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T.Y.B.A., Annual Pattern

English Compulsory

Text : Prism

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. Answer briefly any **five** of the following questions : **10**
 - (1) Describe how is sword is prepared and carried to the ceremony.
 - (2) What happened to the son at the end ?
 - (3) What was Aksionov's response to his wife's fears ?
 - (4) How did Della manage to buy a gift for her husband ?
 - (5) What happened to Sambu's mother in the cinema house ?
 - (6) How does the author describe Angoori ?
 - (7) Why was Diga respected by his friends ?
 - (8) What was inside Amma's plastic god-box ?

2. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : **10**
 - (1) The message of the story 'The Gift of the Magi'
 - (2) The Rain Ceremony in 'My Thai Cat'
 - (3) The father and the son in 'The Devoted Son'
 - (4) Aksionov's character

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : **8**

"No More Plastics" is a very common slogan found every where these days. The growing use of plastics is a very important current issue. The whole world is much worried about it. The scientists are searching other harmless alternatives for plastics.

Now-a-days Plastic has replaced the traditional wood, paper, jute, tin and cotton. It is used in boards and ball-pens, bags and buckets, table-clothes and furniture, jars and jewellery, tanks and tumblers, toys and utensils and many other things. Teadust, milk, fruits and vegetables are supplied in plastics packing. While using plastics, most people overlook the harmful effects of plastics. They prefer plastics because it is cheap, convenient, multi-coloured, strong and long lasting. Plastic is found in offices, homes, public-places, on roads and almost everywhere.

Either knowingly or unknowingly, by using plastics we are damaging our environment to a great extent. Plastic is made of chemicals, carbon and other poisonous substances. If it is burnt, it emits harmful fume and smoke, which pollute the environment, soil and water very much. Plastic cannot be destroyed or decomposed easily. Even bacteria and earthworms cannot break it up. Our future generation will run short of fertile soil to grow food and vegetables due to our use of plastics. Plastic radiation may ruin us one day.

“No More Plastics”, the slogan is itself the solution of this problem. We should use traditional jute, wood and cotton instead of plastics. They are harmless. Unlike plastic, their recycling is easy and cheap. We should abandon plastics to maintain and regain the health of men, animals, birds, mountains, forests and fields. Then we can keep our lakes, rivers and seas clean. The use of plastics can be reduced by levying heavy taxes on it and making it costly. Let us all say, “No More Plastics”.

Questions : (Any **four**)

- (1) Which current issue is worrying the whole world ?
- (2) Where do we find plastics used ?
- (3) How does plastic affect the environment ?
- (4) What should we do to save our environment ?
- (5) How can we reduce the use of plastics ?

4. (A) Write a short composition on any **one** of the following : **6**
- (1) Mobile Mania
 - (2) My Favourite Sports Person
 - (3) Save Water
- (B) Write a letter to the Police Commissioner of your city complaining about the nuisance created by loud speakers in your area. **6**

OR

You are suffering from viral fever. Write a leave-note to your employer asking for a week's leave.

- (C) Write an application for the post of an English teacher in a Higher Secondary School. **6**

OR

Write a press report on accident caused by a drunken driver.

(D) Match the words in list A with their meanings in list B :

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| A | B |
|---------------|-------|
| I. Procession | Cruel |
| II. Downcast | Old |
| III. Shabby | March |
| IV. Ruthless | Sad |

5. (A) Change the voice of following :

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- (1) Sachin plays cricket daily.
- (2) I told him a story.
- (3) Shilp has drawn these pictures.
- (4) Who will bell the cat ?
- (5) The music will be given by A.R. Rehman.

(B) Report the following in Indirect Speetch.

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- (1) The teacher says, "She is clever".
- (2) Rinku said to Pinku, "I shall bring you book tomorrow".
- (3) "Call the first witness", said the judge.
- (4) I said to Maria, "Will you lend me your calculator ?"
- (5) Shilpa said, "How sweetly Lata sings !"

6. Translate the following passage into Gujarati or Hindi :

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Hobbies are the activities which we conduct during leisure hours. They are not the regular routine work. They come as a break between the regular working periods. There are many hobbies. Painting pictures, collecting shells or leaves or flowers or insects, or coins, or stamps, photography, gardening are the different hobbies. Hobbies differ with different persons. Everyone has a hobby of this own choice. If we develop a hobby, it benefits us greatly. Sometimes, it also benefits other. It helps us to pass our time leisurely and usefully .It also adds to our knowledge. It also sometimes leads to profits. My favourite hobby is photography. I use to move with a camera during my leisure hours. I take snaps or beautiful sceneries of nature or of beautiful building and such things. Then I develop them into fine pictures. No doubt, this is a costly hobby, but it gives me great satisfaction. I have won many prizes in amateur photography and this reward, I feel, is enough for my hobby.

OR

Make a précis of the following passage and give a suitable title :

(Only for Foreign students)

Poverty, hunger, disease and war are man's greatest enemies. The world would definitely be a better place if the powerful nations spends half as much money and efforts in solving these problems as they do for the space race. For the first time in history, man has the overwhelming technological resources to combat human suffering yet he squanders them on meaningless pursuits. If a man deprives himself and his family of food in order to buy and run a car, we would consider him mad. Individuals with limited budgets usually get their priorities right. They provide themselves with necessities before trying to obtain luxuries. Why can't great nations act in the same sensible way ? Let us put our house in order first and let space look after itself.
