

Seat No. : _____

DA-105
December-2020
B.A., Sem.-V
General English
(Text : Gems of Wisdom)
(Old Course)

Time : 2 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 50

- Instructions :** (1) This question paper contains **two** Sections : Section-I and Section-II.
(2) It is compulsory to attempt both the sections.
(3) Read the instructions given for each section carefully.
(4) Please mention clearly the questions you attempt.

Section – I

Attempt any **three** of the following questions :

1. Write brief answers of any **three** of the following questions : **14**
- (1) What was the ritual that was followed each time an accused was presented in the king's arena ?
 - (2) Why did Della want to save money ? How did she save money ?
 - (3) Why had the king thrown the princess' lover into the prison ?
 - (4) Why does O' Henry call Jim and Della the Magi ?
 - (5) What had the sniper anticipated would happen if he lit his cigarette ? What did he do ?
 - (6) How did the sniper feel about war after he had killed the other sniper ?
2. Write short note on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) The message of the story : The Sniper – senselessness of war.
 - (2) The Ending of the story, "The Gift of the Magi".
 - (3) The description of the king's arena.

3. Write brief answers of any **three** of the following questions : **14**
- (1) What happened when the black boy went to the grocery store by himself for the first time ?
 - (2) How did the black boy win his right to the streets of Memphis ?
 - (3) Why did the astrologer think he had committed a murder ?
 - (4) What was the pact that was made between the astrologer and the aggressive passer-by ?
 - (5) What did the black boy's mother do to support her children ? What did she tell them when she was in despair ? .
 - (6) What personal effects did the astrologer use to attract people towards him ?
4. Write short note on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) The black boy's mother.
 - (2) The character of the astrologer
 - (3) The theme of the story – An Astrologer's Day
5. Write an application for the post of an accountant. **14**
6. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper, complaining about the nuisance from the loud-speaker in your locality. **14**
7. Write an essay on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) Terrorism : A Modern Curse
 - (2) Umashankar Joshi
 - (3) My Plans after Graduation
8. Write an essay on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) Stress Management
 - (2) Gujarat University
 - (3) India's Struggle for Independence

Section – II

9. Choose the correct answer from the options given below : (any 4)

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- (1) What was the accused expected to do once he was married to the maiden behind the door ?
 - (a) Hand her over to the king
 - (b) Make her his slave
 - (c) Take her home as his bride
 - (d) Feed her to the tiger
- (2) What gift did Della's husband bring her for Christmas ?
 - (a) Pure tortoise-shell comb
 - (b) A heart-shaped pendant
 - (c) Tickets to a musical performance
 - (d) A gold chain
- (3) What did the astrologer see as mankind's troubles ?
 - (a) Marriage and money
 - (b) Money and relationships
 - (c) Money, success and peace
 - (d) Marriage, money and the tangles of humanities
- (4) Which word best describes the king ?
 - (a) Cruel
 - (b) Melancholy
 - (c) Semi-barbaric
 - (d) Loopy
- (5) What did the mother do when she was in despair ?
 - (a) Cried for help
 - (b) Called her children to her and spoke to them for hours
 - (c) Beat up her children
 - (d) Watched T.V.
- (6) What is the prayer that Della says just before her husband enters the house ?
 - (a) 'Please God, make us rich'
 - (b) 'Please God, let there be a gift for me too.'
 - (c) 'Please God, make him think I am still pretty'
 - (d) 'Please God, let my hair grow back fast'.

- (7) What was slung over the sniper's shoulders ?
- (a) His rifle
 - (b) His revolver
 - (c) Flask of whiskey
 - (d) His field glasses
- (8) The civil war was taking place between which groups ?
- (a) Republicans and Free States
 - (b) Tories and Republicans
 - (c) Free States and Tories
 - (d) Republicans and Communists
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Section – I

Attempt any **three** of the following questions :

1. Write brief answers of any **four** of the following questions : **14**
- (1) How was Nirupama treated at her in-laws' house ?
 - (2) What did the villagers do after the death of Puran Bhagat ?
 - (3) Why did Thaiy refuse to go to a physician ?
 - (4) What is the irony in Nirupama's lavish cremation by her in-laws ?
 - (5) Describe the swindler who arrived to free Thaiy from the devil.
 - (6) After becoming a *sannyasi*, what were the things that Puran Bhagat carried with him ?
2. Write short note on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) Kannan
 - (2) Nirupama
 - (3) The title "The Miracle of Puran Bhagat"

3. Write brief answers of any **three** of the following questions : **14**
- (1) Why did Jamadar Tukaram do to save in Bachcha Lieutenant from getting trapped in the Japanese trap ?
 - (2) What were the situations that forced Surekha to pawn her *mangalsutra* ?
 - (3) What did Surekha do at the end of the story and why ?
 - (4) Describe the ruthless killing of the dog by a Japanese soldier.
 - (5) What did Lt. Wilson do when Jamadar Tukaram and the *halvaldar* who accompanied him, did not return ?
 - (6) What happened when Surekha removed her *mangalsutra* ? What did she recall then ?
4. Write short note on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) Bachcha Lieutenant
 - (2) Surekha's experiences in both her marriages
 - (3) Jamadar Tukaram Shindey
5. Write an application for the post of an English teacher. **14**
6. Write a letter to the municipality complaining about the irregular water supply in your area. **14**
7. Write an essay on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) Importance of cleanliness
 - (2) Saputara
 - (3) Life of a soldier
8. Write an essay on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) Unemployment
 - (2) Gujarat University
 - (3) My Plans after Graduation

