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B.Sc., Sem.-VI

General English

(Text : India – A Journey Through Stories)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer the following questions briefly : (Any **three**) **9**
- (1) Why did Annabela shoot Charles Bruce ?
 - (2) Why were duels fought ? What were the basic rules for the duelists ?
 - (3) What was the physical disability of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bhandari and how it caused embarrassment to the parents every day ?
 - (4) Describe the guest house in which Mr. Dhanda stayed.
 - (5) Describe the appearance of Tutu, the monkey.
- (B) Attempt the short note : (Any **one**) **8**
- (1) The supernatural element in the story “A Duel in Lucknow”.
 - (2) Mrs. Bhandari
 - (3) Mr. David as the Silver Lining
2. (A) Answer the following questions briefly : (Any **three**) **9**
- (1) How did Captain Shaheen and the Indian soldiers feel after hearing the little boy’s reply ?
 - (2) Describe Captain Shaheen’s restaurant in New York.
 - (3) Who invited the author to the restaurant and why in the story “The Rams” ?
 - (4) When did the author visit Kutch and why ?
 - (5) Why did the author finally drink the water with contentment ?

(B) Attempt the short note : (Any one)

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- (1) The Kutch earthquake as boon for the girl's family.
- (2) Uncle Ken's role in the story.
- (3) The title of the story "The Rams".

3. Write a report for the College Magazine on "Blood Donation" organized in your college.

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3. Write a press report on a bus accident occurred last week. The bus was commuting from Baroda to Mumbai. The bus collided with a stationary truck which was in the middle of the road. 2 passengers lost their lives and several others got injured. No concrete action is being taken for such negligence by Truck Drivers even after many such accidents.

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4. Turn the following sentences into indirect speech of narration :

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- (1) I said to a stranger, "Who are you ?".
- (2) She said to me, "Do not return the answer book without thoroughly reading it for one last time."
- (3) Ram said to Raju, "Better make this happen as soon as possible."
- (4) "Why has she not provided you that task yet ?", they said.
- (5) My father said to her, "Do you know whom are you talking to ?".
- (6) They said to me, "Where had you been since almost 2 years ?".
- (7) They said to the attendant, "Did you check our passports ?".
- (8) My mother said to me, "You were wrong".
- (9) Mr. Richard said, "Please wait here".

5. Complete the sentences by choosing the correct option from those given below : **10**

- (1) Annabella was the daughter of Doctor _____.
- (a) George Drummond (b) Jeremiah Hudson
(c) Charles Bruce (d) Joseph Manton
- (2) In the eighteenth century the _____ replaced the sword as the dueling weapon.
- (a) rifle (b) pistol
(c) knife (d) missiles
- (3) The little girl in the house looked like a miniature _____.
- (a) jungle queen (b) spoilt brat
(c) coy rabbit (d) chatter box
- (4) One day when Aunt Ruby was taking her bath, she was horrified to find Tutu _____.
- (a) watching her taking bath
(b) running away with her clothes
(c) splashing water on her
(d) sitting opposite her inside the bath and copying her ways
- (5) _____ is a big town in Pakistan.
- (a) Suchitgarh (b) Sialkot
(c) Barmer (d) Jammu
- (6) The Sikh, whom Captain Shaheen met at Suchitgarh _____.
- (a) agreed to take the child to his parents
(b) denied to take the child to his parents
(c) agreed to take the child along with him
(d) agreed to adopt the child
- (7) A disastrous earthquake hit Kutch in Gujarat on _____.
- (a) January 21, 2002 (b) January 26, 2001
(c) January 19, 2001 (d) January 14, 2002

- (8) When the author was visiting fairly unknown places in the deep interior of Kutch.
- (a) her car met with an accident
 - (b) she planned to visit one of the relief centres
 - (c) one of the tyres of her jeep went flat
 - (d) she stopped beside a relief camp to take a nap
- (9) Promodini's only pastime was to _____.
- (a) talk with the visitors
 - (b) watch television
 - (c) play with her toys
 - (d) run around the house or play with the servants
- (10) Before coming to Kutch, the girl's father used to _____.
- (a) do nothing
 - (b) drive a cab
 - (c) beg
 - (d) sell vegetables
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