

Bhavan's Sheth R. A. College of Arts and Commerce, Ahmedabad

Project and Assignment - August 2016-17

B Com - Semester - I - General English (CC 105)

English Medium - Divisions - "A" and "B" (Journey through Words)

1. (a) Answer **any three** of the following questions in brief: (09)

1. Explain the reasons why the secretary looked un-secretarial.
2. What is Holmes's opinion about police cases?
3. How does the mother's attitude in "The Rocking-Horse Winner" affect the children?
4. What was the bet taken by the young man and for what reason?
5. How does the duck prepare himself to meet the kangaroo's needs?

(b) Attempt **any one** of the following short notes: (05)

- (i) Character sketch of Harvey Maxwell
- (ii) Disappearance of Mr. Angel and the cruel joke behind it
- (iii) The aptness of the title of the story "The Rocking-Horse Winner"

2. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets: (09)

1. The girl fell from the second floor while she _____ a selfie. (to take)
2. I _____ 'Rustom' three times. (to see)
3. We _____ in Ahmedabad since 1995. (to live)
4. Rabindranath Tagore _____ on August 07, 1941. (to die)
5. Jerry _____ away before Tom came. (to run)
6. I can hear footsteps. Perhaps the Principal _____ this way. (to come)
7. Some ministers _____ during the Prime Minister's Independence Day speech. (to sleep)
8. Don't worry. All of your friends _____ you when you are in trouble. (to help)
9. Truth alone _____. (to triumph)

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of BE, DO, and HAVE: (05)

1. " _____ you on the Facebook?"
2. Do you _____ any question?
3. The old Gabbar was a villain. But the new Gabbar _____ a friend of the poor.
4. Kolkata _____ the capital of the British India till 1911.
5. The family welfare minister _____ no time even for his family.

3. (a) Write a paragraph in about 100 words on **any one** of the following: (07)

- (i) T V - a boon or curse? (ii) My City (iii) Global Warming

(b) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below it: (06)

The Egyptians have taught us many things. They were excellent farmers. They knew all about irrigation. They built temples which were afterwards copied by the Greeks. They invented a calendar which proved such a useful instrument for the purpose of measuring time that it has survived with a few changes until the present day. But most important of all, the Egyptians had learnt how to preserve speech for the benefit of future generations. They invented the art of writing.

We are so accustomed to newspapers and books and magazines that we take it for granted that the world has always been able to read and write. As a matter of fact, writing, the most important of all inventions is quite new. Without written documents, we would be like cats and dogs who can only teach their kittens and their puppies a few simple things and who, because they cannot write, possess no method in which they can make use of the experience of those generations of cats and dogs that have gone before them.

QUESTIONS:

- (1) In what way the Egyptian calendar proved a useful instrument to mankind?
- (2) Which was the most important invention made by the Egyptians?
- (3) How would we be like, according to the author, without written documents?

(c) Attempt the following:

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option from those given below: (04)

1. _____ was Sherlock Holmes' assistant.
(a) Dr. Wilson (b) Dr. Watson (c) Dr. William (d) Dr. Ginpee
2. Miss Sutherland earned through _____.
(a) singing (b) dancing (c) typing (d) weaving
3. Paul earned money for his mother out of _____.
(a) Stock Market (b) Real Estate (c) Derby (d) Cricket
4. Sherlock Holmes had received a _____ as a souvenir from the King of Bohemia.
(a) smoking pipe (b) gold snuff-box (c) diamond ring (d) laptop

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option from those given below: (05)

5. A poor man _____ no friends. (had, has, have)
6. _____ that ok now? (are, am, is)
7. Baba Amiranand _____ invested all of his black money in the IT sector. (was, has, did)
8. Faith _____ mountains. (moved, moves, is moving)
9. India _____ a sovereign republic. (Use appropriate form of 'BE')

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Gujarati Medium - Division - "C" (Golden Leaves)

1. (a) Answer **any three** of the following questions in brief: (09)

1. What is Schatz's state of mind at the end of the story "A Day's Wait"?
2. In the short-story "The Last Leaf", what is your impression of Behrman?
3. What are the merits of doing nothing as discussed in Priestley's essay?
4. What was Shamnath's mother asked to do and what did she actually do?
5. Why, according to Tagore, was Ram Mohan Roy rudely rejected by his country?

(b) Attempt **any one** of the following short notes: (05)

- (i) Title of the story "A Day's Wait"
- (ii) Elucidate - 'It is a sin to want to die'
- (iii) End of the story "The Boss Came to Dinner"

2. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets: (09)

1. The students _____ for the Youth Festival for the last three weeks. (to practise)
2. The rioters _____ stones when the police came. (to throw)
3. Mr. Pat is a postman. He usually _____ the mail in the morning. (to deliver)
4. Dipika Karmakar _____ a Bronze Medal at the Commonwealth Games in 2014. (to win)
5. The train _____ before we reached the station. (to leave)
6. This is a reputable company. _____ you apply for the job or not? (to apply)
7. Please do not disturb me. I _____ an important assignment. (to write)
8. _____ you _____ the *Arabian Nights*? (to read)
9. The ministers who talk too much _____ little for the public. (to do)

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of BE, DO, and HAVE: (05)

1. Baba Ramdev _____ a yoga guru.
2. _____ you free at the moment?
3. We relax on Sundays because we _____ absolutely no work then.
4. Amravati _____ the capital of the Andhra Pradesh state.
5. Ravana _____ ten heads.

3. (a) Write a paragraph in about 100 words on **any one** of the following: (07)

- (i) T V - a boon or curse? (ii) My ambition in life (iii) Women Empowerment

(b) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below it: (06)

There are two types of courage. The first is physical courage, the courage which makes man ready to risk wounds or death. The second is moral courage, the courage which makes a man risk his career, his happiness for what he thinks right or worthwhile. These two types of courage are different from each other. I have known 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 danger boldly. Moral courage is higher than physical courage as it is a rarer virtue. To be really great, a man or nation must possess both kinds of courage. Can courage be taught? I am sure, in one sense, physical courage can be taught. But you must train the man not to draw too heavily on his stock of physical courage.

QUESTIONS:

- (1) What is physical courage?
- (2) What is moral courage?
- (3) Why is moral courage more important than physical courage?

(c) Attempt the following:

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option from those given below: (04)

1. Shamnath's mother sang a _____ before the guests at the party.
(a) wedding song (b) garba (c) bhajan
2. Schatz's father was reading from the _____.
(a) *Arabian Nights* (b) *Panchtantra* (c) *Books of Pirates*
3. In the end, Gangu accepts _____.
(a) Gomti only (b) the child only (c) both Gomti and the child
4. Shamnath asked his mother to wear _____.
(a) white kameez and salwar (b) white cotton saree (c) anything of her choice

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option from those given below: (05)

5. The Cambodian alphabet _____ 74 letters. (have, has, is having)
6. The brain is more active when we _____. (slept, sleep, have slept)
7. What _____ the official name of India? (was, is, did)
8. Who _____ the Taj Mahal? (built, has built, will build)
9. Kasim and Ali Baba _____ brothers. (Use appropriate form of 'BE')

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