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May-2013

General English (For Gujarati Medium)

Text : Chinar (Old Course)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(2) Mention clearly the option you attempt.
(3) **All** questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Answer any **two** of the following : **6**
- (1) How did the poet feel when he saw the daffodils ?
- (2) Did anyone answer the traveller's knock ?
- (3) What is Tagore's prayer to God ?
- (4) What, according to the poet, is the mosquito's purpose for standing high on its leg ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **4**
- (1) The central idea of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.
- (2) Critical appreciation of the poem 'Daffodils'.
- (C) Answer any **two** of the following : **4**
- (1) Where had the poet's mother spent her childhood ?
- (2) What does the poet call the mosquito ?
- (3) When did the traveller knock at the door ?
- (4) Where did the poet see the daffodils ?

2. (A) Answer any **two** of the following : 6
- (1) When did Milkin realise that everyone expected him to marry Nastya ?
 - (2) Why did the Sandys decide to hide the diamond in the house ?
 - (3) Why did the other gentleman begin to feel jealous of the writer ?
 - (4) Why was the Chaplin drunk ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : 4
- (1) Character-sketch of Pyotr Petrovich Milkin.
 - (2) The Hangman.
- (C) Answer any **two** of the following : 4
- (1) Why did Milkin's friend ask for a stag party ?
 - (2) Why did the Prince of Saudi Arabia give the diamond to Dr. Robert Sandy ?
 - (3) What did the Englishman say about the English and the Dutch ?
 - (4) Why did the others refuse to do the Hangman's work ?
3. (A) Answer any **two** of the following : 6
- (1) Why does the author say that people who belong to post-independence should not take independence for granted ?
 - (2) Do you think it is good to have a variety of spices ? Give reasons.
 - (3) Why was Maggie's mother worried about her son being in India ?
 - (4) How old do you think the narrator is ? Give reasons to support your answer.
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : 4
- (1) Masood
 - (2) The title of the story 'The Price of Flowers'.
- (C) Answer any **two** of the following : 4
- (1) Which three qualities, according to Karan Singh, are essential for the defence personnel besides physical endurance ?
 - (2) Mention two reasons for the loss of bio-diversity.
 - (3) Why do you think the girl looked at the narrator 'with a startled air' ?
 - (4) Why did the narrator wish to grow up to be like his grandfather ?

4. (A) Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following : 6
- (1) An Indian Village
 - (2) My Best Friend
 - (3) Pollution
- (B) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 4
- Once there lived two eagle brothers. They were descended from Garuda, the King of birds. They were born among the cliffs of the Himalayas. As they grew older, their nest grew too small for them and they had to press closer to each other. They used to fly up into the higher and higher. One day they wanted to reach the sun. Then Jatayu nearly fainted under the fierce heat but Sampati spread his large wings between the fiery ball and his brother, Jatayu was saved.
- Questions :**
- (1) What was Garuda ?
 - (2) Where were the two eagle brothers born ?
 - (3) What happened to Jatayu ?
 - (4) How did Sampati save his brother ?
- (C) Fill in the blanks with correct options : 4
- (1) He was _____ in Ahmedabad. [borne/born]
 - (2) As they grew _____, their eyes became weak. [older/elder]
 - (3) The two brothers helped _____ other. [one/each]
 - (4) _____ there lived a King. [Ones/Once]
5. (A) State whether the following statements are True/False : 6
- (1) Maggie's brother was a soldier in China.
 - (2) The narrator in 'A Handful of Dates' was an old man.
 - (3) According to Karan Singh, economic development is crucial to the success of democracy.
 - (4) The man has killed the mosquito.
 - (5) Dr. Robert Sandy was gifted a diamond.
 - (6) Mr. Gupta was not right in accepting a shilling from Maggie.

(B) Re-write the following sentences choosing the correct option from those given in each statement :

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(1) Wordsworth calls daffodils a _____ of solitude.

- (a) curse
- (b) symbol
- (c) bliss

(2) _____ was a court councillor.

- (a) Nastya
- (b) Kondrashkin
- (c) Lawrence

(3) Maggie gave a shilling to Mr. Gupta for buying _____.

- (a) flowers
- (b) a gift
- (c) fruits

(4) Bio-_____ is harmful.

- (a) diversity
- (b) piracy
- (c) chemistry

(C) Match the words given in Column – A with the words given in Column – B :

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A

B

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) National Prejudices | (a) Masood |
| (2) Shahid Ali | (b) The Surgeon |
| (3) Betty | (c) The Season of the Plains |
| (4) Dates | (d) Oliver Goldsmith |

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Text : Golden Leaves (New Course)

Time : 3 Hours]

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- Instructions :** (1) Mention clearly the option you attempt.
(2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(3) **All** questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Attempt any **one** short note : 7
(1) Aptness of the title 'A Day's Wait'.
(2) How Johnsy's life was saved ?
(3) Shammath – an ambitious man.
- (B) Answer any **two** of the following questions : 4
(1) Describe the condition of Schatz when he entered into his father's room.
(2) Why was Greenwich village famous ?
(3) What was Shammath's mother asked to do ? What did she actually do ?
(4) How did Schatz's father remove his misunderstanding ?
- (C) Answer any **three** of the following questions in **one** sentence : 3
(1) Which book did Schatz's father read ?
(2) What did Old Behrman die of ?
(3) For whom did Shammath want his mother to make a Phulkari ?
(4) What was Shammath's mother made to wear ?
(5) What disease did Schatz have ?
2. (A) Attempt any **one** short note : 7
(1) J.B. Priestley's views on Laziness.
(2) Ram Mohan Roy.
(3) Condition of India when Ram Mohan Roy was born.
- (B) Attempt any **two** of the following questions : 4
(1) What did the writer and his friend do at the hill ?
(2) What, according to Tagore, is a matter of infinite wonder ?
(3) Why does the voice of a rare personality sound 'painfully discordant' ?
(4) What is the moral of the essay 'On Doing Nothing' ?

- (C) Answer any **three** of the following questions in **one** sentence : 3
- (1) What, according to Priestley, is a hoax ?
 - (2) How was Ram Mohan Roy treated first by the Indians ?
 - (3) Where was the writer staying with his friend ?
 - (4) What did Ram Mohan Roy represent ?
 - (5) Has Ram Mohan Roy brought hope for the best to India ?

3. (A) Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics : 7
- (1) My Favourite National Leader.
 - (2) Uses and Abuses of Mobile Phones.
 - (3) My Favourite Game.

- (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 4

Our freedom struggle under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru is a bright chapter in the history of India. Our freedom was won not through arms and ammunition but with the help of non-violence and sacrifice. Lakhs of people who took part in the freedom movement suffered a lot. They were beaten by the British soldiers even when they were unarmed. They were sent to jail where they had to stay for months. But they bore all the hardships smilingly. They were prepared for any hardship, any suffering, any sacrifice. Gandhiji's message 'Do not be afraid' had filled them with courage and a spirit of sacrifice.

Questions :

- (1) What is a bright chapter in the history of India ?
- (2) How was our freedom won ?
- (3) How were the freedom fighters treated by the British soldiers ?
- (4) How had Gandhiji's message helped the freedom fighters ?

- (C) Answer the following questions based on above passage : 3

- (1) Give similar word to : Bore
- (2) Give antonym of : Dull
- (3) Give noun form of : Move

4. (A) Fill in the blanks with proper forms of verbs from those given in brackets : 7

- (1) Aman _____ school late yesterday. [reach]
- (2) Wait ! She _____ with you. [come]
- (3) Yesterday at 9 p.m., I _____ a serial. [watch]
- (4) Manan _____ for the U.S.A. next month. [leave]
- (5) I _____ never _____ a lie in my life. [tell]
- (6) Mr. Pandya _____ in this bank since 1998. [work]
- (7) I _____ my homework before I went out. [complete]

(B) Change the tense as per instruction given in brackets : 4

- (1) Aman is waiting for you. [Turn it into Past Continuous Tense.]
- (2) He has completed his work. [Rewrite using Simple Past Tense.]
- (3) Nisha is saying the prayer. [Turn it into Simple Future.]
- (4) I played cricket well. [Make it Simple Present Tense.]

(C) Fill in blanks with proper forms of To be, To have and To do as main verbs : 3

- (1) Mr. Pandya _____ a teacher.
- (2) We _____ a car last year.
- (3) _____ as you are told.

5. Fill in the blanks by selecting the appropriate options from those given below : 14

- (1) According to the doctor, there was no danger if Schatz avoided _____.
 - (a) heart attack
 - (b) cancer
 - (c) pneumonia
- (2) The second medicine given by the doctor was _____.
 - (a) for removing weakness
 - (b) containing vitamin
 - (c) purgative
- (3) _____ saved Johnsy's life.
 - (a) Old Behrman
 - (b) Sue
 - (c) The writer
- (4) Shammath's mother wanted to spend the rest of her life at _____.
 - (a) home
 - (b) Haridwar
 - (c) village
- (5) _____ wrote the essay 'On Doing Nothing'.
 - (a) J.B. Haldane
 - (b) J.B. Priestley
 - (c) Thomas Hardy
- (6) The writer and his friend ate _____.
 - (a) fruits
 - (b) sandwiches
 - (c) salad

- (7) Rabindranath Tagore _____ Ram Mohan Roy.
- (a) criticized
 - (b) condemned
 - (c) appreciated
- (8) Greenwich village had _____ attics.
- (a) Dutch
 - (b) British
 - (c) American
- (9) Rahul _____ to school everyday.
- (a) go
 - (b) goes
 - (c) is going
- (10) Aman _____ his homework when the bell rang.
- (a) is doing
 - (b) did
 - (c) was doing
- (11) _____ some snacks, please.
- (a) Have
 - (b) Are
 - (c) Do
- (12) If you work hard, you _____.
- (a) had prospered
 - (b) have prospered
 - (c) will prosper
- (13) Where _____ you then ?
- (a) are
 - (b) had
 - (c) were
- (14) The teacher _____ an important topic. Please keep quiet.
- (a) reads
 - (b) is reading
 - (c) has read
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General English (For English Medium)

Text : 'Prose and Poetry for the Young Reader' (Old Course)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(2) Mention clearly the option you attempt.
(3) **All** questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Answer any **two** of the following questions : **6**

- (1) Why does Dr. C.V. Raman compare water in a landscape to eyes in a human face ?
(2) What is the difference between the cat's cruelty in hunting and man's ?
(3) Who was Rene ? Describe his personality.
(4) Why did the British Government consider Gandhiji 'a safe politician' ?

(B) Write a short note on Causes of Soil Erosion. **4**

OR

Gandhiji's Sabarmati Ashram.

(C) Pele's thousandth goal. **4**

OR

Write a detailed note on the relationship between the cat and the dog.

2. (A) Write a short note on the League of Nations. **6**

OR

The sight of the Great Fall of Niagara.

(B) Man and Machine – compare and contrast. **4**

OR

Importance of order and safety in civilization.

- (C) Write a note on the diseases caused by Vitamin 'A' deficiency. 4

OR

Describe the journey of Dickens and his party to Niagara.

3. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions : 6

- (1) What, according to Wordsworth, was the theme of the girl's song ?
- (2) What did the horse do ? What did it remind the poet ?
- (3) What has inspired the ship, according to Robert Bridges ?
- (4) What did the Knight see in his dream ?

- (B) Write a detailed note on the central idea of the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'. 4

OR

Describe the feelings evoked in Wordsworth by the song of the solitary reaper.

- (C) Evaluate 'On His Blindness' as an autobiographical poem. 4

OR

Write a detailed note on the image of the ship created by Robert Bridges in 'A Passer By'.

4. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 6

When the morning work is over, the boys have a bath and go into their meal. About two O'clock in the afternoon the school classes begin again; but at this time the work is chiefly with the hand as well as with the mind. Handwork is practiced, and boy's own natural tastes are very soon discovered. Some prefer carpentry; others prefer mechanical work; others become skilled draughtsmen or painters; others are musicians.

There is very little book-work in the afternoon. School is over at about four O'clock and there is a rush to get first into the open fields for football. Our Shantiniketan boys are famous for their skill at sports and games. In the evening, at sunset, they return from the fields and sit down for a short time to meditate in silence.

Questions :

- (1) What kind of handiwork were practised by Shantiniketan boys ?
- (2) What do the boys do when school is over ?
- (3) What do the boys do at sunset ?
- (4) What have the boys when the morning work is over ?
- (5) When do the school classes begin ?
- (6) What are the Shantiniketan boys famous for ?

(B) Match the words given in Column – A with their meanings given in Column – B : 4

A	B
(1) Complete	(a) Skilled
(2) Well-known	(b) Over
(3) Find out	(c) Famous
(4) Adept	(d) Discover

(C) Use the given suffixes 'ment', 'al', 'ous' and 'ship' and form new words from those given below : 4

courage, propose, fellow, enlarge

5. (A) State whether the following statements are True or False : 7

- (1) Dickens and his party had faced no hardships.
- (2) There were no rules in Gandhiji's Ashram.
- (3) The Knight fell in love with a real woman.
- (4) According to Robert Frost, duty is more important than beauty.
- (5) The rain-fed tanks are common in South India.
- (6) The girl in 'The Solitary Reaper' was singing a melancholy song.
- (7) Conservation of water is not fundamental for human welfare.

(B) Re-write the following sentences choosing the correct option from those given below each sentence : 7

- (1) The cat becomes _____ when it is deprived of the security of man's love.
 - (a) nerve-shattered manic
 - (b) happy
 - (c) kind
- (2) _____ was one of the causes of the First World War.
 - (a) Jealousy
 - (b) Fear
 - (c) Money

- (3) _____ wrote 'Food'.
- (a) Wordsworth
 - (b) W.B. Yeats
 - (c) J.B.S. Haldane
- (4) The girl's song could be about _____.
- (a) happy memories
 - (b) sad events of past
 - (c) excitement
- (5) Dickens and his party had hired _____.
- (a) a stage-coach
 - (b) a car
 - (c) an aeroplane
- (6) _____ wrote 'On His Blindness'.
- (a) Robert Frost
 - (b) John Milton
 - (c) Thomas Hardy
- (7) Pele was from _____.
- (a) India
 - (b) Britain
 - (c) Brazil
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General English (For English Medium)

Text : 'Journey Through Words' (New Course)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Mention clearly the option you attempt.
(2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(3) **All** questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Attempt any **one** short note : 7
- (1) The title of the story 'The Romance of a Busy Broker'.
(2) Character-sketch of Mary Sutherland.
(3) Paul
- (B) Answer any **two** of the following questions : 4
- (1) What was it that made Leslie look unsecretarial ?
(2) What is Holmes's opinion about police cases ?
(3) How was Paul's mother responsible for his death ?
(4) What was the bet between the lawyer and the banker ?
- (C) Answer any **three** of the following questions in **one** sentence : 3
- (1) What was Miss Leslie ?
(2) What help did Mary Sutherland want from Mr. Holmes ?
(3) What was Bessett ?
(4) How much money did the lawyer give up at the end of 15 years ?
(5) What kind of man was Harvey Maxwell ?
2. (A) Attempt any **one** short note : 7
- (1) Critical appreciation of the poem 'Escape at Bedtime'.
(2) 'Lucy' as a love lyric and death song.
(3) The conversation between the Duck and the Kangaroo.

- (B) Answer any **two** of the following questions : 4
- (1) How is it evident that Wordsworth is a poet of nature ?
 - (2) How did the Duck solve the Kangaroo's problem ?
 - (3) How was the poet feeling after his experience of Lyonesse ?
 - (4) How does the poet describe the stars in the poem 'Escape at Bedtime' ?

- (C) Answer any **three** of the following questions in **one** sentence : 3
- (1) How do the stars chase the poet back to bed ?
 - (2) What was the time when the poet set out for Lyonesse ?
 - (3) How is Duck's life in the pond ?
 - (4) How many times did the Duck and the Kangaroo hop the world round ?
 - (5) Where did Lucy live ?

3. (A) Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following : 7
- (1) India of My Dream
 - (2) Trees : Our Best Friends
 - (3) Women Empowerment

- (B) Read the passage and answer the questions given below : 4

Once there lived in Baghdad a wealthy man who lost all his money and was forced to earn his living by hard labour. One night a man came in a dream, saying, "Your fortune is in Cairo; and go there and seek it".

As Allah would have it, a band of thieves entered the mosque in order to break into an adjoining house. The noise awakened the owners who called for help. The chief of police and his men came to their aid. The robbers escaped, but when the police entered the mosque they found the man from Baghdad asleep there. They laid hold of him and beat him with palm rods until he was nearly dead, then threw him into jail.

Questions :

- (1) Who lived in Baghdad ?
- (2) What did the man in a dream say ?
- (3) What did the thieves do ?
- (4) What did the police do to the man ?

- (C) Answer the following questions based on the above passage : 3
- (1) Give similar word to : Toil
 - (2) Give antonym of : Fell asleep
 - (3) Give noun form of : Wealthy
4. (A) Fill in the blanks with proper forms of verbs from those given in brackets : 7
- (1) He informed us that he _____ the prize. [win]
 - (2) I can hear that somebody _____ a song. [sing]
 - (3) Haste _____ waste. [make]
 - (4) Mr. Pandya _____ for the U.S.A. last year. [leave]
 - (5) If you study hard, you _____ in the exam. [succeed]
 - (6) While Neha _____ in the library, somebody knocked at the door. [read]
 - (7) _____ you _____ your homework just now ? [complete]
- (B) Change the tense as per instruction given in brackets : 4
- (1) Rahul goes to school everyday. [Replace 'yesterday' by 'everyday'.]
 - (2) Neha finished her project. [Re-write using Simple Future Tense.]
 - (3) He was reading in the library. [Turn it into Present Continuous Tense.]
 - (4) Aman has signed the cheque. [Past Perfect Tense.]
- (C) Fill in the blanks with proper forms of To be, To have and To do as main verbs. 3
- (1) He _____ late, so he missed the bus.
 - (2) Nirav _____ his homework yesterday.
 - (3) _____ some patience, please.
5. (A) Rewrite the following sentences choosing the correct option from those given below each statement : 7
- (1) The bet between the banker and the lawyer began on _____.
 - (a) 14th November, 1970
 - (b) 14th November, 1885
 - (c) 14th November, 1870
 - (2) The perfume used by Miss Leslie had smell of _____.
 - (a) rose
 - (b) lilac
 - (c) jasmine

- (3) The crime committed in 'A Case of Identity' is _____.
- (a) theft
(b) burglary
(c) fraud
- (4) The mother had _____ after she got married.
- (a) good luck
(b) bad luck
(c) heart attack
- (5) 'Lucy' ceased to be means _____.
- (a) she was born
(b) she died
(c) she was educated
- (6) India _____ independent in 1947.
- (a) became
(b) becomes
(c) has become
- (7) _____ your work as you are instructed.
- (a) Have
(b) If
(c) Do

(B) Match the words given in Column – A with suitable words given in Column – B : 7

- | A | B |
|---|-------------------------------|
| (1) Working like a high-powered machine | (a) The Rocking Horse Winner |
| (2) Hosmer Angel | (b) A host of the party |
| (3) D.H. Lawrence | (c) Nasty |
| (4) The Banker | (d) Mr. Windibank in disguise |
| (5) Lucy | (e) Harvey Maxwell |
| (6) An imaginary land | (f) A Violet |
| (7) Pond | (g) Lyonesse |