



KKW-6001

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B. A. (Sem. III) Examination

November / December - 2014

English (Compulsory) : F.C. - 303

(Glimpses of Life - An Anthology of Short Stories)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

- 1 (a) "A great load is gone from me today" - 15
Explain the statement with reference to R. K. Narayan's story 'An Astrologer's Day.'

OR

- (b) Discuss the theme of love and sacrifice of the story 'The Gift of the Magi'.

- 2 Answer the following questions briefly : (any five) 20

- (1) What were the techniques used by the astrologer in analysing the troubles of his customers ?
- (2) How did the astrologer handle the situation with regard to the stranger ?
- (3) How does Della tell Jim about the gift she bought for him and how does Jim react to him ?
- (4) How does Gangu turn the narrator into a hero in the story ?
- (5) Why was Bharati enthusiastic about the trip to the Sangam at Allahabad ?
- (6) What are the typical South Indian traits of family that you notice in the story ?
- (7) What is the trick that Harisharman played to impress Sthuladatta ?
- (8) How did Harisharman turn into a great sage ?

- 3 Use the following idioms and phrases in meaningful sentences of your own : (any seven) 7
- (1) To pick one up
 - (2) To pull down
 - (3) a mammoth task
 - (4) on the sly
 - (5) To ask for
 - (6) To take place
 - (7) To agree to
 - (8) To make up one's mind
 - (9) To look after
 - (10) To take care of.
- 4 (a) Change the voice : 6
- (1) Who has drawn this paper ?
 - (2) Save trees.
 - (3) Children are singing a prayer now.
 - (4) What did you buy from Reliance Mall ?
 - (5) Having completed dinner, I went for a walk.
 - (6) The blind should be helped.
- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable modal Auxiliaries from those given in the bracket : 6
- (any six)
- (1) My father, who died in 1998, _____ read English.
(can, could)
 - (2) We _____ tell the truth.
(would, most)
 - (3) _____ her soul rest in peace !
(Should, May)

- (4) The students visit library so that they _____ borrow books.
(could, can)
- (5) Had you shown your I-Card, you _____ have been allowed.
(might, would)
- (6) It was so dark that I _____ not go out without a torch.
(would, could)
- (7) As you sow, so _____ you reap.
(will, shall)

(c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate adjectives and adverbs from those given in the bracket :
(any six)

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- (1) 'Happy New Year' is a _____ directed movie.
(nice, nicely)
- (2) I was _____ waiting for their arrival.
(eagerly, eager)
- (3) _____ faces attract all.
(Beautiful, Beautifully)
- (4) _____ India ended the series with 1-1.
(Fortunately, Fortunate)
- (5) He was _____ injured in the mishap.
(badly, bad)
- (6) I bought _____ candles for this Diwali.
(attracting, attractive)
- (7) We did the job _____.
(perfect, perfectly)

- 5 (a) Write a complaint letter for irregular water supply in your area. 10.

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend describing how you celebrated 'Gandhi Jayanti' in your college this year.