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MM-101

April-2018

B.Com., Sem.-I

General English

(Text : Golden Leaves)

(Gujarati Medium)

(Old Course)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief : 9
- (1) What are the two kinds of thermometers mentioned in the story ?
 - (2) Why was Greenwich Village famous for ?
 - (3) Why did Shamnath's mother want to spend the rest of her life in Hardwar ?
 - (4) Why was the vine almost bare ?
 - (5) What was Schatz's problem ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : 5
- (1) Schatz
 - (2) Jhonsy
 - (3) Shamnath
2. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief : 9
- (1) Describe the place chosen by the idlers for doing nothing.
 - (2) What are the virtues of a poet ?
 - (3) Where, according to Tagore, did the music of truth originate ?
 - (4) What did Ram Mohan Roy present ?
 - (5) What, according to Tagore, is a matter of infinite wonder ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : 5
- (1) Reasons to pay Our Homage to Ram Mohan Roy
 - (2) Laziness as the Primary Sin
 - (3) The Merits of doing nothing

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with the proper form of verbs : 9
- (1) Asha _____ to college every day. (to go)
 - (2) She _____ at present. (to read)
 - (3) We _____ just _____ our dinner. (to take)
 - (4) Who _____ a letter yesterday. (to write)
 - (5) I _____ my homework since 8 O'clock. (to do)
 - (6) While she _____ the road, she met with an accident. (to cross)
 - (7) The patient _____ before the doctor came. (to die)
 - (8) I _____ to Surat tomorrow. (to go)
 - (9) The earth _____ round the sun. (move)
- (B) Fill in the blanks with proper forms of to be, to do and to have as main verbs. 5
- (1) I am very busy now. Don't disturb me. Please _____ your work.
 - (2) Tell me, who _____ your best friend at present.
 - (3) I _____ three ball pens.
 - (4) What _____ your father.
 - (5) Who _____ the courage to speak the truth today.
4. (A) Write a paragraph, in about **80-100** words on any **one** of the following : 8
- (1) My Ambition in Life
 - (2) My Village
 - (3) Pollution
- (B) Read the following passage carefully and answers the questions given below : 6
- Generally speaking, the radio functions as a 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 virtue of his occupation, is cut off from much social participation during the normal course of the day, the radio helps to keep 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 non-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 ?

5. Rewrite the following sentences by choosing the correct options :

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- (1) In the lesson, "A Day's Wait" for the whole day the boy kept on looking at _____.
(a) the end of his bed (b) the thermometers (c) the book of pirated
- (2) Who is not a character from the lesson, "The Boss Came to Dinner" ?
(a) Shamnath (b) Jhonsy (c) Mother
- (3) "A Day's Wait" begins in the _____.
(a) night (b) evening (c) morning
- (4) Sue and Jhonsy stayed in _____.
(a) New York (b) Greenwich (c) California
- (5) Sue and Jhonsy were _____ by profession.
(a) poets (b) painters (c) pilots
- (6) Samantha's mother had sold off _____ for his education.
(a) bangles (b) earrings (c) necklace
- (7) What is the masterpiece painted by Behrman ?
(a) The Bay of Naples
(b) The ivy leaf
(c) A painting of a beautiful lady
- (8) The author of the, "The Last Leaf" is _____.
(a) Bhisham Sahani (b) O Henry (c) J.B. Priestly
- (9) The author of the story, "Ram Mohan Roy" is _____.
(a) Rabindranath Tagore (b) O Henry (c) John Milton
- (10) Ram Mohan Roy was _____ by the country.
(a) fondly accepted (b) rudely rejected (c) hated
- (11) Priestly says that _____ is not a sin.
(a) industriousness (b) laziness (c) carelessness
- (12) According to priestly, _____ is the busiest creature in the world.
(a) a devil (b) an angel (c) a common man
- (13) I _____ to the hospital for body check-up yesterday.
(a) went (b) is going (c) shall go
- (14) _____ you planning to come for the study tour next week ?
(a) Is (b) Are (c) Have
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1. (A) Answer any **three** of the following : **9**
- (1) What is MyGov ?
 - (2) What are three aspects of the vision of digital India ?
 - (3) Why is the new salesman satisfied with his job ?
 - (4) Why did Swami change his tactics while giving excuse to his father ?
 - (5) How did Swami provoke his teacher ?
- (B) Write short note on any **one** of the following : **5**
- (1) Swami's father
 - (2) e-Kranti and its salient features
 - (3) The irony in 'The Lemon Yellow and Fig'
2. (A) Answer any **three** of the following : **9**
- (1) Why does the traveller decide to move on ?
 - (2) Why is the traveller induced to stop at the woods ?
 - (3) What is wrong with a life full of care ?
 - (4) What according to the poet, a poor life ?
 - (5) What is the central idea of the poem 'Father Returning Home' ?
- (B) Write short note on any **one** of the following : **5**
- (1) The theme of 'Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening'
 - (2) The Title of 'Father Returning Home'
 - (3) Leisure

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of verbs from those given in brackets : 9

- (1) Sourya _____ now. (reads, is reading)
- (2) My mother always _____ tasty Punjabi food. (prepares, prepare)
- (3) What _____ you do if you win a lottery ? (are, will)
- (4) Have you ever _____ our Prime Minister ? (met, meet)
- (5) Navya _____ Sabarmati Ashram yesterday. (visit, visited)
- (6) When I saw him yesterday, he _____ cricket. (was playing, is playing)
- (7) Do you _____ me ? (following, follow)
- (8) I _____ meet her tomorrow. (shall, am)
- (9) Dhairya _____ the school last month. (left, leaves)

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of DO, BE and HAVE : 5

- (1) It _____ Sunday today. (was, is)
- (2) Duryodhana _____ 99 brothers. (has, had)
- (3) I shall _____ my work honestly and sincerely. (did, do)
- (4) 'You' _____ a pronoun. (is, are)
- (5) Divya and Rishi _____ good friends. (was, are)

4. (A) Write a paragraph on any **one** : 8

- (a) College Life
- (b) My village/city
- (c) Traffic Awareness

(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 6

Amrita Pritam is considered one of the most prominent women writers in India. She was the first woman to receive the prestigious 'Sahitya Akadami Award'. In 1981 she was awarded 'Jnanpeeth Award' for her outstanding contribution to Punjabi literature. She was the first Punjabi woman to receive 'Padma Shri Award, from the President of India. She has published seventy books of short stories and poems. Her works have been translated into several languages.

Questions :

- (1) What is the profession of Amrita Pritam ?
- (2) Name the awards mentioned in the passage.
- (3) By whom she was awarded 'Padma Shri' Award ?

(A) Choose the correct option :

- (1) Where does the owner of the woods live ?
 - (a) In a house deep within the woods
 - (b) In the farmhouse near the lake
 - (c) In the village
- (2) The poet of the 'Leisure' is
 - (a) William Henry Davies
 - (b) Dilip Chitre
 - (c) Rudyard Kipling
- (3) The old man is travelling by _____ train.
 - (a) late evening
 - (b) late night
 - (c) midnight
- (4) Which of the following is not a social media programme ?
 - (a) Facebook
 - (b) Twitter
 - (c) Uber
- (5) 'Bohni' means
 - (a) the first sale of the day
 - (b) the best sale of the day
 - (c) bad luck
- (6) Whom did Swami dread and fear at the school ?
 - (a) His bully classmates
 - (b) Samuel, his teacher
 - (c) His headmaster
- (7) I _____ a student.
 - (a) is
 - (b) are
 - (c) am
- (8) We _____ not play 'Dandia' yesterday.
 - (a) do
 - (b) did
 - (c) were
- (9) Narendra _____ the example before the teacher came.
 - (a) completed
 - (b) completing
 - (c) had completed

(B) Match the words in Column – A with their meanings in Column – B :

A	B
Oblivious	Goods
Tactic	very wet
Stocks	Not aware of something
Soggy	a brief look
Glance	strategy

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1. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief : **9**
- (1) Explain the reasons why the secretary looked unsecretarial.
 - (2) Describe the appearance of the woman who visited Holmes .
 - (3) What were the hopes and ambitions of the mother in the story ?
 - (4) What was the bet taken by the young man and for what reason ?
 - (5) What is Mr. Holmes's opinion about police cases ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **5**
- (1) Character sketch of Harvey Maxwell
 - (2) Paul
 - (3) Lawyer's life in solitary confinement
2. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief : **9**
- (1) What are the comparisons drawn between Lucy and other things in nature ?
 - (2) What is the complaint of the duck to the kangaroo ?
 - (3) What are the poet's hopes about 'Lyonnesse' ?
 - (4) How does the poet describe the stars in the poem ?
 - (5) How is it evident in the poem that Wordsworth is a poet of nature ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **5**
- (1) Appreciation of the poem 'Lucy'
 - (2) Humour in the poem 'The Duck and the Kangaroo'
 - (3) Critical appreciation of the poem 'Escape at Bedtime'

3. (A) Fill in the blank with appropriate forms of verbs : 9
- (1) I can hear that Udit _____ a song. [sing]
 - (2) The moon _____ at night. [shine]
 - (3) Manoj _____ before an hour. [go out]
 - (4) I saw my friend while he _____ to college. [go]
 - (5) The teacher asked Nirav if he _____ all the topics. [prepare]
 - (6) Mr. Patel _____ the temple every evening. [visit]
 - (7) _____ you ever _____ to Goa ?[be]
 - (8) The teacher _____ English for ten years. [teach]
 - (9) I hope that you _____ a prize in the competition. [win]
- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of To Be, To Have and To Do : 5
- (1) Mr. Patel _____ his breakfast before an hour.
 - (2) _____ wise and take the decision.
 - (3) _____ as you are instructed.
 - (4) I _____ a smart phone.
 - (5) He _____ late, so the teacher punished him.
4. (A) Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on any **one** of the following : 8
- (1) My Favourite Game
 - (2) India - Unity in Diversity
 - (3) Trees : Our Best Friends
- (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 6
- A certain supermarket had a number of hidden cameras to measure the reactions of the customers. The result surprised everyone. It was found that most shoppers went into sort of trance [a temporary mental condition in which one is not completely conscious] so that they would pass their best friends without noticing them. All their intentions were centered on the brightly coloured packets that were on display. Many came to their senses only when they arrived at the pay counter and were presented with the bill. Many had not enough money to pay for all the things they had packed up; some were even reluctant to go and return the things they did not actually want.
- There is the group of people who are always taking their cues [direction or sign to do something] from others. They have never really learnt to think for themselves. They go for a product just because an actor has said so. Ad-men are quick to cash in on this 'in-built' human weakness. They manage to get actors or actress to lend their names to a product. And they have their customers who take to it without much fuss.
- Questions :**
- (1) Why did the supermarket have a number of hidden cameras installed ?
 - (2) How were the results of the hidden cameras surprising ?
 - (3) How do ad-men take advantage of people's weakness ?

5. Choose the correct option :

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- (1) Pitcher was a _____ in the office of Maxwell.
(a) peon (b) manager (c) personal clerk
- (2) Maxwell had married to Miss Leslie at a
(a) party plot (b) church (c) court
- (3) Sherlock Holmes had his office in _____.
(a) Baker Street (b) Prince Street (c) King Street
- (4) _____ was Paul's elder sister.
(a) Jena (b) Nancy (c) Joan
- (5) _____ horse won the race and Paul died.
(a) Daffodil (b) Malabar (c) Lively Spark
- (6) The bet between the banker and the lawyer began on
(a) November 14, 1870 (b) October 10, 1870 (c) November 14, 1885
- (7) _____ wrote Lucy.
(a) John Keats (b) W.B. Yeats (c) William Wordsworth
- (8) There was _____ in the eyes of the poet when he returned back from
Lyonnesse.
(a) sadness (b) magic (c) happiness
- (9) 'Escape at Bedtime' was written by _____.
(a) R.L. Stevenson (b) W.H. Davies (c) John Keats
- (10) Wait !I _____ with you.
(a) come (b) have come (c) am coming
- (11) Graham Bell _____ the telephone.
(a) invents (b) invented (c) will invent
- (12) What _____ your father ?
(a) is (b) has (c) does
- (13) He has already _____ his meal before he came here.
(a) was (b) has (c) had
- (14) Don't worry. I _____ you in any difficulty.
(a) help (b) will help (c) have helped

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1. (A) Write brief answers on any **three** of the following : **9**
 - (1) Why was Steve Jobs' role important in the creation of Apple I Computer ?
 - (2) What happened when the black boy went to the grocery store by himself for the first time ?
 - (3) What were people's different versions behind Seth Govind Ram's absence ?
 - (4) What was Steve Job's initial experiments ?
 - (5) What did Nathu think of when he heard the rumour ?

(B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **5**

 - (1) Humour in the story, 'The Boy Who Broke the Bank'.
 - (2) The character of the black boy
 - (3) Steve Job's invention in the computer world.

2. (A) Write brief answers on any **three** of the following : **9**
 - (1) What were Rabindranath Tagore's various skills ?
 - (2) Describe any three stages of life from the poem, "The Seven Ages of Man".
 - (3) What are the two roads in front of the poet ?
 - (4) What kinds of qualities does Tagore wish to see in the people ?
 - (5) Does Robert Frost seem happy with his eventual choice ?

(B) Write short note on any **one** of the following : **5**

 - (1) Seven Stages of Man
 - (2) The patriotic feelings presented in the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'
 - (3) The Central idea of the Poem, 'The Road Not Taken'

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs : 9
- (1) Do not disturb her, she _____. (study)
 - (2) While I _____ the road, I saw a black snake. (cross)
 - (3) Reshma _____ her homework before I came. (complete)
 - (4) He always _____ newspaper in the morning. (read)
 - (5) Look! The weaver bird _____ a nest. (weave)
 - (6) My pet always _____ at the stranger. (bark)
 - (7) Who _____ to our home yesterday ? (come)
 - (8) I have just _____ my assignments. (finish)
 - (9) Shimona _____ in this city since 2000. (live)
- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of BE, DO and HAVE : 5
- (1) _____ you speak English fluently ?
 - (2) I _____ a dog. Its name is Rio.
 - (3) _____ you see him yesterday ?
 - (4) She _____ not know French language.
 - (5) I _____ absent in the class last Monday.
4. (A) Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on any **one** of the following topics : 8
- (1) My Ambition in the Life.
 - (2) Gandhi Ashram
 - (3) Gender Discrimination
- (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 6
- Nicholas Chorier is not usual photographer. He is a kite aerial photographer. He uses a kite to hoist his camera into the skies and clicks photographs while the camera dangles precariously mid-air.
- As a teenager, Nicholas had two passions- photography and kite flying. During a trip to India to make a photo report on kite making, he learnt about this unique style of photography. Fascinated, he literally tied his two hobbies together for living.
- Nicholas learnt to make strong kites modeled on the Japanese kites, Rokkaku that could endure harsh winds. Today he is one of the most well-known kite aerial photographers in the world.
- The technique is to tie a cradle containing the photography equipment to the string of the kite and then fly it, thus launching the camera into air. From the ground Nicholas manipulates the angles with the camera with a remote. An air- to ground video link enables him to see the view from the kite's vantages point. Once satisfied with the frame, he clicks a picture. He is fond of India, having made a couple of trips and taken many photos. He says, "India is beautiful a country to be captured through the lenses in one life".
- Questions :**
- (1) What are Nicholas's two passions ?
 - (2) How does Nicholas take aerial photographs ?
 - (3) What is 'Rokkaku' ?

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

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- (1) Ruskin Bond won the Padma Bhushan award in _____.
(a) 2001 (b) 2014 (c) 2000
- (2) The extract, 'Black Boy' is written by _____.
(a) Ruskin Bond (b) Richard Wright (c) Louis Fisher
- (3) Steve Jobs died at the age of _____.
(a) 55 (b) 50 (c) 56
- (4) In which year was Robert Frost born ?
(a) 1871 (b) 1872 (c) 1874
- (5) My grandmother _____ the flowers daily in the morning.
(a) plucks (b) is plucking (c) will pluck
- (6) Anil has never _____ Agra.
(a) visits (b) visited (c) will visiting
- (7) Sanjay _____ not like classical music.
(a) did (b) done (c) does
- (8) _____ tree is mentioned twice in the story, 'The Boy Who Broke the Bank'.
(a) Neem (b) Banyan (c) Tamarind
- (9) Richard Wright's mother was a _____.
(a) cook (b) doctor (c) clerk
- (10) We enjoyed yesterday's party. The dress code of party _____ black.
(a) is (b) was (c) are

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

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- | A | B |
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| (1) Mewling | flowing water |
| (2) Pavement | crying weakly |
| (3) Hurtle | side walk |
| (4) Stream | move in rush |
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