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# DE-103

December-2025

B.Com., Sem.-I

CC-105 : General English

(Glimpses of Infinity)

(New Course) (English Medium)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer any **four** questions in brief : 8
- (1) Where had the man worked in the preceding twenty years ?
  - (2) How did the man realise that the tall man he had met was not Jimmy ?
  - (3) What did the narrator tell his wife when she asked what he was doing for a living ?
  - (4) How did the narrator's 'friends' react to his haircut and shave ?
  - (5) What did Vicky want in return for defeating the savage tiger ?
  - (6) How did Vicky react when the King ordered him to destroy the invading army ?
1. (B) Write a short note on any **one** : 6
- (1) The Policeman
  - (2) The Talkative Man
  - (3) The title of the story : Valiant Vicky
2. (A) Answer any **four** questions in brief : 8
- (1) What did the school master's 'morning face' convey to his students ?
  - (2) What did the people of the village think about the schoolmaster ?
  - (3) Who is addressed as 'Captain' ? Why is he addressed as a captain ?

- (4) "The ship is anchored safe and sound, its voyage closed and done"- What does this line convey ?
- (5) What is the change that comes over children when their parents are in their middle age ?
- (6) What are some of the fond memories of her son that the poet remembers ?

2. (B) Write a short note on any **one** : **6**

- (1) The skills of the village schoolmaster
- (2) The title of the poem: 'O Captain! My Captain!'
- (3) The mother in 'Middle Age'

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of verbs : **8**

- (1) I \_\_\_\_\_ this essay for over an hour. (have been writing/am writing)
- (2) I \_\_\_\_\_ this story last year. (read/had read)
- (3) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ music these days. (learned/is learning)
- (4) My speaking skills \_\_\_\_\_ a lot in the last five years.  
(have improved/ improving)
- (5) We \_\_\_\_\_ coffee every day. (consume/has been consumed)
- (6) Your weight \_\_\_\_\_ if you do these exercises. (will reduce/ reduced)
- (7) The girl fell while she \_\_\_\_\_ a selfie. (was taking/took)
- (8) It \_\_\_\_\_ when Ajay returned home last night. (was raining/is raining)

3. (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of Do, Be, and Have as lexical verbs : **6**

- (1) We are not stressed now but we \_\_\_\_\_ careless in our childhood.  
(were/are)
- (2) Gandhiji \_\_\_\_\_ not known as Mahatma during his childhood. (was/is)
- (3) We will always \_\_\_\_\_ grateful to you for your help. (are/be)
- (4) I will \_\_\_\_\_ there for you in life. (be/had)
- (5) We \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of fun at your party yesterday. (have/had)
- (6) I am sure that you \_\_\_\_\_ submitted the documents. (have/had)

4. Write an essay in about **150-200** words on any **one** of the following topics : **14**
- (1) Effects of Social Media on My Life
  - (2) Superstitions
  - (3) Free education for everyone
5. Choose the correct option : (Any **seven**) **14**
- (1) What did the policeman on the beat constantly do ?
    - (a) Twirl his stick
    - (b) Interrogate people on his beat
    - (c) Unlock doors
  - (2) Jimmy recognised Bob but
    - (a) Still wanted to meet him
    - (b) Wanted to interrogate him
    - (c) Did not want to arrest him
  - (3) What had the narrator made his mother return to the hawker ?
    - (a) A copper vessel
    - (b) An aluminium vessel
    - (c) None of the above
  - (4) How did the narrator's staff treat him after shaved off his beard ?
    - (a) As a friend
    - (b) As their master
    - (c) As an impostor
  - (5) What weapon did Vicky carry with him to defeat the elephant ?
    - (a) His shuttle
    - (b) A crossbow
    - (c) A sword
  - (6) What did Vicky do when he saw the tiger charging towards him ?
    - (a) He charged towards the tiger
    - (b) He asked his army to attack the tiger
    - (c) He ran for the nearest tree and climbed its branches
  - (7) What is referred to as a 'noisy mansion' ?
    - (a) The Village Church
    - (b) The School
    - (c) The Poet's Village

- (8) What do we know about the village school master's appearance ?  
(a) He looked stern            (b) He looked old            (c) He looked jovial
- (9) Who are the 'bouquets and the ribbon'd wreaths' for ?  
(a) The poet                      (b) The 'swaying mass'   (c) The Captain
- (10) The 'ship' in the poem is  
(a) Europe  
(b) The United Kingdom  
(c) The United States
- (11) According to the poet, when children grow up they only need their parents for-  
(a) Doing their daily work for them  
(b) Taking advice  
(c) Blessings their children
- (12) The poem "Middle Age" is written in a \_\_\_\_\_ tone,  
(a) Sad and nostalgic            (b) Happy and excited   (c) Hateful
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CC-105 : General English

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

(New Course) (Gujarati Medium)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Write brief answers of any **four** of the following : 8
- (1) Why was Pitcher surprised when Harvey Maxwell entered the office ?
  - (2) How did Harvey Maxwell propose marriage and to whom ?
  - (3) What does Sudha Murty find when she reaches home ?
  - (4) What distinguishes humans from animals, according to Sudha Murty ?
  - (5) What are some of the tricks Sami teaches the monkey ?
  - (6) How does owning a monkey change Sami's wife ?
1. (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : 6
- (1) Sudha Murty's friendship with Lata.
  - (2) The title of the story : 'The Mute Companion'.
  - (3) Harvey Maxwell – A Forgetful Broker.
2. (A) Write brief answers of any **four** of the following : 8
- (1) What does the poet – Robert Frost advise passer-by ?
  - (2) How did the reaper's song affect the poet ?
  - (3) Why was the speaker in 'My Grandmother's House' unable to read the books ?
  - (4) How did the poet in 'My Grandmother's House' feel about the house and her grandmother later ?
  - (5) Who makes the banquet cheerful ?
  - (6) How can friends keep you alive after death ?

2. (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : 6
- (1) The theme of love in the poem ‘My Grandmother’s House’.
  - (2) The poet’s views on fame and friendship.
  - (3) The theme of the poem ‘The Solitary Reaper’.
3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs from those given in the brackets : 8
- (1) Karan \_\_\_\_\_ to school daily. [go, goes]
  - (2) Last Monday I \_\_\_\_\_ the zoo with my family. [visited, visit]
  - (3) What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ on the board now ? [do....write, are....writing]
  - (4) The old man \_\_\_\_\_ to my house next month. [will come, has come]
  - (5) The teacher declared the result after she \_\_\_\_\_ the papers. [has checked, had checked]
  - (6) When my father came, I \_\_\_\_\_ a serial. [was watching, is watching]
  - (7) Kunal \_\_\_\_\_ in the library for three hours. [will read, has been reading]
  - (8) I \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ my meal. [have... ..taken, am..... .taking]
3. (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of Do, Be and Have from those given in the brackets : 6
- (1) Mr. Patel \_\_\_\_\_ a doctor. [been, is]
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ some patience, please. [Have, Do]
  - (3) Where \_\_\_\_\_ you last week ? [are, were]
  - (4) I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework daily, [do, did]
  - (5) I had already \_\_\_\_\_ my lunch before I went out. [have, had]
  - (6) What is Aman \_\_\_\_\_ now ? [have, doing]
4. Write an essay in about **150-200** words on any **one** of the following topics : 14
- (1) Effects of Social Media on My Life
  - (2) Superstitions
  - (3) Internet : a Boon or a Bane
5. Choose the correct option : (Any **Seven**) 14
- (1) When Harvey Maxwell was busy in his office, Pitcher came in with a
    - (a) young colleague
    - (b) young gentleman
    - (c) young lady
  - (2) Harvey Maxwell got married at the.....
    - (a) temple
    - (b) banquet hall
    - (c) Little Church

- (3) Lata and the narrator visited each other's house.  
(a) very often                      (b) very rarely                      (c) sometimes
- (4) The narrator moved to Pune  
(a) to get married.  
(b) to join a job.  
(c) to join a college.
- (5) The monkey was looking for  
(a) food to eat                      (b) fun                      (c) other monkeys
- (6) The monkey is asked to perform for the sick boy \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) to cheer him up.  
(b) to make him eat up.  
(c) to make him sleep.
- (7) The Solitary Reaper' is written by  
(a) Robert Mathew  
(b) Robert Frost  
(c) T.S. Eliot
- (8) The tone of the reaper's song is  
(a) happy  
(b) irritated  
(c) melancholic
- (9) The house became cold and dark when...  
(a) the grandmother passed away.  
(b) the speaker left the house.  
(c) the speaker became an adult.
- (10) The house is portrayed as a place of  
(a) love  
(b) hatred  
(c) remorse

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ wrote the poem 'Tame and Friendship'.

- (a) Henry Ford
- (b) William Wordsworth
- (c) Henry Austin Dobson

(12) The kind voice of a friend would

- (a) make the occasion cheerful.
  - (b) tell people sad stories.
  - (c) ask people to aim for fame.
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