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B.A., Sem.-V

General English

(Text : India : A Journey Through Stories)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (a) Write brief answers of any **four** of the following questions : 8
 - (1) How was Nirupama treated at her in-laws house ?
 - (2) How did the villagers treat Purun Bhagat ? What did the villagers call him ?
 - (3) Why did Thai refuse to go to a physician ?
 - (4) What does Kannan confess in front of the inspector ?
 - (5) What is the irony in Nirupama's lavish cremation by her in-laws ?
 - (6) What did Purun Dass, the Prime Minister, do for-the betterment of his state ?
 1. (b) Write short note on any **one** of the following : 6
 - (1) Significance of the title "Profit and Loss".
 - (2) A pen-portrait of Purun Bhagat.
 - (3) Thai
 2. (a) Write brief answers of any **four** of the following questions : 8
 - (1) What did Jamadar Tukaram do to save the Bachcha Lieutenant from getting trapped in the Japanese trap ?
 - (2) What were the situations that forced Surekha to pawn her "mangalsutra" ?
 - (3) Why was Surekha's father against her marriage to Raj ?
 - (4) Describe the ruthless killing of a dog by a Japanese soldier ?
 - (5) What did Surekha do at the end of the story and why ?
 - (6) Why were the Japanese digging trenches in the middle of the cart track ?
 2. (b) Write short note on any **one** of the following : 6
 - (1) Jamadar Tukaram Shindey
 - (2) Bachcha Lieutenant
 - (3) The symbolic meaning of 'mangalsutra' in the story "270 Crore Heartbeats".
 3. Write an application to the principal of Amrit Higher Secondary School, Ahmedabad, applying for the post of Mathematics teacher, in response to the advertisement in "The Divya Bhaskar" newspaper. 14
- OR**
3. Write a letter to the superintendent of municipality, complaining about the irregular water supply in your area. 14

4. Write an essay on any **one** of the following : 14
- (1) Stress Management
 - (2) Gujarat University
 - (3) Life of a soldier
5. Choose the correct answer from the options given below : (any 7) 14
- (1) Nirupama's father came to fetch her from her in-laws house for the second time on the occasion of _____.
(a) puja celebration (b) her birthday celebration
(c) her wedding anniversary (d) her mother's death
 - (2) Purun Dass's father was _____.
(a) an important official in the English government
(b) an important official in the Railways
(c) an important official in a Hindu Court
(d) an important official in the Income Tax Department
 - (3) Kannan narrated the fighting story of his _____ to Thaiyi.
(a) uncle (b) niece (c) wife (d) child
 - (4) While on his mission, Jamadar Tukaram had dry chapattis and ____ for his dinner.
(a) rice (b) two large onions (c) pickle (d) salt
 - (5) Once while sleeping with her children, Surekha remembered that after 270 crore heartbeats a star turns into ashes _____.
(a) produces the spark for new star.
(b) never rises again.
(c) becomes a painful remembrance forever.
(d) burns the soul if touched once again.
 - (6) Surekha fell in love with a _____ boy.
(a) Gujarati (b) Christian (c) Rajasthani (d) Maharashtrian
 - (7) Jamadar Tukaram was on his second campaign in _____.
(a) China (b) Thailand (c) Burma (d) Japan
 - (8) A fortnight after Thaiyi's treatment by the holy man, Kannan went to the coconut garden to mark the trees _____.
(a) affected by pests (b) with fruits
(c) with no fruits (d) none of these
 - (9) The _____ were the first to come to meet the intruder, Purun Bhagat, in their wilderness.
(a) royal stags (b) rabbits
(c) langurs (d) Himalayan black bears
 - (10) The Raybahadur demanded _____ rupees as a dowry for his son's second marriage.
(a) 15,000 (b) 20,000 (c) 25,000 (d) 30,000