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December-2022

B.Com., Sem.-I

General English

(Text : Glimpses of Infinity)

(English Medium)

(New)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief. 8
- (1) How did the man explain his presence to the policeman ?
 - (2) How did the man realize that the tall man he had met was not Jimmy ?
 - (3) What had the wise old man told the Talkative Man ?
 - (4) What 'business' did the narrator start ?
 - (5) How did Vicky kill the mosquito ?
 - (6) How was the elephant finally defeated ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** : 6
- (1) Bob
 - (2) The Old Woman
 - (3) The title of the story : Valiant Vicky
2. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief. 8
- (1) Why did the school master's students laugh at all his jokes ?
 - (2) What did the people of the village think about the school master ?
 - (3) Who is addressed as 'Captain' ? Why is he addressed as a captain ?
 - (4) Why does the poet refer to the Captain as 'dear father' ?
 - (5) What is the change that comes over children when their parents are in their middle age ?
 - (6) What does the son say to his mother 'in disgust' ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** : 6
- (1) The school master
 - (2) The poet's love for his 'Captain'
 - (3) The mother (in the poem Middle Age)

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

- (1) My mother _____ her favourite TV programme every evening. (watches, is watching)
- (2) They _____ their dinner now. (is eating, are eating)
- (3) She has a car, so she _____ there many times. (has driven, have driven)
- (4) Krina and Krupa _____ tennis for an hour. (have been playing, has been playing)
- (5) My cousin _____ me the good news yesterday. (tell, told)
- (6) He _____ his homework when I called him. (was doing, does)
- (7) We heard that a fire _____ in the next building. (breaks out, had broken out)
- (8) You _____ the living room tomorrow. (will clean, cleaned)

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of **DO**, **BE** and **HAVE** given in brackets. 6

- (1) Her book _____ on the table. (is, are)
- (2) Where _____ you at 9 o'clock last night? (was, were)
- (3) They _____ many types of drawing pencils in their shop. (has, have)
- (4) Navya _____ a pet cat. (has, have)
- (5) _____ they study hard? (Do, Does)
- (6) Our class _____ start at three o'clock. (does not, do not)

4. Write an essay in about **150 to 200 words** on **any ONE** of the following topics. 14

- (1) My Role Model
- (2) Superstitions
- (3) Internet : A Boon or A Bane

5. Choose the correct option : (ANY SEVEN) 14

- (1) What did the policeman on beat look like ?
 - (A) uniformed, frail and short
 - (B) uniformed and well built
 - (C) dressed in ordinary clothes and well-built
- (2) Jimmy recognized Bob but
 - (A) still wanted to meet him.
 - (B) wanted to interrogate him.
 - (C) did not want to arrest him.

- (3) What 'remedy' was the narrator using for unemployment ?
- (A) coconut-oil massage
 - (B) regular visits to Madras
 - (C) meeting with his friends
- (4) How did the narrator's staff treat him after he shaved off his beard ?
- (A) as their master
 - (B) as an impostor
 - (C) as a friend
- (5) What did Vicky do for a living ?
- (A) He was a weaver.
 - (B) He was a blacksmith.
 - (C) He was a soldier.
- (6) What did Vicky do when he saw the tiger charging towards him ?
- (A) He charged towards the tiger.
 - (B) He asked his army to attack the tiger.
 - (C) He ran for the nearest tree and climbed to its branches.
- (7) What is meant by the phrase 'dismal tidings' in the poem The Village School Master ?
- (A) high tide
 - (B) gleeful news
 - (C) bad news
- (8) What is referred to as a 'noisy mansion' ?
- (A) the village church
 - (B) the school
 - (C) the poet's village
- (9) The 'ship' in the poem O Captain! My Captain is
- (A) Europe
 - (B) the United Kingdom
 - (C) the United States
- (10) Who are the 'bouquets and the ribbon'd wreaths' for ?
- (A) the Poet
 - (B) the 'swaying mass'
 - (C) the Captain

(11) The poem Middle Age is written in _____ tone.

- (A) sad and nostalgic
- (B) happy and excited
- (C) hateful

(12) According to Kamala Das, when children grow up they only need their parents for _____.

- (A) doing their daily work for them
 - (B) taking advice
 - (C) blessing their children
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(Text : Pinnacle)

(English Medium)

(Old)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : 8
- (1) What were people's different versions behind Seth Govind Ram's absence ?
 - (2) How did the beggar who couldn't walk start walking ?
 - (3) What happened when the black boy went to the grocery store for the first time ?
 - (4) How did the black boy win his right to the streets of Memphis ?
 - (5) Why is Steve Jobs considered a visionary ?
 - (6) How did Steve Jobs meet Mr. Wozniak ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** : 6
- (1) The central idea of the story : The Boy Who Broke the Bank
 - (2) Character Sketch: The Black Boy's Mother.
 - (3) Lesson learnt from the article-The Man Who Redefined Digital Age.
2. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : 8
- (1) What kind of qualities does Rabindranath Tagore expect from the countrymen ?
 - (2) Why was Rabindranath Tagore also known as the "Bard of Bengal" ?
 - (3) What does Shakespeare consider as the concept behind life ?
 - (4) Describe the first two stages of life.
 - (5) What are the roads in front of the narrator ?
 - (6) Does the narrator seem happy about his eventual choice ?

(B) Write a short note on any ONE :

- (1) The idea of freedom propagated in 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.
- (2) Each of the seven stages outlined in the poem.
- (3) Lessons learnt about making choices.

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

8

- (1) It _____ since 8 o'clock. (is raining, has been raining)
- (2) She _____ how to speak Marathi. (knows, know)
- (3) Look, they _____ in the garden. (were playing, are playing)
- (4) I _____ my mobile phone. (has not found, have not found)
- (5) They _____ brinjals at their kitchen garden last year. (grew, grow)
- (6) He _____ his car next week. (sold, will sell)
- (7) She _____ before the taxi arrived. (eats, had eaten)
- (8) When he entered into my room, I _____ my textbook. (was reading, am reading)

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

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- (1) The rainbow _____ many colours. (has, have)
- (2) I _____ responsible for this issue. (are, am)
- (3) _____ he want to draw a picture ? (Does, Do)
- (4) Sunil and Nita _____ a cat. (has, have)
- (5) You _____ in the park yesterday. (were, are)
- (6) They _____ not clean their rooms daily. (do, does)

4. Write a paragraph in about 100-125 words on any ONE of the following topics :

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- (1) My Ambition in Life
- (2) My City/Village
- (3) Pollution

5. Choose the correct option : (ANY SEVEN)

14

- (1) What was the name of the washerman's son ?
- (A) Nathu (B) Seth Govind Ram
(C) Sitaram (D) Radhekrishna
- (2) Where was Seth Govind Ram holidaying ?
- (A) Paris (B) Kerala
(C) Kashmir (D) London
- (3) Who was the author threatened by on his way to the store ?
- (A) A gang of boys (B) A group of old women
(C) The ghost of a dead woman (D) Old men
- (4) What did mother give to the little boy on his third visit to the store ?
- (A) Money and a note (B) Money
(C) Revolver (D) Money, a note, and a stick
- (5) Which of these is not an Apple product ?
- (A) iPad (B) iPod
(C) iPhone (D) iCell
- (6) Which was the first movie made by Pixar ?
- (A) Toy Story (B) The Incredibles
(C) Wall-E (D) Finding Nemo
- (7) Who does 'Father' refer to ?
- (A) Prime Minister (B) Government
(C) God (D) Maharshi Devendranath Tagore
- (8) *Where the Mind is Without Fear* was included in the collection of poems named _____.
- (A) Anjali (B) Gitanjali
(C) Gitmala (D) Rekhanjali

- (9) What is the man referred to in the first stage of life ?
- (A) Infant (B) Baby
(C) Child (D) None of the above
- (10) "...shrunk shank": describe the poetic device used here.
- (A) Metaphor (B) Alliteration
(C) Simile (D) Rhyme
- (11) The poem *The Road Not Taken* talks about _____.
- (A) Love (B) Choice
(C) Nature (D) None of the above
- (12) Where was Robert Frost from ?
- (A) England (B) Japan
(C) America (D) South Africa
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B.Com., Sem.-I

General English – I

(Text : Ferns : An Anthology of Prose and Poetry)

(Gujarati Medium)

(New Course)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : **8**
- (1) Who is Mr. Maxwell and what is Pitcher's relationship with him ?
 - (2) Which city did the author move to and why ?
 - (3) How does owning a monkey change Sami's life ?
 - (4) How did Maxwell propose marriage and to whom ?
 - (5) What did Sudha Murty find when she reached home ?
 - (6) How does the monkey escape ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **ONE** of the following : **6**
- (1) Character-sketch of Harvey Maxwell.
 - (2) The theme of the story: 'When Telegrams were Bad'.
 - (3) Sami and his monkey.
2. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief : **8**
- (1) What were the poet's first thoughts when he saw the solitary reaper ?
 - (2) What happened to the house when the poet's grandmother was no longer living there ?
 - (3) Who makes the banquet cheerful, according to Henry Dobson ?
 - (4) Why was the poet puzzled with the song of the solitary reaper ?
 - (5) Why did the speaker in 'My Grandmother's House' say that she had lost her way ?
 - (6) What is a 'nobler thing' than fame, according to the poet ?

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

- (1) The theme of the poem : 'The Solitary Reaper'.
- (2) The significance of the title: 'My Grandmother's House'
- (3) The poet's views on fame and friendship.

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs from those given in the brackets : 8

- (1) While Aman _____ the road, he met with an accident. [had crossed, was crossing]
- (2) An old man _____ the prayer every morning. [is saying, says]
- (3) I _____ the meeting next month. [will attend, attended]
- (4) The teacher _____ already _____ our papers. [will...check, has....checked]
- (5) Mr. Pandya _____ as an engineer for thirty years. [was working, has been working]
- (6) There is no noise in the room. I think the child _____. [is sleeping, had slept]
- (7) We _____ the Mount Abu last year. [have visited, visited]
- (8) Before I went out, I _____ my lunch. [took, had taken]

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of **Do**, **Have** and **Be** as lexical verbs from those given in the brackets : 6

- (1) Mona _____ her work herself. [do, does]
- (2) We _____ a car which we sold last year. [have, had]
- (3) I _____ late, so the teacher punished me. [was, had]
- (4) Kunal _____ his best to succeed in life, but he could not. [did, had]
- (5) _____ some patience, please. [Do, Have]
- (6) It _____ very hot today. [is, does]

4. Write an essay in about 150-200 words on any **ONE** of the following topics : 14

- (1) My Favourite National Hero
- (2) Superstitions
- (3) Joint Family versus Nuclear Family

5. Choose the correct option : [Any Seven]

- (1) The perfume used by Leslie smelt of
 - (a) lemon
 - (b) lilac
 - (c) lavender
- (2) To get home Sudha Murty takes
 - (a) a train
 - (b) a bus
 - (c) a flight
- (3) The monkey is tempted by
 - (a) a slice of mango
 - (b) the thought of freedom
 - (c) a slice of bread
- (4) The tone of the reaper's song is
 - (a) happy
 - (b) irritated
 - (c) melancholic
- (5) The house became cold and dark when
 - (a) the grandmother passed away
 - (b) the speaker left the house
 - (c) the speaker became an adult
- (6) The poet has no appetite for
 - (a) friendship
 - (b) food
 - (c) fame
- (7) O. Henry compares the coming and going of orders to
 - (a) a flock of pigeons
 - (b) the flight of birds
 - (c) crows gathering for grain
- (8) Compared to other beggars, Sami was at a disadvantage because
 - (a) he could not speak
 - (b) he could not walk
 - (c) he could not see

- (9) In those times, the main channel of urgent communication was
- (a) telephone
 - (b) letters
 - (c) telegram
- (10) The effect the song has on the poet at the end of the poem is
- (a) temporary
 - (b) eternal
 - (c) transitory
- (11) The predominant sense conveyed by the poem 'My Grandmother's House' is one of
- (a) darkness
 - (b) loss
 - (c) happiness
- (12) The kind voice of a friend would
- (a) make the occasion cheerful
 - (b) tell people sad stories
 - (c) ask people to aim for fame
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B.Com., Sem.-I

General English – I

(Text : Beautiful Minds)

(Gujarati Medium)

(Old Course)

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief :

8

- (1) What are the three main aspects of the vision of Digital India ?
- (2) Why is the new salesman satisfied with his job ?
- (3) What did Swami say about his teacher Samuel to his father ?
- (4) What is MyGov ?
- (5) What made the salesman suspicious about the second woman customer ?
- (6) Why did Swami realize that he was perjuring himself ?

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

6

- (1) The pillars of the Digital India movement.
- (2) Mr. Agarwal- the salesman.
- (3) Character sketch of Swami.

2. (A) Answer any **FOUR** questions in brief :

8

- (1) How has the poet Dilip Chitre conveyed the physical decline of the old man ?
- (2) Why is the traveller induced to stop at the woods ?
- (3) What is wrong with a life full of care ?
- (4) What does the poet mean by the word 'care' ?
- (5) Why does the traveler decide to move on ?
- (6) How does the poet describe his father's train journey in the poem ?

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

- (1) The title of the poem: 'Father Returning Home'.
- (2) The theme of the poem: 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'.
- (3) The central idea of the poem: 'Leisure'.

3. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs from those given in the brackets : 8

- (1) Mr. Patel _____ a shave daily. [took, takes]
- (2) Last year, we _____ a new house. [bought, have bought]
- (3) Aman _____ from Mumbai next week. [has returned back, will return back]
- (4) The teacher _____ the result just now. [has declared, declares]
- (5) Before I went out, I _____ my lunch. [took, had taken]
- (6) While we _____ cricket, it began to rain. [were playing, are playing]
- (7) The students _____ the prayer now. [are saying, were saying]
- (8) I _____ in the library for three hours. [read, have been reading]

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of **Do**, **Have** and **Be** as lexical verbs from those given in the brackets : 6

- (1) Mona _____ a nurse in the government hospital. [does, is]
- (2) We _____ a car which is red in colour. [have, had]
- (3) I _____ my homework myself. [done, do]
- (4) Aman _____ absent in the school yesterday. [was, had]
- (5) _____ some courage in life. [Do, Have]
- (6) Nisha _____ her best to succeed in business, but she could not. [did, was]

4. Write an essay in about 100-125 words on any **ONE** of the following topics : 14

- (1) My Ambition in Life
- (2) Importance of English in India
- (3) Trees : Our Best Friends

5. Choose the correct option : [Any Seven]

- (1) What is another name for National e-Governance Plan 2.0 ?
 - (a) e-Education
 - (b) e-Security
 - (c) e-Kranti
- (2) 'Bohni' means
 - (a) bad luck
 - (b) the first sale of the day
 - (c) the best sale of the day
- (3) Whom did Swami dread and fear at school ?
 - (a) Samuel, his teacher
 - (b) His head master
 - (c) His bully classmates
- (4) What does the old man dream of ?
 - (a) son and wife
 - (b) his food and home
 - (c) ancestors and grandchildren
- (5) What does the horse do to ask if there has been a mistake ?
 - (a) neighs
 - (b) shakes the harness bells
 - (c) starts jumping
- (6) The poet is asking us to do everything except
 - (a) neglect to rest
 - (b) relax
 - (c) look at the branches of the trees
- (7) What does MOOC stand for ?
 - (a) Massive Open Online Correspondence
 - (b) Media Open Online Course
 - (c) Massive Online Open Course
- (8) Mr. Ratnam's sari mill was located in
 - (a) Bombay
 - (b) Bangalore
 - (c) Delhi

- (9) Swami did not do his homework because he
- (a) was lazy
 - (b) was busy with other work
 - (c) was not able to understand it
- (10) The old man is travelling by a train
- (a) late afternoon
 - (b) late night
 - (c) late evening
- (11) Robert Frost is regarded for his
- (a) realistic depiction of rural life
 - (b) realistic depiction of city life
 - (c) formal speech
- (12) Who has more time to 'stare', according to the poet ?
- (a) People in the village
 - (b) No one
 - (c) Birds
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