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**NA-105**

**December-2015**

**B.A. Sem. V**

**301 : English Compulsory  
(Text : Gems of Wisdom)**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Max. Marks : 70**

I. Answer any **seven** of the following questions briefly: **14**

- (1) When the king learned about the love affair of his daughter, what did he decide to do ?
- (2) What were the two prized possessions of the Youngs ? How does the author show the readers their importance ?
- (3) Describe in brief the sniper's ruse to kill the other sniper.
- (4) Why did the black boy refrain himself from going out ?
- (5) Why did the astrologer think that he had committed a murder ?
- (6) According to Christian tales, who were the Magi ?
- (7) Why had the king thrown the princess' lover into the prison ?
- (8) How did the sniper experience futility war ?
- (9) What happened when the black boy went to the grocery store by himself for the first time ?
- (10) How had the astrologer mastered the art ?

II. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : **14**

- (1) The princess and the fate of her lover.
- (2) The ending of the story "The Gift Of The Magi"
- (3) The message of senselessness of war in "The Sniper"
- (4) The black boy's mother

- III. (a) Draft an application for the post of a senior sales representative for a pharmaceutical company. 14

**OR**

- (b) Write a letter to the Health Commissioner drawing attention to the insanitary condition of the city streets.

- IV. (a) Write an essay of about **100** words on any **one** of the following topic : 8

- (1) Stress Management
- (2) Lothal -the cradle of civilization
- (3) A visit to an Old Age Home

- (b) Supply the missing words in the following passage by selecting appropriate options given below it: 6

Broken friendship may be repaired, but the break will always \_\_\_1\_\_\_. Friendship is a precious thing- too precious a treasure to be \_\_\_2\_\_\_ broken or thrown away. The world handles the word “friend” lightly: its real true deeper meaning \_\_\_3\_\_\_ forgotten, and the acquaintance of an hour or the chance comer is designated by the term which in itself \_\_\_4\_\_\_ a wealth of meaning. Your friend is the one who appreciates you - your fault as well your virtues-who understands and sympathizes with your defeats and victories, your aims and ideals, your joys and temptations, your hopes and disappointments, as no one else does or can. It is your friend to whom you turn for \_\_\_5\_\_\_, comfort for praise. He may not be learned as some or as wise as others, but it \_\_\_6\_\_\_ that he understands you and even his quiet listening gives strength and renewed courage.

Blank 1 : (a) saw (b) shove (c) show

Blank 2 : (a) carelessly (b) caringly (c) carefully

Blank 3 : (a) were (b) is (c) are

Blank 4: (a) bare (b) bear (c) bears

Blank 5: (a) consul (b) counsel (c) council

Blank 6: (a) suffices (b) suffuse (c) suffer

V. (a) Complete the following choosing the right options given :

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- (1) The story "The Lady Or The Tiger ?" is authored by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Leo Tolstoy
  - (b) Frank R. Stockton
  - (c) Oscar Wilde
  - (d) O'Henry
- (2) What did the astrologer see as mankind's troubles ?
  - (a) Marriage and money
  - (b) Money and relationship
  - (c) Money, success and peace
  - (d) Marriage, money and the tangles of human ties
- (3) How much money had Della managed to save for her husband's gift ?
  - (a) One dollar and eighty-seven cents
  - (b) Eight dollars and seventy-eight cents
  - (c) One dollar and twenty-two cents
  - (d) One dollar and sixty pence
- (4) What did the author get from his mother when he tried to force his way past her into the house ?
  - (a) A tight hug
  - (b) A stinging slap
  - (c) A spanking with the stick
  - (d) A kick
- (5) Mohan usually \_\_\_\_\_ in the front row in the class.
  - (a) sit
  - (b) sat
  - (c) sits
  - (d) sitting
- (6) The farmer jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the river to save an old man.
  - (a) in
  - (b) on
  - (c) from
  - (d) into
- (7) The sniper belonged to which political group ?
  - (a) Republican
  - (b) Tory
  - (c) Free Stater
  - (d) Communist

- (8) What lent an interest to the day of trial on the part of the onlookers ?
- (a) Element of humour
  - (b) Element of uncertainty
  - (c) Anticipation of bloodshed
  - (d) Desire for good food
- (9) Rohini is fond \_\_\_\_\_ eating rasgullas.
- (a) of
  - (b) on
  - (c) to
  - (d) in
- (10) What did the astrologer apply on his forehead to complete his look ?
- (a) Vermilion
  - (b) Ash
  - (c) Sacred ash and vermilion
  - (d) Turmeric paste and ash
- (b) State whether the following statements are true or false : **4**
- (1) The king gave patient hearing each time an accused was brought to him for justice and was keen that proper justice be provided.
  - (2) The sniper realizes that the enemy he killed was his own brother.
  - (3) The astrologer was as much a stranger to the stars as were his innocent customers.
  - (4) Della had collected enough money to buy her husband an extravagant gift.
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