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MA-204

May-2025

B.Com., Sem.-II

General English

[Text : Glimpses of Infinity]

(For English Medium)

(New)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : 8
- (1) Why did Hans suffer in winter ?
 - (2) How did Hans meet his end ?
 - (3) What did the boy in 'Eight Rupees' do for a living ?
 - (4) What request did the boy make to the man ?
 - (5) How did Phatik's mother describe him to his uncle ?
 - (6) What mischief did Phatik and his friends plan to carry out ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : 6
- (1) The title of the story 'The Homecoming'
 - (2) The Shoe-shine Boy
 - (3) The Miller
2. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : 8
- (1) Why does the poet say that the harp's music 'was once sweet' ?
 - (2) 'Those hands are cold' - Whose hands are being referred to here ?
 - (3) What is the black boy compared to in the poem ?
 - (4) Who teaches the little boy about divine love ?
 - (5) According to the poet, why do we grovel before money ?
 - (6) What happens if the 'multitude is mad' ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : 6
- (1) The message of the poem 'Money Madness'
 - (2) Critical evaluation of the poem 'The Little Black Boy'
 - (3) The title of the poem 'The Harp of India'

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate modal auxiliaries given in the brackets : 4
- (1) What ____ you like to have : tea or coffee ? [must, would, may]
 - (2) _____ you live long! [May Should, Must]
 - (3) Nobody ____ touch the sun. [can, may, must]
 - (4) You __ pay the fees in time. [must, would, might]
- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given in the brackets : 4
- (1) I poured water _____ a glass. [into, in, on]
 - (2) Aman has been ill _____ three days. [for, on, since]
 - (3) I met the principal _____ the airport. [at, on, into]
 - (4) Our examination will start _____ 1st June. [at, in, from]
- (C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles : 3
- (1) _____ Geeta is a holy book.
 - (2) I am _____ M.A. from Gujarat University.
 - (3) There is _____ book in the drawer.
- (D) Identify the types of sentences given below : 3
- (1) There is a hospital near my house.
(Assertive Sentence/Interrogative Sentence)
 - (2) What a kind man you are! (Assertive Sentence/Exclamatory Sentence)
 - (3) Please, bring me a glass of water.
(Imperative Sentence/Exclamatory Sentence)
4. Write a dialogue on any **ONE** situation in about **100** words : 14
- (1) Online education
 - (2) Commercialization of festivals
 - (3) Traffic jam in your city
5. Choose the correct option : (Any **Seven**) 14
- (1) What work did Hans do ?
 - (a) He was a miller.
 - (b) He was a blacksmith.
 - (c) He grew fruits and flowers in his garden.

- (2) According to the Miller, a true friend always says
- (a) unpleasant things
 - (b) pleasant things
 - (c) comfortable things
- (3) Who did the boy have to support with his earnings ?
- (a) His parents
 - (b) His friends
 - (c) His mother and his sisters
- (4) How old was the boy ?
- (a) Fourteen
 - (b) Sixteen
 - (c) Twenty
- (5) Who came to fetch Phatik from his house ?
- (a) His mother
 - (b) His uncle
 - (c) A servant
- (6) What did Phatik lose at school ?
- (a) His pocket money
 - (b) His new pen
 - (c) His lesson-book
- (7) According to the poet, where does the unstrung harp lie ?
- (a) On desert plain
 - (b) On the minstrel's grave
 - (c) On withered bough
- (8) _____ wrote 'The Harp of India'.
- (a) Robert Frost
 - (b) Vivian Derozio
 - (c) Rudyard Kipling.

- (9) What is the English boy compared to in the first stanza of the poem ?
- (a) A cloud
 - (b) A lamb
 - (c) An angel
- (10) How has God been referred to in the last stanza of the poem ?
- (a) Our mother
 - (b) Our father
 - (c) None of the above
- (11) What is our collective madness ?
- (a) Insanity
 - (b) Paying for essential items
 - (c) Money
- (12) What can fear of having no money lead to ?
- (a) Anger
 - (b) Delirium
 - (c) Pity
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[Text : Ferns : An Anthology of Prose and Poetry]

(For Gujarati Medium)

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1. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : 8
- (1) Who is Gomti Devi and where does she live ?
 - (2) Why did the narrator decide to open a bank account ?
 - (3) What could Mini not live without ?
 - (4) Where is Kabuliwallah from and what does he sell ?
 - (5) Who was Gangu ? With whom did he work ?
 - (6) Who did the manager think the narrator was ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : 6
- (1) Gangu's attitude towards the child
 - (2) The narrator of the story : My Financial Career
 - (3) The Kabuliwallah
2. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : 8
- (1) When is the time to curb resentment ?
 - (2) What happens when your mind is tranquil ?
 - (3) Who is the person referred to as 'He' in the poem ?
 - (4) How do the mother and father react when they see their children in pain ?
 - (5) What are some of the things that the speaker seems to love about England ?
 - (6) What does the 'foreign field' refer to ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : 6
- (1) The poet's views on war in 'The Soldier'.
 - (2) The theme of the poem 'On Another's Sorrow'.
 - (3) The message of the poem 'Stay Calm'.

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate modal auxiliaries given in the brackets : **4**
- (1) I _____ speak English. [must, can, could]
 - (2) We _____ follow the rules of traffic. [may, should, must]
 - (3) _____ God bless you ? [Can, May, Must]
 - (4) _____ you show me this address ? [Must, Would, Might]
- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given in the brackets : **4**
- (1) I could not sleep _____ night. [on, into, at]
 - (2) Aman has been reading in the library _____ morning. [for, on, since]
 - (3) Nirav jumped ___ the river. [at, on, into]
 - (4) He rushed ___ the site of the accident. [for, in, towards]
- (C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles : **3**
- (1) I eat _____ apple every morning.
 - (2) _____ Ganga is a holy river.
 - (3) Mr. Raval is _____ teacher.
- (D) Identify the types of sentences given below : **3**
- (1) I saw an elephant in the zoo. (Assertive Sentence/Interrogative Sentence)
 - (2) How unhappy he looks today! (Exclamatory Sentence/Imperative Sentence)
 - (3) Get out of my room. (Assertive Sentence/Imperative Sentence)
4. Write a dialogue on any **ONE** situation in about **100** words : **14**
- (1) Mobile addiction
 - (2) Traffic jam in your city
 - (3) Online Education
5. Choose the correct option : (Any **Seven**) **14**
- (1) The tone of the poem 'The Soldier' is
 - (a) patriotic
 - (b) negative
 - (c) angry

- (2) When the speaker sees someone in need, his instinct is to
- (a) cry
 - (b) offer help
 - (c) run away
- (3) Why does He give to us his joy ?
- (a) So that our grief may be destroyed
 - (b) So that our joy is doubled
 - (c) So that we may have balance emotions
- (4) When you are confronted by a foe, you should
- (a) Maintain silence
 - (b) Maintain mental balance
 - (c) Maintain aloofness.
- (5) When Mini prattles, the narrator
- (a) pretends to complain to her mother.
 - (b) pretends to be busy.
 - (c) gets irritated.
- (6) Mini and Kabuliwallah
- (a) discuss serious things
 - (b) run about and play
 - (c) share jokes
- (7) The narrator goes to
- (a) the stockbroker
 - (b) the bank
 - (c) the pawnbroker
- (8) People give the narrator advice on
- (a) how to ask for a refund.
 - (b) how to deposit cash.
 - (c) how to write a cheque.
- (9) Gangu believes that
- (a) marriage has to be based on love.
 - (b) children are important to marriage.
 - (c) people do not understand children.

- (10) The child Gangu shows his employer
- (a) is not his own child.
 - (b) is not Gomti's child.
 - (c) has lost both its parents.
- (11) What is the soldier willing to die for in 'The Soldier' ?
- (a) His mother
 - (b) His wife
 - (c) His country
- (12) What happens when your mind is tranquil ?
- (a) You feel insults keenly.
 - (b) You become selfish.
 - (c) Your ill-thoughts cease.
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