

DQ-101

December-2013

B.Com. Semester – I
General English (New Course)
Text : Golden Leaves
(For Gujarati Medium)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
 (2) Mention clearly the option you attempt.
 (3) **All** questions are compulsory.

- 1 (A) Attempt any **one** short note out of the following : 7
 (1) Schatz
 (2) The title - The Last Leaf
 (3) Shammath and his attitude for his mother.
 (B) Write Brief answers of any **two** of the following : 4
 (1) What are the two kinds of thermometers mentioned ?
 (2) What is the importance of the leaf in the story ?
 (3) Why was Samnath angry when his mother asked him to send her to Hardwar ?
 (4) What was Greenwich Village famous for ?
 (C) Give an answer in **one** Sentence : 3
 (1) What did the doctor give to Schatz ?
 (2) Who was Behrman ?
 (3) 'One Hundred and Two'. Who said this ?
 (4) What was doctor's opinion about Sue's illness ?
 (5) What is Zpulkaril ?
- 2 (A) Attempt any **one** Short Note out of the following : 7
 (1) Raja Ram Mohan Roy.
 (2) The moral of the essay : On Doing Nothing.
 (3) Description the place chosen by the idlers.
 (B) Write Brief answers of any **two** of the following : 4
 (1) What were the activities done by the idlers on the Moor ?
 (2) Where did the music of truth originate ?
 (3) Why was Ram Mohan Roy rejected rudely by his country ?
 (4) What are the qualities of a true poet according to Priestly ?

(C) Give an answer in **one** sentence :

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- (1) What did Ram Mohan Roy represent ?
- (2) Who, according to Priestly, is the devil in the world ?
- (3) Why does the voice of a rare personality sound painfully discordant ?
- (4) What, according to Tagore, is an infinite wonder ?
- (5) Whose names as upholders of laziness are referred to by Priestley ?

3. (A) Write a Paragraph in around **80** words : Any **one** of the following :

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- (1) India of my dream
- (2) Importance of English
- (3) Trees-our best friends

(B) Read the following paragraph carefully and Answer the questions given below :

TV has become part of our life. Grownups and kids use them equally well. People call TV an idiot box because excessive use of TV makes us mentally dead. It spoils our eyes and makes body passive. Too much craze for TV serials also spoils our social relations. Now, people spend more time in watching serials than talking with their family members. We do not go out to play outdoor games as we enjoy watching games on TV screens. TV takes us away from outdoor games and thus spoils our health. Obscene content divert our minds. We stuff our heads with non-sense-headlines. TV can be of course useful if we make a balanced use of these tools. We must fix our TV time. Within a fixed time span, if we gather GK, news, entertainment and fun, a TV can be our best companion. We need not get glued to the TV shows for many hours a day.

Questions :

- (1) Why do people call TV an idiot box ?
- (2) We do not go out to play because.... [Select your response]
 - (a) there are no playgrounds.
 - (b) we enjoy watching games on TV screens.
 - (c) watching games on TV screens is good for health.
- (3) Mention any two bad effects of too much use of TV.
- (4) In what way can a TV be useful to us ?
- (5) Select the correct options :
 - (i) The synonym for the term 'excessive' is :
 - (a) fun
 - (b) too much
 - (c) rich
 - (ii) Here, ' get glued to' means
 - (a) to become gloomy
 - (b) to get the global exposure
 - (c) to fix eyes constantly on one object
 - (iii) " too much craze" for TV serials means :
 - (a) a normal habit of watching for serials
 - (b) madness for serials
 - (c) mild attraction for serials

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4. (A) Fill in blanks with proper verb forms given in the brackets : 7
- (1) Water _____ at 100 °C temperature. (boil / boiled / boils)
 - (2) I _____ to Pune yesterday. (went/ go / am going)
 - (3) The diesel and petrol prices _____ up recently. (will go / have gone / goes)
 - (4) When I called him last night, he _____ TV. (was watching / is watching / were watching)
 - (5) The thief _____ before the police reached there. (have escaped / had escaped / escaped)
 - (6) One of my cousins always _____ at night. (studies / studying / study)
 - (7) I think Sunil _____ the college trip next week. (joined / has joined / will join)
- (B) Change the Tense forms of the following sentences : 4
- (1) Someone is singing prayers in the hall. (Turn the sentence into simple present tense)
 - (2) Sachin plays cricket from India. (Turn the sentence into simple past tense)
 - (3) He will go to Mumbai next week. (Turn the sentence into present continuous tense)
 - (4) I always helped him (Turn into simple present tense)
- (C) Fill in the following blanks with suitable forms of : Do, Be, Have 3
- (1) _____ you miss the bus yesterday ?
 - (2) Dhoni, a wicket-keeper and a batsman, _____ also a good captain.
 - (3) A cow _____ four legs.
5. Choose the correct options and write full answers : 14
- (1) In the lesson, *A Day's Wait*, Schatz's age is _____.
 (a) nine years
 (b) ten years
 (c) eleven years
 - (2) Who of the following is the author of *The Last Leaf*?
 (a) Ernest Hemingway
 (b) Bhism Sahani
 (c) O. Henry
 - (3) According to J. B. Priestly, in which of the following countries *laziness is a primary sin*?
 (a) Russia
 (b) England
 (c) America
 - (4) *Samnath* invited his boss to dinner because _____.
 (a) his mother would be pleased to have some guests at home.
 (b) he had a deep love and respect for his boss.
 (c) if the boss gets pleased, the chance to get promotion would increase.
 - (5) According to Tagore, Ram Mohan Roy's voice sounded _____.
 (a) completely in agreement with his society
 (b) discordant with his age
 (c) strict with his fellow beings

- (6) Oh ! Shakir, take care! Look ahead ! You _____ too fast.
 (a) is driving
 (b) are driving
 (c) was driving
- (7) He always _____ newspaper in the morning.
 (a) has read
 (b) will read
 (c) reads
- (8) I know Mr. Solanki. If he _____, he will get the best results very soon.
 (a) work
 (b) works
 (c) worked
- (9) *Epoch* means : _____
 (a) Type of football
 (b) A period of time in history
 (c) A brand of shoes
- (10) In the last meeting all his arguments were logical. Only one of the arguments _____ not logical.
 (a) were
 (b) is
 (c) was
- (11) J. B. Priestly has written the essay _____.
 (a) Ram Mohan Roy
 (b) On Doing Nothing
 (c) The Last Leaf
- (12) Sue and Johnsy are characters in the following story _____.
 (a) *The Last Leaf*
 (b) *A Day's Wait*
 (c) *The Last Leaf*
- (13) My son _____ a new mobile yesterday.
 (a) buys
 (b) bought
 (c) is buying
- (14) As Indians, according to Tagore, we should pay homage to Ram Mohan Roy because _____.
 (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy was a great king.
 (b) his name includes two great Hindu Gods : Ram and Mohan.
 (c) he was a rare personality who tried to modernize India when the Indian cultural climate was rotten.

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B.Com. Semester – I

General English (Old Course)

**Text : Prose and Poetry for the Young Reader
(For English Medium)**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(2) Mention clearly the option you attempt.
(3) All questions are compulsory.

- 1 (A) Answer any **two** of the following Question : **6**
(1) What are the principal factors that cause soil erosion ?
(2) What does Katherine Wilson say about the sacred cat ?
(3) Why did the people find comparison between Pele and Babe Ruth unjust ?
(4) How did Gandhi feel when Gokhale died ?
(B) Write a short note on Water as the basis of all life. **4**

OR

Write a note on Pele's nervousness for his 1000th goal.

- (C) Write a note on Gandhiji's life in Sabarmati Ashram. **4**

OR

Write a note to show how Katherine Wilson concludes that cats and dogs are not enemies.

- 2 (A) Write a note on the contrast between ancient and modern civilization. **6**

OR

Write a note on the sight of the Great Fall.

- (B) Write a note on the human body's need for food. **4**

OR

Write short note on dangers involved in over dependence upon drugs.

- (C) Write a note on the dangers posed by the machines.

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OR

Write a note on the illusions presented by the tree stumps.

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

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- (1) Why was the girl's song so thrilling to the poet ?
- (2) What is the reaction of the knight after the dream gets over ?
- (3) How does Robert Bridges describe winter season in the poem 'A Passer By' ?
- (4) Where is the traveller going ? Why does he stop on the way ?

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- (B) Discuss the central theme of the poem 'On His Blindness'.

OR

Describe the beautiful scenes of nature in the poem 'The Solitary Reaper'.

- (C) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'.

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OR

Discuss the use of imagination by Robert Bridges in his poem 'A Passer By'.

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

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People are constantly moving from place to place. We often hear of classmates, friends, relatives or neighbours shifting to a new place. Sometimes, we hear of someone going to the airport, the railway station or the bus depot to pick someone up or to see someone off or to even go away themselves. Some of the people are going away for the holidays, others on business trips or to further their studies. This means that people are moving away from their present homes to a new place for a short time. This form of movement is only temporary. These are not the only people who move around.

In recent years the younger people in small towns and villages are moving to the bigger cities permanently. There are several reasons for this migration. There are much more interesting attractions for the younger generations in the bigger cities in terms of entertainment as well as job prospects. Thus, these people are willing to leave their hometown in search of a better life.

The Eskimos move from one place to another according to the changes in season. In spring, the Eskimos will move to places near lakes to hunt for wild ducks. During the summer, the ice in the river will have melted, these people will then move to places near the rivers to catch fish. When autumn

approaches, the Eskimos will then move towards the dry tundra to hunt for the meat and skin of the caribou. In winter, the Eskimos will head south to the small town such as Eskimo Point and Churchill to sell their goods and buy the necessities that they require.

Questions :

- (1) Why would people go to the airport or the railway station ?
 - (2) Give two reasons for the migration of the younger people from villages to big cities.
 - (3) Why do the Eskimos go South during winter ?
 - (4) Where do the Eskimos live during summer ?
 - (5) Give one word which has the same meaning as the phrase 'shifting to a new place'.
 - (6) Give the opposite of : (1) Permanent (2) Sell
- (B) Match the words given in column 'A' with their meaning given in column 'B' : 4

'A'

'B'

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| (i) Deprivation | (1) unreal |
| (ii) Savages | (2) brought up tenderly |
| (iii) Illusion | (3) uncivilized people |
| (iv) Nurtured | (4) taking away |

- (C) Use the prefixes 'un', 'in', 'il', and 'im' and form new words from those given below : 4

Valid, Possible, Legal, Fair.

5. (A) State whether the following statements are True or False : 8

- (1) The industrialists were opposed to Gandhiji's setting up his ashram.
- (2) Dickens and his party were lodged on the first floor of a powder mill.
- (3) Man is as much a machine as is a frog.
- (4) Drug addiction defeats man's capacity to face difficulties with courage and mental discipline.
- (5) Civilization would be impossible without order and safety.
- (6) Plants produce the chemical compounds needed by animals.
- (7) Pele felt nervous at the thought of the thousandth goal because his friends often spoke about it.
- (8) Cats and dogs have natural antipathy.

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

- (1) _____ has written 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'.
- (a) John Keats
 - (b) Robert Frost
 - (c) Robert Bridges
- (2) The girl in The Solitary Reaper is compared to a _____ bird.
- (a) Peacock
 - (b) Nightingale
 - (c) Sparrow
- (3) The rain fed tanks are very common in _____.
- (a) North India
 - (b) South India
 - (c) East India
- (4) According to Joad, the chief cause of the First World War were _____.
- (a) shame and power
 - (b) jealousy and hatred
 - (c) fear and pride
- (5) Men who sweat a good deal feel an instinctive need of _____.
- (a) salt
 - (b) sugar
 - (c) meat
- (6) According to Katherine Wilson the cat needs _____.
- (a) human hatred
 - (b) human affection
 - (c) human fear
- _____