) She _____ well. (speak)
- (8) Rohan _____ him last week. (inform)

4. Write an essay in about **150-200** words on any **ONE** of the following : **20**
- (1) Effects of Social Media on My Life
 - (2) Superstitions
 - (3) Man versus Machine

SECTION – II (Compulsory)

5. Choose the appropriate options : (any **five**) **10**

- (1) The story implies that Bob is a
 - (a) restaurant owner
 - (b) criminal
 - (c) policeman
 - (d) painter
- (2) What was striking about Bob ?
 - (a) He had a scar on his face near his eyebrow
 - (b) He carried a diamond-studded watch
 - (c) He was very thin
 - (d) None of these

- (3) What did the old woman want from the narrator ?
(a) Cloths (b) A job
(c) Food (d) Money
- (4) How much money did the narrator spend on bus journeys in a month ?
(a) Five rupees (b) Ten rupees
(c) Fifteen rupees (d) Seven rupees
- (5) What did Vicky do for a living ?
(a) He was a painter (b) He was a blacksmith
(c) He was a weaver (d) He was a soldier
- (6) What do we know about the village school master's appearance ?
(a) He looked old (b) He looked stern
(c) He looked jovial (d) None of these
- (7) Who is the Captain referred to in the poem ?
(a) Winston Churchill (b) The poet himself
(c) Abraham Lincoln (d) None of these
- (8) What are children compared to in the poem ?
(a) Critics (b) Friends
(c) Strangers (d) Poets
- (9) What about the school master 'amazed' the villagers ?
(a) The school master's appearance
(b) The school master's words of learned length
(c) The school master's teaching
(d) None of these
- (10) Lincoln wants to put an end to
(a) poverty (b) slavery
(c) child labour (d) None of these
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SECTION – I

(Attempt any two questions from Section – I)

1. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : **12**
- (1) What was Nathu's intent behind the starting statement ?
 - (2) How did the beggar who couldn't walk start walking ?
 - (3) Why did the mother not allow her son into the house that night ? What lesson was she trying to teach him ?
 - (4) What did the author's mother tell him one evening and what was his feeling on being told so ?
 - (5) Why is Steve Jobs considered a visionary ?
 - (6) How did Steve Jobs meet Mr. Wozniak ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** : **8**
- (1) How miscommunication can be damaging
 - (2) The black boy
 - (3) The lesson learnt from the article *The Man Who Redefined Digital Age*
2. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : **12**
- (1) What were Rabindranath Tagore's various skills ?
 - (2) "Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way." Explain this line with reference to context.
 - (3) Describe the first two stages of life.
 - (4) Describe the mood of the poem *The Seven Ages of Man*.
 - (5) What is the tone and technique of the poem *The Road Not Taken* ?
 - (6) What kind of setting is there in the poem *The Road Not Taken* ?

- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** : 8
- (1) What one is required to do in order to achieve the goal of living in a country where the mind is free ?
 - (2) The central theme of the poem *The Seven Ages of Man*.
 - (3) Lessons learnt about making choices in the poem *The Road Not Taken*.

3. (A) Fill in the following gaps using proper forms of the verbs given in the brackets :
(any **six**) 12

- (1) They _____ cricket last Sunday. (play)
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- (B) Fill in the following gaps with appropriate forms of DO, BE and HAVE : (any **four**) 8

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- (6) He _____ his work himself. (do)

4. Write a paragraph in about **80 to 100** words on any **ONE** of the following topics : 20
- (1) My Favourite Movie
 - (2) Importance of English in India
 - (3) Pollution

SECTION – II (Compulsory)

5. Choose the appropriate options : (any **five**) 10

- (1) In which year did Ruskin Bond win the Padma Bhushan award ?
 - (a) 2011
 - (b) 2014
 - (c) 2000
 - (d) 2015
- (2) Where was Seth Govind Ram holidaying ?
 - (a) Kashmir
 - (b) Kerala
 - (c) Paris
 - (d) Goa

- (3) What did the author get from his mother when he tried to force his way past her into the house ?
- (a) A tight hug (b) A kick
(c) A spanking with the stick (d) A stinging slap
- (4) What job did the author's mother take up ?
- (a) Worked as a cook (b) Worked as a labourer
(c) Worked as a babysitter (d) Worked at the railway station
- (5) Where was Steve Jobs' birth father from ?
- (a) England (b) Afghanistan
(c) Syria (d) America
- (6) Which was the first movie made by Pixar ?
- (a) Toy Story (b) Wall-E
(c) The Incredibles (d) Finding Nemo
- (7) Vishwa Bharti University was founded in which town ?
- (a) Kharagpur (b) Santiniketan
(c) Ahmedabad (d) Durgapur
- (8) Where _____ come out from the depth of truth. Fill in the blank.
- (a) passion (b) rivers
(c) patriotism (d) words
- (9) Where is Shakespeare from ?
- (a) South Africa (b) Scotland
(c) England (d) North America
- (10) In which year was Robert Frost born ?
- (a) 1871 (b) 1874
(c) 1881 (d) 1873
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General English

(Gujarati Medium)

(Text : Ferns : An Anthology of Prose and Poetry)

(New Course)

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SECTION – I

[Attempt any **TWO** questions from Section – I]

1. (A) Answer any **four** questions in brief : 12
- (1) How did Harvey Maxwell propose marriage and to whom ?
 - (2) Which city did Sudha Murty move to and why ?
 - (3) How does Swami acquire a monkey ?
 - (4) Why was Pitcher surprised when Harvey Maxwell entered the office ?
 - (5) What distinguishes humans from animals, according to Sudha Murty ?
 - (6) What are some of the tricks Sami teaches the monkey ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** : 8
- (1) The title of the story ‘The Mute Companions’.
 - (2) Harvey Maxwell- a forgetful banker.
 - (3) Theme of the story ‘When Telegrams were Bad’.
2. (A) Answer any **four** questions in brief : 12
- (1) How did the reaper’s song affect the poet ?
 - (2) Why did the house become silent ?
 - (3) How can friends keep you alive even after death ?
 - (4) How is the song of the solitary reaper compared to the nightingale’s song ?
 - (5) How did the poet feel about the house and her grandmother later ?
 - (6) According to the poet, what is a ‘nobler thing’ than fame ?

- (B) Write a short note on any **one** : **8**
- (1) The poet's views on fame and friendship.
 - (2) The theme of love in the poem 'My Grandmother's House'.
 - (3) The theme of the poem 'The Solitary Reaper'.

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of Do, Be and Have as lexical verbs from those given in brackets : [Any **four**] **8**

- (1) I _____ absent in the lecture, so the teacher scolded me. [have been, was]
- (2) No student _____ a car. [has, does]
- (3) Nirav _____ his best to succeed in life, but he could not. [does, did]
- (4) Where _____ you at that time ? [are, were]
- (5) He has already _____ his lunch. [had, been]
- (6) _____ as you are instructed. [Did, Do]

- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs from those given in brackets : [Any **six**] **12**

- (1) While Mona _____ her homework, someone rang the doorbell. [is doing, was doing]
- (2) Mr. Patel _____ in this bank for ten years. [is working, has been working]
- (3) India _____ free in 1947. [became, becomes]
- (4) Light _____ faster than sound. [was travelling, travels]
- (5) If you walk fast, you _____ home early. [will reach, reached]
- (6) Rahul _____ already _____ his study. [did..... .complete, has .. .completed]
- (7) I can hear that somebody _____ a song. [is singing, was singing]
- (8) Before the teacher arrived, the students _____ the blackboard. [has cleaned, had cleaned]

4. Write an essay in about **150-200** words on any **ONE** of the following topics : **20**
- (1) Effects of Social Media on My Life
 - (2) COVID 19 Pandemic and Worldwide Crisis
 - (3) Internet : a Boon or a Bane

SECTION – II (Compulsory)

5. Choose the appropriate options : [Any **five**] **10**

- (1) What is Miss Leslie's position in the office ?
 - (a) Wife
 - (b) Secretary
 - (c) Clerk
 - (d) Cashier
- (2) To get home, the narrator Sudha Murty takes
 - (a) a bus
 - (b) a flight
 - (c) a train
 - (d) a car

- (3) The monkey is trained
(a) not to make movements. (b) not to perform tricks.
(c) not to make fun of people. (d) not to steal anything.
- (4) The tone of the reaper's song is
(a) melancholic. (b) happy.
(c) irritated. (d) angry.
- (5) The house became cold and dark when
(a) the speaker left the house. (b) the grandmother passed away.
(c) the speaker became an adult. (d) the grandmother went abroad.
- (6) The poet has no appetite for
(a) money. (b) friendship.
(c) fame. (d) food.
- (7) Harvey Maxwell got married at the
(a) temple. (b) marriage hall.
(c) banquet hall. (d) Little Church.
- (8) When the train arrives at the station in the hometown of the narrator
(a) she is disappointed to find no one there.
(b) she is happy to see her friend Lata there.
(c) she is surprised to find her family there.
(d) she is glad to see her father there.
- (9) The monkey is asked to perform for the sick boy
(a) to make him get up. (b) to cheer him up.
(c) to make him sleep. (d) to make him speak.
- (10) 'The Solitary Reaper' is
(a) a sonnet. (b) a free verse.
(c) a ballad. (d) an elegy.
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SECTION – I

[Attempt any TWO questions from Section – I]

1. (A) Answer any **four** questions in brief : **12**
- (1) What are the three main aspects of the vision of Digital India ?
 - (2) What were the qualities that the new salesman ought to have had, according to Mr. Ratnam ?
 - (3) How did Swami provoke his teacher ?
 - (4) What role does cyber security play in Digital India ?
 - (5) Why did Mr. Agarwal send a hundred rupee note to his brother ?
 - (6) What did Swami say about Samuel to his father ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** : **8**
- (1) Father's Help – A reflection of the inner psyche of a school-going child.
 - (2) Agarwal, the salesman.
 - (3) The pillars of the Digital India movement.
2. (A) Answer any **four** questions in brief : **12**
- (1) How has the poet conveyed the physical decline of the old man in the poem 'Father Returning Home' ?
 - (2) Why is the traveller induced to stop at the woods ?
 - (3) What does the poet mean by the word 'care' ?
 - (4) What, according to the poet, is a poor life ?
 - (5) Why does the traveller decide to move on ?
 - (6) How does the poet describe his father's train journey in the poem ?

(B) Write a short note on any **one** : **8**

- (1) The theme of the poem 'Father Returning Home'.
- (2) The central idea of the poem 'Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening'.
- (3) The theme of the poem 'Leisure'.

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of Do, Be and Have as main verbs from those given in brackets : [Any **four**] **8**

- (1) _____ as you are told. [Did, Do]
- (2) We _____ a car which we sold last year. [had, have]
- (3) Manan _____ a student. [does, is]
- (4) What are you _____ now ? [done, doing]
- (5) Rahul _____ a book written by Dhumketu. [is, has]
- (6) Where _____ you last Monday ? [were, are]

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs from those given in brackets :
[Any **six**] **12**

- (1) Don't disturb me. I _____ an interesting novel. [have read, am reading]
- (2) Rahul never _____ to his office late. [go, goes]
- (3) Kanan _____ for the U.S.A. next year. [has left, will leave]
- (4) We _____ a new house in the year 2019. [bought, are buying]
- (5) When I went out, my mother _____ the food. [was cooking, is cooking]
- (6) The teacher asked Aman if he _____ his homework. [has completed, had completed]
- (7) Kunal _____ cricket since morning. [was playing, has been playing]
- (8) Nikunj _____ just _____ out. [has.. ...gone, did....go]

4. Write an essay in about **80** to **100** words on any **ONE** of the following topics : **20**

- (1) My Ambition in Life
- (2) Importance of English in India.
- (3) Trees-Our Best Friends.

SECTION – II (Compulsory)

5. Choose the appropriate options : [Any **five**] **10**

- (1) What does MOOC stand for ?
 - (a) Massive Open Online Correspondence
 - (b) Massive Online Open Course
 - (c) Media Open Online Course
 - (d) None of the above

- (2) Bohni means
- (a) bad luck. (b) to have lots of money.
(c) the best sale of the day. (d) the first sale of the day.
- (3) What did Samuel teach the class on the day Swami reached late to school ?
- (a) Arithmetic and Mathematics (b) History and Mathematics
(c) Arithmetic and History (d) Geography and History
- (4) The old man is travelling by a _____ train.
- (a) late afternoon (b) late evening
(c) late night (d) mid night
- (5) What does the horse do to ask if there has been a mistake ?
- (a) Neighs (b) Shakes the harness bells
(c) Starts jumping (d) Refuses to walk further
- (6) The poet wants 'we' to stand _____.
- (a) under the stars (b) over the roof
(c) in the moonlight (d) under the trees
- (7) Which of the following is not a social media programme ?
- (a) Facebook (b) Uber
(c) Twitter (d) LinkedIn
- (8) Mr. Ratnam's mill was located in
- (a) Bombay (b) Delhi
(c) Bangalore (d) Madras
- (9) What does the old man dream of ?
- (a) Son and wife (b) Ancestors and grandchildren
(c) His food and home (d) His relatives
- (10) Frost is highly regarded for his
- (a) realistic depiction of rural life.
(b) realistic depiction of city life.
(c) realistic dramatic dialogues.
(d) formal speech.
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