

Seat No. : _____

MA-135

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B.A., Sem.-V

301 : General English

Text : Gems of Wisdom

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instruction : Figures in the right side in the parenthesis indicate marks.

1. (A) Answer any **three** questions in brief : **9**
- (1) What was the attitude of the people who gathered on the day of the trials ?
 - (2) When the doors of the arena were opened, who used to come out then ?
 - (3) What was Jim's reaction when he saw Della without her lovely hair ?
 - (4) What gift did Della's husband get for her and how did he procure it ?
 - (5) What did the sniper do to satisfy his curiosity at the end of the story ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** : **8**
- (1) The Character of the Republican sniper.
 - (2) Love between Della and her husband.
 - (3) The Description of the King's arena.
2. (A) Answer any **three** questions in brief : **9**
- (1) What did the author's mother tell him one evening and what was his feeling on being told so ?
 - (2) How did the black boy win his right to the streets of Memphis ?
 - (3) What personal effects did the astrologer use to attract people towards him ?
 - (4) Why did the astrologer think he had committed a murder ?
 - (5) What was the pact that was made between the astrologer and the aggressive passer-by ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** : **8**
- (1) The Character of Black Boy.
 - (2) The place where the Astrologer set up his daily business.
 - (3) The theme of the story – *An Astrologer's Day*.

3. (A) Wanted : An Accountant for Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. Write an application in response to this advertisement. **12**

OR

Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner regarding irregular water supply in your area.

- (B) Supply the missing words in the following passage by selecting appropriate options given below it : **5**

The intelligence of animals (1) being discussed in the court of king Krishnadevaraya. "Cats are most intelligent," said one minister. Others in the court agreed (2) the minister. They started describing how clever their own cats were. Each one claimed (3) own cat was the smartest. The moment they (4) the milk, all cats rushed towards it. Only one cat ran in the opposite direction-away from the milk. The king was (5) to see this strange behaviour.

Blank 1 : (a) were (b) was (c) are

Blank 2 : (a) by (b) at (c) with

Blank 3 : (a) his (b) their (c) its

Blank 4 : (a) seen (b) saw (c) see

Blank 5 : (a) surprised (b) surprising (c) surprise

4. (A) Write an essay of about **80-100** words on any **one**. **9**

- (1) Stress Management.
- (2) The Sun Temple of Modhera.
- (3) A visit to an Old Age Home

- (B) Read the following sentences and choose the proper option given below it : **10**

(1) What was the accused expected to do once he was married to the maiden behind the door ?

- (a) take her home as his bride
- (b) make her his slave
- (c) feed her to the tiger

(2) The story "The Lady Or The Tiger ?" is authored by _____.

- (a) Leo Tolstoy
- (b) Frank R. Stockton
- (c) Oscar Wilde

(3) What gift did Della's husband bring her for Christmas ?

- (a) A heart shape pendant
- (b) A gold chain
- (c) Pure tortoise-shell combs

(4) The sniper belonged to which political group ?

- (a) Republican
- (b) Tory
- (c) Free State

- (5) The Republican sniper wishes to identify the enemy sniper because ____.
- (a) he likes to take risks
 - (b) he wonders if he knows him
 - (c) as a part of duty
- (6) What did the mother do when she was in despair ?
- (a) called her children and spoke to them for hours
 - (b) cried for help
 - (c) watched TV
- (7) In the closing line of the story, what does the author call Della and her husband ?
- (a) Fools
 - (b) Foolish children
 - (c) Magi
- (8) Which of her possessions did Della decide to sell in order to buy her husband's gift ?
- (a) Her gold necklace
 - (b) Sterling silver from the kitchen
 - (c) Her beautiful hair
- (9) 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 sword
 - (c) a knife
- (10) What reason did the astrologer give for the death of the man the passer-by had been looking for ?
- (a) he was crushed under a lorry
 - (b) he fell off a cliff
 - (c) he consumed poison
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