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DA-106
December-2025
B.A., Sem.-I
101 : General English
(Text : Ferns)
(Gujarati Medium)
(New Course)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Read carefully the instructions given for each question.
(2) Please mention clearly the question that you attempt.
(3) Figures to the right indicate marks.

1. (A) Write brief answers of any **FOUR** of the following questions : **8**
(1) Why was Pitcher surprised when Harvey Maxwell entered the office ?
(2) What was the author's reaction when she received the telegram ?
(3) What kind of audience did Sami entertain ?
(4) Why does the secretary have tears in her eyes at the end of the story "The Romance of a Busy Broker" ?
(5) Why was the author angry with her father ?
(6) What are some of the tricks that Sami teaches the monkey ?
1. (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : (out of **three**) **6**
(1) Sami and his monkey
(2) Title of the story : When Telegrams were Bad
(3) Harvey Maxwell, a forgetful broker
2. (A) Write brief answers of any **FOUR** of the following questions : **8**
(1) What were the poet's first thoughts when he saw the solitary reaper ?
(2) What happened to the house when the poet's grandmother was no longer living there ?
(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) Why was the speaker unable to read the books ?
(6) According to the poet, what is 'a nobler thing' than fame ?
2. (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : (out of **three**) **6**
(1) Poet's views on fame and friendship.
(2) Memories referred to in the poem 'My Grandmother's House'.
(3) Theme of the poem 'The Solitary Reaper'.
3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs : **8**
(1) I am sorry I could not take your call because I _____. (to drive)
(2) Hey there! I _____ WhatsApp. (to use)
(3) The sun _____ in the East. (to rise)
(4) _____ you ever _____ Britain ? (to visit)
(5) The patient _____ before the doctor arrived. (to die)

- (6) World War I _____ on 28th July, 1914. (to start)
- (7) I am busy now. I _____ you after an hour. (to call)
- (8) The earth _____ round the sun. (to move)
3. (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of BE, DO and HAVE as lexical verbs : **6**
- (1) I _____ the best. (Be)
- (2) Don't _____ that again. (Do)
- (3) We _____ no time to prepare for exams. (Have)
- (4) Where _____ my books ? (Be)
- (5) She _____ fitness exercises every morning. (Do)
- (6) You _____ three new notifications. (Have)
4. Write a paragraph in around **150-200** words on ANY **ONE** of the following : **14**
- (1) Effects of Social Media on my Life
- (2) Covid-19 Pandemic and World-Wide Crisis
- (3) Internet : Boon or Bane
5. Choose the correct option : (Any **SEVEN**) **14**
- (1) In whose office does Miss Leslie work ?
- (a) Harvey Maxwell (b) Pitcher
- (c) Peter Leslie (d) None of the above
- (2) For whom is the monkey asked to perform ?
- (a) Little boy (b) Sick boy
- (c) Rich boy (d) Cute boy
- (3) How does the narrator feel, when she receives the telegram ?
- (a) Happy (b) Angry
- (c) Upset (d) Sad
- (4) What is the monkey tempted by ?
- (a) A slice of banana (b) A slice of mango
- (c) A slice of apple (d) A slice of bread
- (5) Who wrote the poem 'The Solitary Reaper' ?
- (a) William Wordsworth (b) Sudha Murthy
- (c) R.K. Narayan (d) Kamal Das
- (6) Which of the following poems is written by Kamal Das ?
- (a) The Mute Companion (b) My Grandmother's House
- (c) The Solitary Reaper (d) When Telegrams were Bad
- (7) What kind of food does the poet have 'no stomach' for ?
- (a) Food of Fame (b) Spicy Food
- (c) Sweet Food (d) All of the above
- (8) The Solitary Reaper is a _____.
- (a) Lyric (b) Sonnet
- (c) Song (d) Ballad
- (9) The narrator takes a _____ to get home.
- (a) bus (b) train
- (c) flight (d) ship
- (10) What colour was Miss Leslie's dress ?
- (a) White (b) Blue
- (c) Grey (d) Black

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1. (A) Write brief answers of any **FOUR** of the following : 8
- (1) Why did the narrator give money to the old woman ?
 - (2) How did Vicky kill the mosquito ?
 - (3) What was the nick-name for Bob that the plain clothes policeman used ?
 - (4) What did the narrator tell his wife when she asked what he was doing for a living ?
 - (5) How was the elephant finally defeated ?
 - (6) How did Vicky react when the King ordered him to destroy the invading army ?
1. (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : 6
- (1) The old woman
 - (2) The title of the story : *Valiant Vicky*
 - (3) Bob
2. (A) Write brief answers of any **FOUR** of the following : 8
- (1) Where did the village school master teach his school ?
 - (2) Why are the people 'exulting' at the beginning of the poem ?
 - (3) How does the poet deal with the change that comes over ?
 - (4) Why did the school master's students laugh at all his jokes ?
 - (5) What are some of the fond memories of her son that the poet remembers ?
 - (6) What is the narrator urging the captain to do in the third stanza ?
2. (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : 6
- (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 blanks with the appropriate forms of verbs : 8
- (1) Richa _____ the poem before he came. (complete)
 - (2) I am sure we _____ before. (meet)
 - (3) Tejas _____ red car. (use)
 - (4) Malti _____ in the garden now. (play)
 - (5) Ved told the police that he _____ the place of accident. (see)
 - (6) My friend _____ in her spare time. (eat)
 - (7) The sun _____ in the East. (rise)
 - (8) Shailja _____ to Goa last week. (go)

3. (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of DO, BE and HAVE : 6
- (1) Vikram Sara Bhai _____ the best scientist of India. (be)
 - (2) A week _____ seven days. (have)
 - (3) There _____ five foreign students in the department of English. (be)
 - (4) Saradar Patel _____ his law course in London in 1912. (do)
 - (5) Gujarat _____ a hub of ceramic. (have)
 - (6) What did Rakesh _____ during his leisure time ? (do)
4. (A) Write a paragraph in about **150-200** words on any **ONE** of the following topics : 14
- (1) Effects of social media on my Life
 - (2) Constitutional Patriotism
 - (3) Joint Family versus Nuclear Family
4. (B) Choose the correct option from the given options : (7 out of 10) 14
- (1) What is meant by the phrase 'dismal tidings' ?
 - (a) high tide
 - (b) gleeful news
 - (c) bad news
 - (d) none
 - (2) Lincoln wants to put an end to _____.
 - (a) slavery
 - (b) poverty
 - (c) child labour
 - (d) corruption
 - (3) The story implies that Bob is a _____.
 - (a) restaurant owner
 - (b) criminal
 - (c) policeman
 - (d) beggar
 - (4) Who had poisoned Vicky's loaf of bread ?
 - (a) his wife
 - (b) the king
 - (c) tailor
 - (d) none
 - (5) How much money did the narrator spend on bus journeys in a month ?
 - (a) five
 - (b) ten
 - (c) fifty
 - (d) hundred
 - (6) What phrase of her son's life does the poet refer to as 'once upon a time' ?
 - (a) adulthood
 - (b) childhood
 - (c) middle age
 - (d) old age
 - (7) How does the poet feel at the end in the poem *O Captain! My Captain!* ?
 - (a) cold
 - (b) cheerful
 - (c) mournful
 - (d) none
 - (8) What was Little Vicky's real name ?
 - (a) Victor Steel
 - (b) Victor Prince
 - (c) Victor William
 - (d) none
 - (9) The man who pretended to be Jimmy is _____.
 - (a) a policeman
 - (b) Jimmy Wells
 - (c) Joe Brady
 - (d) Martin
 - (10) What do we know about the village school master's appearance ?
 - (a) he looked stern
 - (b) he looked old
 - (c) he looked jovial
 - (d) he looked tired