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**N29-105**

December-2014

**B.Com., Sem.-I**

**General English - Text & Composition**

**Text : Chinar**

**(Gujarati medium)**

**(Old Course)**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Max. Marks : 70**

1. (A) Answer any **two** of the following: (6)

- (1) What did Wordsworth see when he was **wandering** alone ? How did he feel then ?
- (2) What kind of freedom does **Tagore** envisage for his country ?
- (3) Why does the poet call the **mosquito** a 'ghoul' ?
- (4) Why did the **traveller** knock at the door ?

(B) Write a short note on **any one** of the following : (4)

- (1) The poet's **views** on **Childhood** in 'The Season of the Plains'
- (2) **Wordsworth's** **description** of the Daffodils

(C) Answer **any two** of the following : (4)

- (1) **What are** the conflicting views the poet has in his mind about the **Mosquito's** buzzing ?
- (2) Why have the hoofs of the horse been described as 'Plunging' ?
- (3) Why has the poet described solitude as being blissful ?
- (4) The poet says that his mother never told him something. What is he referring to ?

2. (A) Answer any **two** of the following : (6)

- (1) What reasons did the Hangman give for not doing his job ?
- (2) Why did Pyotr's friend ask for a stag party ?
- (3) What are the qualities of a gentleman ?
- (4) Who did the police think had committed the crime ? Why ?

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

- (1) The Hangman
- (2) Oliver Goldsmith's views on National Prejudices

(4)

(C) Answer any **two** of the following :

(4)

- (1) How does Goldsmith spend his time while he travels ? Why ?
- (2) Who gave the diamond to Robert Sandy ? Why ?
- (3) Why did Kondrashkin allow Pyotr to meet his daughter ?
- (4) Why did the others refuse to do the Hangman's work ?

3. (A) Answer any **two** of the following questions in detail :

(6)

- (1) What, according to the writer, is 'crucial to the success of democracy' ?
- (2) What is bio-piracy ? How does it affect a country ?
- (3) Why was Mrs. Clifford so worried about her son being in India ?
- (4) What made the narrator his grandfather's favourite ?

(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 wish to grow up to be like his grandfather ?
- (2) Why does the writer say that it is important to accept that all human beings are inherently divine ?
- (3) Do you think Mr. Gupta was right in accepting the shilling from Maggie ? Why ?
- (4) What is the message in the statement made by the Native American Chief, Seattle ?

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

(8)

- (1) My Favourite National Leader
- (2) A Visit to a Village Fair
- (3) Importance of Computers

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

Sportsmanship is a noble attitude of mind. It is a great principle which great men observe and everyone should always keep in mind. Sportsmanship does not mean taking part in games according to the set rules. Rather it means to observe all those rules in life which the player has been taught to observe while playing games. Games and Sports are to mould the character of the playing by the training they are given in the field. Sportsmanship implies fair dealing in games if a player plays foul, the side to which he belongs is penalized. Exactly in the same manner, in the bigger game of life one must be fair in one's dealing with others. Fairness, honesty, integrity, openness of heart and frankness are the qualities of a sportsman. Reason and not impulse is his true guide. He generous helping others and if ever by mistake he finds others, he hastens to make amends for the wrong done by him. With a smile on his face, he accepts his faults and shortcomings. Sportsmanship is a noble attitude which one must cultivate as early as possible. It is a great virtue which enhances the personality of man many fold.

Questions :

- (1) What, according to the writer, is the real meaning of sportsman ?
- (2) What do sports and games aim at ?
- (3) What lesson does sports give to an individual ?
- (4) Make a list of qualities that sports can develop in an individual.
- (5) Make sentences using the given words/phrases selected from the passage :
  - (i) according to
  - (ii) accept
- (6) Suggest the suitable title of this passage.

5. Do as directed :

(14)

(A) Say true or false :

- (1) The daffodils were countless.
- (2) The traveller did not knock the door.
- (3) During the rainy season, people behave as lunatics.
- (4) 'The Listeners' is a poem by Rabindranath Tagore.

(B) Match the words under column – A with their meaning under column – B :

**A**

The Traveller  
Robert Sandy  
Where the Mind is Without Fear  
Maggie  
Hangman

**B**

Rabindranath Tagore  
Knocking on the door  
The Surgeon  
Capital Punishment  
The Price of Flowers

(C) Choose the correct option :

(1) '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

(2) The stolen diamond was recovered from.....

- (a) a hard-core criminal
- (b) someone's stomach
- (c) nurse serving in Robber Sandy's hospital

(3) Who is the author of 'Youth and the Tasks Ahead' ?

- (a) Padma Hejmadi
- (b) Oliver Goldsmith
- (c) Dr. Kiran Singh

(4) The girl's family was in mourning because.....

- (a) their relative had died.
- (b) the girl's brother had been killed in war.
- (c) the girl's mother had died.

(5) 'Grandfather's eyes sparkled momentarily with intense brightness.' The emotion he felt was .....

- (a) pleasure
- (b) pain
- (c) greed

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**General English – Text & Composition**

**Text : Golden Leaves**

**(Gujarati Medium)**

**(New Course)**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Max. Marks : 70**

1. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief : (9)
- (1) What was Schatz's problem ?
  - (2) Why was the Vine almost bare ?
  - (3) Why was Shamnath angry when his mother asked him to send her to Hardwar ?
  - (4) What did Johnny think of the last leaf ?
  - (5) What dress was Shamnath's mother made to wear ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : (5)
- (1) The End of the story, 'A Day's Wait'
  - (2) The character sketch of Behrman
  - (3) Shamnath
2. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in brief : (9)
- (1) Why according to Tagore, was Ram Mohan Roy rudely rejected by his country ?
  - (2) Why does Tagore say that we have the right to hope for the best ?
  - (3) Describe the place chosen by the idlers for doing nothing.
  - (4) What are the virtues of a poet ?
  - (5) What did Ram Mohan Roy represent ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : (5)
- (1) Priestly ideas on doing nothing
  - (2) Reasons to pay our homage to Ram Mohan Roy
  - (3) The Arrival of Ram Mohan and People's Response to Him

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verb : (9)

- (1) He..... the Chairman yesterday. (see, have seen, saw)
- (2) He ..... fast when the accident happened. (is driving, was driving, drove)
- (3) The earth.....round the sun. (move, moves, moved)
- (4) Don't disturb me, I.....my homework. (do, did, am doing)
- (5) I will phone you when he.....back. (come, will come, comes)
- (6) They..... just ..... from Surat. (has come, have come, will come)
- (7) The patient.....before the doctor came. (died, has died, had died)
- (8) Time and Tide ..... for none. (waits, wait, will wait)
- (9) I.....for you since 8 o'clock. (wait, waiting, have been waiting.)

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of Do, Be and Have : (5)

- (1) My father ..... a doctor.
- (2) Dhairya..... two factories in Bombay.
- (3) He shall..... his homework tomorrow.
- (4) It..... Monday yesterday.
- (5) I..... many friends on the Facebook.

4. (A) Write a paragraph, in about 80-100 words, on any one of the following : (8)

- (1) My Favourite Game
- (2) TV-A Boon or A Curse
- (3) Women Empowerment

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

There are two types of courage. The first is physical courage, the courage which makes a man ready to risk wounds or death. The second is moral courage, the courage which makes a man risk his career, his happiness on what he thinks right or worthwhile. These two types of courage are quite different from each other. I have known many men who had marked physical courage but had no moral courage. On the other hand, men who possessed great moral courage would not take physical risk. I have, however never met a man with moral courage who would not, when it was really, necessary, face bodily danger. Moral courage is higher than physical courage as it is a rarer virtue. To be really great, a man or a nation must possess both kinds of courage. Can courage be taught ? I am sure, in

one sense, physical courage can. You must train the man not to draw too heavily on his stock of courage. Teach him what to expect, and not be frightened by the unknown.

**Questions :**

- (1) What is physical courage ?
- (2) What is moral courage ?
- (3) Moral courage is higher than physical courage because.... [Choose your response]
  - (a) it makes one physically strong.
  - (b) it is a rare virtue.
  - (c) it is good for health.

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

(14)

- (1) The doctor gave Schatz ..... different medicines.
  - (a) two
  - (b) three
  - (c) four
- (2) Schatz was waiting to die because of his .....
  - (a) misunderstanding about thermometers
  - (b) weakness
  - (c) incurable disease
- (3) Johnsy's life was saved because of.....
  - (a) Behrman's masterpiece.
  - (b) Sue's care and nutrition.
  - (c) right kind of treatment.
- (4) Sue and Johnsy were close friends because.....
  - (a) they hailed from the same town.
  - (b) their tastes in food, clothes and art were identical.
  - (c) they had been together as classmates from primary school.
- (5) Old Behrman's ambition was.....
  - (a) to be a wealthy person.
  - (b) to be another Michael Angelo.
  - (c) to draw a masterpiece.
- (6) What did Shamnath's mother show to her son's American boss ?
  - (a) Punjabi Sweet cooked by her
  - (b) Phulkari
  - (c) Photographs of her village

- (7) According to Priestley laziness is the.....
- (a) primary sin.
  - (b) minor sin.
  - (c) ordinary sin.
- (8) All the evil in this world, according to priestly, is brought about by
- (a) politicians
  - (b) people who are always busy
  - (c) entrepreneurs
- (9) The nearest thing to Ram Mohan Roy's heart was.....
- (a) the vision of modern India
  - (b) the elimination of the British rule
  - (c) to revive the learning of Occidental wisdom.
- (10) The short story, 'The Boss Came to Dinner' is written by.....
- (a) Ernest Hemingway
  - (b) O'Henry
  - (c) Bhisham Sahni
- (11) He..... to college daily.
- (a) go
  - (b) goes
  - (c) will go
- (12) My son ..... a window last night.
- (a) break
  - (b) broken
  - (c) broke
- (13) She.....English before she went to England.
- (a) learns
  - (b) learnt
  - (c) had learnt
- (14) The baby ..... now.
- (a) is crying
  - (b) were crying
  - (c) was crying



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**B.Com., Sem.-I**

**General English – Text & Composition**

**Text : Prose and Poetry for the Young Reader**

**(For English Medium)**

**(Old Course)**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**Max. Marks : 70**

1. (A) Answer any **two** of the following question : (06)

(1) What are the measures suggested for prevention of soil erosion ?

(2) Why does Katharine Wilson contrast the cat and the rabbit ?

(3) What did the English press write about 1,000 goals ?

(4) Why did the British Government consider Gandhi as a 'safe politician' ?

(B) Write a short note on the use of rainfed tanks. (04)

**OR**

Write a short note on Pele's nervousness for his 1000<sup>th</sup> goal.

(C) Write a note on the Gandhian concept of the vow of Ahimsa. (04)

**OR**

Write a note on the contrast behaviour of the dog and the cat.

2. (A) Write a note on the illusions presented by the tree stumps. (06)

**OR**

Write a note on the importance of order and safety in civilization.

(B) Write a note on the deficiency diseases and their natural remedies. (04)

**OR**

Write a note on the various drug-related health disorders ?

(C) Write a note on the role of League of Nations. (04)

**OR**

Write a note on Dicken's impressions of the journey to Niagra.

3. (A) Answer any **two** of the following questions : (06)

(1) Describe the feelings evoked in Wordsworth by the song of the solitary reaper.

(2) Narrate the story of "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" and account for the popularity of the poem.

(3) Why has the poet titled the poem as 'A Passer By' ?

(4) Where is the traveller going ? Why does he stop on the way ?

(B) Discuss the critical appreciation of the poem 'On His Blindness'. (04)

**OR**

Trace the sequence of thought in the poem 'The Solitary Reaper'.

(C) Write an appreciation of the poem 'A Passer By'. (04)

**OR**

Describe the feelings evoked in Robert Frost by the sight of snowfall on a winter evening.

4. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : (06)

Brain Drain means the migration of highly qualified experts like doctors, engineers, scientists and other trained persons from the underdeveloped countries to the advanced countries. It is a direct loss of trained experts in many fields. Many Indians go to other countries like U.K., U.S.A., Canada, Australia, West Germany etc.

They go to these countries for monetary gains and facilities for higher research.

Once the students go abroad for higher studies they mostly do not return. One of

the reasons for brain drain is the unemployment problem. When talented people

do not get proper job or facilities for higher research work in India they are

tempted to settle abroad. The government must take speedy steps to lure back

home these talented people of India who are living in other countries. They can

help in making India a great power in the world. Today our country can provide

the young Indian scientists, engineers and doctors enough opportunities, if they

come back to India. They all can play a very important role in the future

of India. Let us all Indians participate in the noble task of nation building and

take our country to greater heights.

Questions :

- (1) Explain the word 'Brain Drain'.
  - (2) Why do talented Indians go abroad ?
  - (3) Which countries are preferred by Indians to go abroad ?
  - (4) Why should Indian people come back to India ?
  - (5) Give the opposite of : (1) Gain (2) Employment
- (B) Match the words given in column 'A' with their meaning given in column 'B': (04)

A

- (1) Burglars
- (2) Stunned
- (3) Illusion
- (4) Defied

B

- shocked
- challenged
- those who break into houses
- unreal pictures

- (C) Use the prefixes 'un', 'in', 'ir' and 'im' and form new words from those given below : (04)

Efficient, Regular, Well, Pure

5. (A) State whether the following statements are True or False : (08)

- (1) The Egyptian Civilization was created and preserved by the Nile.
- (2) The extra hired by Dickens would not change horses and drivers like the stage-coaches.
- (3) Illness is no longer terrible because of anaesthetics.
- (4) The match against Fulminense ended in a goal less draw.
- (5) The addict feels that people are looking at him strangely.
- (6) Cats are less intelligent than dogs because they cannot use their reason in serving man.
- (7) Gandhi mourned Gokhale's death by walking barefoot for one year.
- (8) Man is like a steam engine as they both need fuel.

- (B) Rewrite the following sentences choosing the correct option from those given below each statement: (06)

- (1) The poem 'On His Blindness' was written by
  - (a) William Wordsworth
  - (b) John Milton
  - (c) John Keats

- (2) In the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' the poet is on a
- (a) journey through life
  - (b) trip with his friends
  - (c) walk with his relative.
- (3) The drug users do not realize the actual dangers in drug use because
- (a) the harmful side effects are not immediately apparent.
  - (b) they do not think there is any danger.
  - (c) drugs operate very slowly.
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is the basis of all life.
- (a) Drugs
  - (b) Journey
  - (c) Water
- (5) From the *Gita* Gandhi had imbibed the ideal of non-possession because
- (a) Gandhi wanted human needs to be reduced to the minimum.
  - (b) man should have no roof, no clothing, no food for the morrow.
  - (c) he had denied himself both money and property.
- (6) We should not mistake the cat's courtesy for love because
- (a) unlike the dogs she does not indicate gratitude.
  - (b) the cat has no courtesy at all.
  - (c) she is polite by nature.
- \_\_\_\_\_

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**General English – Text & Composition**

**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 : **(09)**

- (1) Point out a few instances which show that Harvey Maxwell was absent-minded.
- (2) What did Miss Sutherland come to complain about and seek help from Holmes ?
- (3) What were the hopes and ambitions of the mother in the story 'The Rocking-Horse Winner' ?
- (4) Why did the banker finally feel contempt for his own behaviour ?
- (5) Describe the office of Maxwell and infer the picture of a typical broker's office and a day in the life of such an office.

(B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **(05)**

- (1) Miss Leslie
- (2) Title of the story 'The Rocking-Horse Winner'
- (3) The character of the young man in the story 'The Bet'

2. (A) Write brief answers on any **three** of the following : **(09)**

- (1) How is it evident in the poem 'Lucy' that Wordsworth is a poet of nature ?
- (2) How does the duck prepare himself to meet the kangaroo's needs ?
- (3) What is the change in the poet after the experience of Lyonesse ?
- (4) How do the stars chase the poet back to bed in the poem 'Escape at Bedtime' ?
- (5) How does Lucy cease to be of the earth and the human world ?

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

(05)

- (1) Appreciate the poem 'The Duck and the Kangaroo'
- (2) Central idea of the poem 'When I set out for Lyonesse'
- (3) Critical appreciation of the poem 'Escape at Bedtime'

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs :

(09)

- (1) When they \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden they saw a snake. (play)
- (2) She \_\_\_\_\_ her assignment when he came to meet her. (complete)
- (3) Many students \_\_\_\_\_ in the cancer awareness programme tomorrow. (participate)
- (4) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ a designer watch for me last week. (buy)
- (5) He \_\_\_\_\_ English to the students for last 10 years. (teach)
- (6) I \_\_\_\_\_ him for disobedience. (punish)
- (7) He \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ his project. (finish)
- (8) My mother \_\_\_\_\_ for morning walk everyday. (go)
- (9) These students \_\_\_\_\_ part in the college annual function in January. (take)

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

(05)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ there books in the cupboard ? (be)
- (2) We usually \_\_\_\_\_ dinner at 8 p.m. (have)
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ your work carefully. (do)
- (4) She \_\_\_\_\_ the latest information regarding the function. (have)
- (5) Half a loaf \_\_\_\_\_ better than no bread. (be)

4. (A) Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on any **one** of the following topics :

(08)

- (1) Mobile Phone and My life
- (2) India – Unity in Diversity
- (3) Water – The Elixir of Life

- (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : (06)

French economist Jean Tirole won the Nobel Prize for Economics in 2014 for research on market power and regulation that has helped policy makers understand how to deal with industries dominated by a few dominant companies. Tirole, 61, works at the Toulouse School of Economics in France and has a Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The award of this year's prize to a French national marks a departure from American dominance on the list of laureates. Over the past decade, 18 out of 20 Economics Prize Laureates have been from the US, including one Israeli-American.

The Economics Prize, officially called the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, was established in 1968. It was not part of the original group of awards set out in dynamite tycoon Nobel's 1895 Will. Last year, US scholars Eugene Fama, Lars Peter Hansen and Robert Shiller won for their work on spotting trends in the asset markets. It was the first Economics prize without an American winner since 1999. "I am so moved", Tirole said, speaking to a news conference in Stockholm on a telephone link from Toulouse. "I think banking is a very hard thing to regulate and we economists and academics have to do more work on this", he said.

Questions :

- (1) Who won the Nobel Economics Prize in 2014 ?
- (2) Why was he awarded this Prize ?
- (3) Mention the names of the US scholars who won the prize last year ?

5. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option from those given below : (14)

- (1) Harvey Maxwell married Miss Leslie at a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) temple (b) church (c) banquet hall
- (2) Mrs. Sutherland sold her husband's plumbing business on advice of her second husband for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) 4700 pounds (b) 4200 pounds (c) 6000 pounds
- (3) Paul earned money out of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Football (b) Derby (c) Singing

- (4) The story 'The Bet' was written by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) O. Henry                      (b) Anton Chekov      (c) D. H. Lawrence
- (5) Lucy is compared to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) river                              (b) wind                      (c) star
- (6) The duck's feet according to the kangaroo were unpleasantly \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) wet and cold                      (b) wet and soft                      (c) cold and brown
- (7) The poem 'When I set out for Lyonesse' was written by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) William Wordsworth
- (b) Edward Lear
- (c) Thomas Hardy
- (8) In the poem 'Escape at Bedtime' light shone out from the parlour and kitchen through the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) doors and the windows
- (b) windows and the roofs
- (c) blinds and the windows
- (9) We \_\_\_\_\_ the paper at the moment.
- (a) will writing                      (b) were write                      (c) are writing
- (10) When the door bell rang, I \_\_\_\_\_ TV.
- (a) was watch                      (b) was watching                      (c) will watch
- (11) \_\_\_\_\_ you speak Chinese fluently.
- (a) Does                              (b) Have                              (c) Do
- (12) \_\_\_\_\_ she your best friend ?
- (a) Is                                      (b) Are                                      (c) Am
- (13) As the examination is approaching, the students \_\_\_\_\_ to work hard to get good marks.
- (a) have                                      (b) has                                      (c) will have
- (14) \_\_\_\_\_ you ever heard such a story ?
- (a) Does                                      (b) Did                                      (c) Have
-