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**AA-109**

**April-2016**

**B.A., Sem.-VI**

**311 : General English**

**(Text : Gems of Wisdom)**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Max. Marks : 70**

1. Give brief answers to the following questions : (Any **Seven**) **14**

- (1) How does the author describe Hughie Erskine, the protagonist of 'The Model Millionaire' ?
- (2) What is the beggar's true identity ? What is Hughie's reaction when he learns of it ?
- (3) What were the different kinds of tax that were levied on the people of Monaco ?
- (4) What arrangements were made to keep the murderer in the prison ?
- (5) Why was George Ramsay in deep gloom ?
- (6) What kind of relationship did George Ramsay share with his brother Tom ?
- (7) What was the amazing thing that happened with the protagonist of the story once he reached 24 years of age ?
- (8) What was the doctors' unanimous verdict about the Long-Nosed one ? What did the President do then ?
- (9) Why was Mathilde, the protagonist of this story unhappy with her life ?
- (10) What did Mr. Loisel do to satisfy his wife's desire to have a suitable dress for the party ?

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

- (1) The character of Mr. Loisel
- (2) The character of Brother Long-Nose
- (3) The life of George Ramsay
- (4) The character of Alan Trevor

3. Draft a Press Report on any **one** of the following : **14**
- (1) A Plane Crash
  - (2) Famine
  - (3) Celebration of Uttarayan

4. (a) Read the following News Item and answer the questions given below : **8**

**March Rains Take Mumbaikars By Pleasant Surprise**

Mumbai | Sadaguru Pandit, Mid day.com | Updated : March 04, 2016 12:55 IST

MUMBAI : Unexpected rains in the wee hours of Friday took Mumbaikars by surprise, as people flooded social media early in the morning by posting pictures and welcoming the showers.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) described the rains as neither routine nor a rare phenomenon as the forecast was for light rains in Mumbai for March 5-6, with cloudy sky. Considering the upper air cyclonic circulation in central Pakistan and adjacent western Rajasthan region, there is a possibility that the sky will remain cloudy.

Speaking to Mid-day, K S Hosalikar, deputy director-general (western region), IMD said that the weather is behaving as expected and while rains in March aren't a routine, they are neither very rare. "We have witnessed similar rainfall in 2006-07 as well as in 2015. The changes in weather are due to the upper air cyclonic activity and light rains are expected to drench Northern-Central and Konkan region of Maharashtra. There is also a patch of cloud on Northern Maharashtra, which will result in rainfall, probably for the next two days," said Hosalikar.

The Disaster Management Cell of BMC said that since the rainfall was merely 2-4 mm, no accidents have taken place due to the same. "There is no water logging in any part of the city, neither incidents of tree falls or electricity failures have been reported, said officials, adding that the rains are pleasant news for Mumbaikars.

**Questions :**

- (1) Why were Mumbaikars surprised on Friday morning ?
- (2) According to IMD, what is the possibility ?
- (3) According to Hosalikar, when did the city witness similar rainfall ?
- (4) What are the reasons for the changes in weather ?

(b) Rewrite the following sentences into indirect speech of narration :

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- (1) Sania said, "I play tennis every day."
- (2) The doctor said, "I will send you the results as soon as they arrive."
- (3) Shirin said to Aditi, "What are you doing ?"
- (4) Kanak said, "I am preparing for my board exams."
- (5) The shopkeeper said to me, "Are you looking for something special ?"
- (6) Payal said, "I love dancing."

5. (a) Choose the correct option from those given under each question and rewrite them :

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- (1) What profession did Hughie's friend Alan belong to ?
  - (a) Singer
  - (b) Dancer
  - (c) Painter
  - (d) Photographer
- (2) What was the first provision that was taken away from the prisoner as a means of cutting cost ?
  - (a) Food
  - (b) Clothes
  - (c) Bathing Facility
  - (d) Guard outside his room
- (3) Why did Tom go to prison ?
  - (a) He had murdered a man.
  - (b) He cheated a man and the person was vindictive.
  - (c) He embezzled funds from his employer.
  - (d) He tried to commit suicide.
- (4) How long did it take for the poor boy to become a millionaire ?
  - (a) Ten years
  - (b) Five years
  - (c) Six years
  - (d) Eight years
- (5) What did Mr. Loisel get for his wife one evening ?
  - (a) A new dress
  - (b) An invitation to a ball
  - (c) Film tickets for the evening show
  - (d) A diamond necklace

- (6) Dhara sits \_\_\_\_\_ me in the class.
- (a) besides                      (b) between  
(c) beside                      (d) among

- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ you trying to lose weight ?
- (a) Is                              (b) Am  
(c) Was                          (d) Are

(b) State whether the following statements are True or False : 3

- (1) The suggestion to borrow jewellery from Mathilde's friend came from Mr. Loisel.
- (2) The long-nosed one was never asked for his opinion on any matter of importance.
- (3) Pekoe and Souchong are different varieties of tea.

(c) Do as directed : 4

- (1) Suman is \_\_\_\_\_ N.C.C. cadet, (insert a suitable 'article')
- (2) I stay \_\_\_\_\_ Navrangpura \_\_\_\_\_ Ahmedabad. (in, of, with, by, at)
- (3) Smit \_\_\_\_\_ writing a letter when I met him. (use proper form of the auxiliary verb 'to be')
- (4) Kanika dances \_\_\_\_\_. (use the adverb form of 'beautiful')
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