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**NS-106**  
**December-2015**  
**B.Com., Sem.-I**  
**CC-105 : General English**  
**Text : Chinar (Old Course)**  
**(For Gujarati Medium)**

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) Why has the poet described solitude as being blissful ?  
(2) What harm can be caused by blind faith ? How can we get rid of blind faith ?  
(3) Why did the traveller knock at the door ?  
(4) How does the mosquito draw the poet's attention away from itself ?  
(B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **4**  
(1) The central idea of the poem 'The Listeners'.  
(2) The poet's views on childhood in 'The Season of the Plains'.  
(C) Answer any **two** of the following : **4**  
(1) What, according to the poet, are the mosquito's feelings as it sucks his blood ?  
(2) After reading of the poem, can you guess what a daffodil is ?  
(3) What kind of freedom does Tagore envisage for his country ?  
(4) Explain the phrase 'love forbidden' in the poem 'The Season of the Plains'.
2. (A) Answer any **two** of the following : **6**  
(1) What did the Governor do when the hangman refused to do his job ?  
(2) Why did Fituyev refuse to certify Pyotr as mad, despite being his friend ?  
(3) Why did the writer go off to his room ?  
(4) Who gave the diamond to Robert Sandy ? Why ?  
(B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **4**  
(1) The Hangman  
(2) Masood  
(C) Answer any **two** of the following : **4**  
(1) Why did Harry Gold persuade Sandy to take the diamond to auction ?  
(2) When did Pyotr realize that everyone expected him to marry Nastya ?  
(3) What is the reaction of the crowd outside the prison to the Hangman's decision ?  
(4) Why did the other gentleman begin to feel jealous of the writer ?

3. (A) Answer any **two** of the following questions in detail : **6**
- (1) Why does the writer say that it is important to accept that all human beings are inherently divine ?
  - (2) What is the message in the statement made by the Native American Chief, Seattle ?
  - (3) Why was Mrs. Clifford so worried about her son being in India ?
  - (4) Why did the grandfather dislike Masood ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **4**
- (1) The importance of bio-diversity
  - (2) Maggie
- (C) Answer any **two** of the following : **4**
- (1) Why did the narrator enjoy going to the mosque ?
  - (2) Besides physical endurance, the author talks about three other qualities that are essential for the defence personnel. Which are they ?
  - (3) Why did Maggie come to meet Mr. Gupta ? What did she give him ?
  - (4) How is the loss of bio-diversity linked to the survival of the common people of that area ?
4. (A) Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following : **8**
- (1) My Favourite Sportsman.
  - (2) All that Glitters is not Gold.
  - (3) A Visit to a Village Fair
- (B) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it : **6**
- Generally speaking, the radio functions as diverting companion for man, firstly, it helps to fill voids that are created by routing and boring tasks. To the overworked mother, whose environment is child and work-oriented for the good part of the day, the radio introduces an adult element that is perceived to be both companionable and diverting. Secondly, it fills voids created by feeling of social isolation. To the truck driver, who by virtue of his occupation is cut off from much social participation during the normal course of the day, the radio helps him in touch with the realities of normal life. Finally, the radio also helps relieve feelings of loneliness. To the invalid, who by virtue of his incapacity, is also cut off from social participation, the radio serves as a reliable no-threatening human companion.
- Questions :
- (1) Which primary function does the radio serve ?
  - (2) How does the radio help the over-worked mother ?
  - (3) How does the radio help the truck driver ?
  - (4) How does the radio serve the invalid ?
  - (5) Find words in the passage which are similar in meaning to the following words :  
(i) Emptiness (ii) Friendly (iii) Aloofness
  - (6) Suggest the suitable title of this passage.

5. Do as directed :

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(A) Say true or false :

- (1) The daffodils are red roses.
- (2) The traveller did not knock the door.
- (3) Tagore wanted his country to be free from all evils.
- (4) The poet's mother had spent her childhood in Delhi.

(B) Match the words under Column-A with their meaning under Column-B.

A	B
Grandfather	Shahid Ali
Keeper	A Handful of Dates
The Season of the Plains	Custodian
Mrs. Clifford	Capital Punishment
Hangman	The Price of Flowers

(C) Choose the correct option :

- (1) Bio-diversity refers to
  - (a) Varieties of plant life on earth
  - (b) Variety and variability of animal life on earth
  - (c) Variety and variability of plant, animal and human life on earth.
- (2) 'Stag Party' means
  - (a) a party arranged in someone's birthday
  - (b) a party arranged in a forest
  - (c) a party for a man who is going to get married
- (3) The girl wanted to personally see the narrator because
  - (a) he was rich and used to help the poor.
  - (b) he was an Indian.
  - (c) he was a soldier.
- (4) Who is the author of 'A Handful of Dates' ?
  - (a) Anton Chekhov
  - (b) Roald Dahi
  - (c) Tayeb Salih
- (5) The stolen diamond was recovered \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) from a hard-core criminal
  - (b) from someone's stomach
  - (c) from nurse serving in Robert Sandy's hospital.

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CC-105 : General English

Text : Golden Leaves (New Course)

(For Gujarati Medium)

Time : 3 Hours]

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1. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief : 9
- (1) What is Schatz's state of mind at the end of the story ?
  - (2) Why was Greenwich Village famous ?
  - (3) Why did Shamnath's mother want to spend the rest of her life in Haridwar ?
  - (4) What did Sue find when she went to Johnsy's bedside ?
  - (5) Why did Shamnath's mother weep inconsolably when she prayed before the image of Lord Krishna ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : 5
- (1) Schatz
  - (2) Shamnath's inconsistent attitude to his mother
  - (3) The importance of the last leaf in the story, 'The Last Leaf'.
2. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief : 9
- (1) Why does the author say that we have the right to hope for the best ?
  - (2) Describe the place chosen by the idlers for doing nothing ?
  - (3) What is the moral of the essay, 'On Doing Nothing' ?
  - (4) What according to Tagore is a matter of infinite wonder ?
  - (5) What are the virtues of a poet ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : 5
- (1) Priestley's idea of 'the strenuous life'.
  - (2) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
  - (3) Priestley's idea : Laziness is the primary sin.
3. (A) Fill in the blanks with correct options from the brackets : 9
- (1) Shailesh \_\_\_\_\_ to Navsari yesterday. (goes, went, will go)
  - (2) He \_\_\_\_\_ at present. (reads, is reading, has been reading)
  - (3) She \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ her homework. (is finished, has finished, will have finished)
  - (4) The patient \_\_\_\_\_ before the doctor came. (died, will died, had died)
  - (5) Vinay met his fast friend when he \_\_\_\_\_ the road. (is crossing, will be crossing, was crossing)
  - (6) I \_\_\_\_\_ to your town next summer vacation. (visit, visits, shall visit)
  - (7) Don't disturb me, I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework. (do, did, am doing)
  - (8) I \_\_\_\_\_ for you for half an hour. (have been waiting, waited, am waiting)
  - (9) The bank \_\_\_\_\_ at 9 o'clock everyday. (opened, opens, will open)

- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets. 5
- (1) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher. (be)
  - (2) I \_\_\_\_\_ lunch before I left for the office. (have)
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_ your duty well. (do)
  - (4) I \_\_\_\_\_ not present there yesterday. (be)
  - (5) He \_\_\_\_\_ one sister. (have)
4. (A) Write a paragraph, in about **80-100** words on any **one** of the following : 8
- (1) Mobile Phone and My Life
  - (2) My Village
  - (3) Water – The Elixir of Life
- (B) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it : 6
- The last twenty-three years have seen a great deal of interest and discussion in educational institutes and elsewhere on the problem of how to take India out of the present state of economic under-development. Along with the social scientists, historians also felt the need to make a contribution to the discussion. While as historians we are seldom in a position to prescribe remedies for the present, we may help those who are making the present by explaining to them the origin and the possibilities that are inherent in it. The need for historical approach to the problem of development is today widely, perhaps universally, recognized. The importance of the study of modern Indian history in this respect arises from the fact the process and pattern of economic development of post-independence, India depends to a considerable degree upon, its inherited structure, or the inherited pattern of under-development, as also on the strategies or policies of economic development which, in turn, are influenced by the inherited structure.
- Questions :
- (1) What state is India at present ?
  - (2) What kind of persons contributes to the discussion about the state of India ?
  - (3) What can the historians no do ?
5. Rewrite the following sentences by choosing the correct options : 14
- (1) Schatz was suffering from \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Pneumonia                      (b) Viral infection                      (c) influenza
  - (2) Old Behrman's ambition was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) to be a wealthy person  
(b) to be another Michael Angelo  
(c) to draw a masterpiece

- (3) What was Shamnath's greatest worry ?  
 (a) His small drawing room  
 (b) Mediocre furniture and drapery  
 (c) His mother
- (4) Why did Shamnath's mother refuse to take her meal ?  
 (a) Because she had observed a fast that day.  
 (b) Because the meals was a queer mixture of Chinese and Mexican delicacies.  
 (c) Because flesh was cooked in the house.
- (5) In November, Greenwich Village confronted an outbreak of an epidemic, it was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) pneumonia                      (b) hepatitis B                      (c) Congo Fever
- (6) According to Priestly, Gordon Selfidge hated laziness because  
 (a) it adversely affected Gross Domestic Product of America.  
 (b) it was the greatest of sin.  
 (c) it led to serious socio-psychological problems in society.
- (7) The hillside where Priestley and his friend stayed was marked by  
 (a) its remoteness, solitude and complete indifference to mundane concerns of man.  
 (b) clean blue sky, warm sunlight and enchanting flower-bed near the book.  
 (c) uneasy calm.
- (8) When a rare personality is born, his voice \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) sounds painfully discordant  
 (b) sounds melodies for the time being  
 (c) sounds unpleasant and cacophonous
- (9) Tagore says that we should consider ourselves fortunate because \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) we have overthrown the foreign rulers.  
 (b) we have gratefully acknowledged greatness of Ram Mohan Roy.  
 (c) Ram Mohan Roy has been born to us.
- (10) The short story, 'A Day's Wait' is written by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) O. Henry                      (b) Ernest Hemingway                      (c) Ruskin Bond
- (11) When \_\_\_\_\_ you visit that old place last year ?  
 (a) do                      (b) did                      (c) does
- (12) She \_\_\_\_\_ English before she went to England.  
 (a) learns                      (b) learnt                      (c) had learnt
- (13) Hetaxi \_\_\_\_\_ very well.  
 (a) dance                      (b) dances                      (c) will be danced
- (14) They \_\_\_\_\_ their lunch just now.  
 (a) have taken                      (b) took                      (c) will take

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B.Com., Sem.-I

CC-105 : General English

Text : Prose and Poetry for the Young Reader

Text & Composition (Old Course)

(For English Medium)

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) Answer any **two** of the following questions : **6**
- (1) Why does Dr. C.V. Raman say that water is the elixir of life ?
- (2) When, according to the author, do the cat and dog live in peace ?
- (3) Why did Pele feel unhappy at the Maracana Stadium ?
- (4) What were the two reasons why Gandhiji wanted to set up his Ashram in Ahmedabad ?
- (B) Write a short note on the character of the cat as drawn by Katherine Wilson. **4**
- OR**
- Write a short note on Soil Erosion.
- (C) Write a note on Gandhi's Sabarmati Ashram. **4**
- OR**
- Write a note on Pele's thousandth goal.
2. (A) Write a note on the sight of the Great Fall of Niagara. **6**
- OR**
- Write a short note on the merits and demerits of our civilization.
- (B) Write a note on the diseases caused by vitamin A deficiency. **4**
- OR**
- Who was Hippocrates ? What is his chief contribution ?
- (C) Write a note on the League of Nations. **4**
- OR**
- Man and Machine – Compare and Contrast.

3. (A) Answer any **two** of the following questions : **6**
- (1) What was the effect of the girl's song on Wordsworth ?
  - (2) Describe the condition of the Knight when the poet saw him.
  - (3) Describe the feelings evoked in Robert Bridges by the passer by.
  - (4) Where did the poet stop his horse ? Why ?
- (B) Critical appreciation of the poem 'On His Blindness'. **4**
- OR**
- Write a note on various themes of the girl's song in 'The Solitary Reaper'.
- (C) Write an appreciation of the poem 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'. **4**
- OR**
- Write a note on central theme of 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'.
4. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : **8**
- Solomon, the King of the Jews, was famous all over the world for his wealth and wisdom. His fame reached the wise Queen of Sheba and she made a long journey to Jerusalem to test his wisdom. The Queen of Sheba had heard that Solomon was very clever in reading riddles and solving problems. She made up her mind to test his wisdom.
- One day when Solomon was sitting in his court, she came in with two garlands of beautiful flowers, which looked alike. Standing a little away from the King, she held them up and said, one of these is made of artificial flowers and the other is of real flowers. Tell me which is which.
- The King gazed at the garlands and shouted 'Open the window'. The window was flung open. The bees from the garden entered the room, buzzed round the queen and flew about the garland in her right hand. Then Solomon said that the flowers in her right hand were real.
- Questions :
- (1) For what was King Solomon famous ?
  - (2) Who decided to test the wisdom of King Solomon ?
  - (3) What did the Queen of Sheba take with her ?
  - (4) What did she ask King Solomon ?
  - (5) How did the King solve the riddle ?
  - (6) What was King Solomon good at ?
  - (7) Give similar word to : Prosperity.
  - (8) Give opposite word to : Different.
- (B) Use the prefixes 'im', 'ab' and 'en' and make new words from those given below : **3**
- large, prison, normal
- (C) Use the suffixes 'ment', 'ful' and 'ance' and make new words from those given below : **3**
- attend, care, engage

5. (A) State whether the following statements are True or False : 5
- (1) Rain-fed tanks play an important part in South Indian agriculture.
  - (2) The journey to Niagara was quite comfortable.
  - (3) According to Joad, machines are stern masters.
  - (4) The simple requirement of food is fuel.
  - (5) Pele scored the 1000<sup>th</sup> goal at the first opportunity.
- (B) Match the words under column A with proper words under column B : 5
- | A                           | B                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A Hero on Probation      | 1. Ballad             |
| 2. The Solitary Reaper      | 2. A lyrical poem     |
| 3. La Belle Dame Sans Merci | 3. B.R. Nanda         |
| 4. A Passer By              | 4. Katherine Wilson   |
| 5. The Cat                  | 5. William Wordsworth |
- (C) Rewrite the following sentences by choosing the correct options : 4
- (1) The poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' shows that \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) beauty is important
    - (b) duty is important
    - (c) pleasure is important
  - (2) Water in a landscape is compared to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) eyes in a human face
    - (b) legs in a human body
    - (c) sunlight
  - (3) The author calls Gandhi Ashram a \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) laboratory
    - (b) hotel
    - (c) jail
  - (4) The poem 'On His Blindness' was written by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) William Wordsworth
    - (b) John Milton
    - (c) John Keats

# NS-106

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B.Com., Sem.-I

CC-105 : General English

Text : Journey through Words

(For English Medium)

(New Course)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Write brief answers on any **three** of the following : **9**
- (1) Explain the reasons why the secretary looked unsecretarial.
  - (2) What impression do you get of the relationship between Mr. Windibank & Miss Sutherland ?
  - (3) How did the mother indirectly bring about the death of her son in the story 'The Rocking-Horse Winner' ?
  - (4) What was the bet taken by the young man and for what reason ?
  - (5) Why was Pitcher somewhat struck by some differences in Miss Leslie that morning ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **5**
- (1) Harvey Maxwell
  - (2) Mary Sutherland
  - (3) The end of the story 'The Bet'.
2. (A) Write brief answers on any **three** of the following : **9**
- (1) What are the comparison drawn between Lucy and other things in nature ?
  - (2) What are the poet's hopes about 'Lyonnesse' ?
  - (3) How do you understand from the poem 'When I set out for Lyonnesse' that the poet is lonely ?
  - (4) Does the sight of the innumerable stars go out of the poet's mind and why/why not ?
  - (5) What conditions does the kangaroo lay for the duck in order to take the later around the world ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **5**
- (1) Appreciate 'Lucy' the poem
  - (2) Appreciate the poem 'Escape at Bedtime'.
  - (3) Humour in 'The Duck and the Kangaroo'

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs : 9
- (1) The light went out while I \_\_\_\_\_. (read)
  - (2) They \_\_\_\_\_ for Surat tomorrow. (leave)
  - (3) I \_\_\_\_\_ to temple everyday in the morning. (go)
  - (4) Beauty \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the beholder. (lie)
  - (5) They \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge for several months. (build)
  - (6) He \_\_\_\_\_ London last month. (visit)
  - (7) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ for C.A. exams next week. (appear)
  - (8) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ with me during last Diwali holidays. (stay)
  - (9) The boys \_\_\_\_\_ hockey in the playground now. (play)
- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of Do, Be and Have : 5
- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ not shout in the class. (do)
  - (2) Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_ a great dramatist of sixteenth century. (be)
  - (3) They \_\_\_\_\_ dinner at 8 O'clock every day. (have)
  - (4) We \_\_\_\_\_ friends for lifetime. (be)
  - (5) She looks very pretty because she \_\_\_\_\_ long hair. (have)
4. (A) Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on any **one** of the following topics : 8
- (1) My favourite game
  - (2) TV – a boon or curse ?
  - (3) Tress – Our best friends
- (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it : 6
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) will soon induct women as fighter pilots, said Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha. That will make it the first of the three wings of the armed forces to put women in combat roles. "We have women pilots flying transport aircraft and helicopters. We are now planning to induct them into the fighter stream to meet the aspirations of young women in India", the air chief said at Hindon air force station on the IAF's 83<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. "There are many of us in the forces who grew up watching MIGs, wished to fly these birds," a woman flying officer in the transport branch told, "with this move we might see that turn to reality." The air forces has about 1,500 women, of which 108 are pilots in the helicopters and transport units. Officials said the process would take some time as a policy will first have to be formulated and only then would induction begin, after which training could take up to three years. It is yet to be seen if the move will have any impact on other two armed forces. The Indian navy does not permit women officers on its warships while in the army women do not find a place in combat arms. Conditions are different in the three services and it is unlikely that the other two services will quickly follow the example of the air force, experts said. A 2010 high court verdict had granted women officers the right to permanent commissions but this has not been fully

implemented. The IAF's initiative is a significant victory for those fighting for equal rights for women in the armed forces.

Questions :

- (1) How many women pilots does air force have and what do they fly ?
- (2) What is IAF planning for Indian women ?
- (3) What did a 2010 high court verdict grant ?

5. Fill in the blanks choosing correct option from those given below :

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- (1) 'The Duck & the Kangaroo' is written by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Thomas Hardy (b) William Wordsworth (c) Edward Lear
- (2) Harvey Maxwell works in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) New York (b) California (c) New Delhi
- (3) The sweet smell of \_\_\_\_\_ which belonged to Miss Leslie made the broker stand-still for a moment.  
(a) rose (b) lilac (c) sandal wood
- (4) Maxwell & Leslie married at \_\_\_\_\_ in the little church.  
(a) six O'clock (b) four O'clock (c) eight O'clock
- (5) The crime committed in 'A Case of Identity' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) fraud (b) murder (c) theft
- (6) The name of Miss Mary Sutherland's stepfather was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Mr. Holmes (b) Mr. Windibank (c) Mr. Watson
- (7) Lucy dwelt near \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) the spring of dove (b) the sea (c) the pond
- (8) The author of the story 'A Case of Identity' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) O. Henry (b) D.H. Lawrence (c) Arthur Conan Doyle
- (9) \_\_\_\_\_ rides the rocking horse in the story 'The Rocking Horse Winner'.  
(a) Paul (b) Paul's sister (c) Uncle Oscar
- (10) The duck bought \_\_\_\_\_ pairs of worsted socks for his web-feet.  
(a) six (b) four (c) two
- (11) In the poem, 'When I set out for Lyonesse' the leaves were covered by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) frost (b) dust (c) insects
- (12) We \_\_\_\_\_ to visit Singapore in the holidays.  
(a) are planning (b) was planning (c) has planning
- (13) She \_\_\_\_\_ in London all her life.  
(a) is live (b) has lived (c) was live
- (14) Variety \_\_\_\_\_ the spice of life.  
(a) am (b) are (c) is