

Seat No. : \_\_\_\_\_

**N12-109**

**November-2014**

**B.Sc., (Sem. –V)**

**General English**

**[Text : Gems of Wisdom – (Part One)]**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Max. Marks : 70**

1. Answer any **seven** questions in brief : **14**
  - (1) Why did the astrologer run away from his village ?
  - (2) Give the picture of the black boy's childhood.
  - (3) How did the sniper experience futility of war ?
  - (4) Describe the sniper's tricks to kill the other sniper.
  - (5) What was the reaction of people to the king's method of justice ?
  - (6) How did Della save money ? For what ?
  - (7) What was the attitude of the people who gathered on the day of the trials ?
  - (8) According to Christian tales, who were the Magi ?
  - (9) What were the tactics used by the astrologer to impress his clients ?
  - (10) How did the black boy win his fight with the white boys ?
  
2. Write short notes on any **two** : **14**
  - (1) The Black Boy's Mother.
  - (2) The Astrologer's past.
  - (3) The Princess.
  - (4) The ironic ending of the story : THE SNIPER
  
3. (A) Write an application for the post of an Assistant Manager. **14**

**OR**

(B) Draft a complaint for irregularities of postal services in your area. **14**

4. (A) Write a composition of any **one** of the following :

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- (1) Health is Wealth
- (2) The Gujarat University
- (3) The Social Media – Uses and Abuses

(B) Give missing words in the passage by selecting appropriate options give below : **6**

Sometimes people (1) in things (2) are not really logical or reasonable. For example, many people believe that (3) a cat (especially a black cat) crosses your path, then your work will not. (4) Actually, there is no evidence (5) that this is true or not. As soon as they see a black cat crossing their path, they turn around, go back and (6) start all over again. They have blind faith in their belief.

**WORDS**

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| 1. | (1) believed | (2) believe | (3) are believed | (4) has believed |
| 2. | (1) which    | (2) who     | (3) why          | (4) will         |
| 3. | (1) as       | (2) to      | (3) if           | (4) though       |
| 4. | (1) done     | (2) do      | (3) did          | (4) be done      |
| 5. | (1) showing  | (2) show    | (3) has shown    | (4) had shown    |
| 6. | (1) than     | (2) then    | (3) them         | (4) their        |

5. Choose the right option :

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- (1) How was the princess's lover ?
- (a) Brave, handsome and daring
  - (b) Fat and ugly
  - (c) Poor and pompous
  - (d) Athletic and successful

- (2) According to O'HENRY, life is made of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) roses (b) snobs, sniffles and smiles  
(c) love and hatred (d) sacrifice and gifts
- (3) 'The BLACK BOY' is an extract from 'BLACK BOY' by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) O' HENRY (b) R.K. NARAYAN  
(c) TOLSTOY (d) RICHARD WRIGHT
- (4) The Sniper was injured in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) his right forearm (b) his left arm  
(c) right shoulder (d) right leg
- (5) What did the mother give to the author when he forcefully tried to enter the house ?  
(a) a hug (b) a slap  
(c) a kick (d) a warm welcome
- (6) The babe in the manger is a reference to  
(a) Christ (b) a baby boy  
(c) Buddha (d) Jim
- (7) The sniper is a  
(a) Communist (b) Free stater  
(c) Republican (d) Tory man
- (8) The ampitheatre was  
(a) agent of social justice (b) for entertainment  
(c) agent of poetic justice (d) for bloodshed
- (9) The Black boy's mother was a  
(a) cook (b) labourer  
(c) babysitter (d) typist

- (10) Mount Everest is the \_\_\_\_\_ peak of Himalayas.  
(a) high (b) higher  
(c) highest (d) height
- (11) Vina \_\_\_\_\_ not catch the bus as she was running slowly.  
(a) can (b) shall  
(c) could (d) may
- (12) Truth always \_\_\_\_\_ in the end.  
(a) was triumphing (b) triumphs  
(c) triumph (d) is triumphing
- (13) Every word of your teacher \_\_\_\_\_ important.  
(a) is (b) were  
(c) are (d) will
- (14) He \_\_\_\_\_ his dinner just now.  
(a) has taken (b) is taking  
(c) will take (d) was taking
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