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B. A. (Sem. V) Examination

January - 2021

English : Paper - FC - 503

(Foundation Compulsory - English)

(Text : The Joy of Reading - Selected Prose & Poetry)

Time : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

- 1 (A) Describe the role of fate and chance in the story *An Astrologer's Day*. 15

OR

- (B) Describe the central idea of the poem *Sonnet 29*. 15

- 2 Answer in brief An Five of the following questions : 20

1. How did the astrologer know the name of his customer ?
2. Why did the astrologer think he had committed a murder ?
3. Why did Gerald Durrell move around the zoo at midnight ?
4. How had the Indian education system trained Gopal ?
5. What kind of world does the poet want in *Where the Mind is Without Fear* ?
6. Why does the horse give his harness bells a shake ?
7. What does the poet Robert Frost say about the owner of the woods ?
8. Why does the poet Shakespeare compare his mood to a bird ?

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- 3 Translate the following passage from English to Gujarati / Hindi : 10

Once when I was in Varanasi I was passing through a place where there was a large tank of water on one side and a huge wall on the other. It was in the ground where there were many monkeys. The monkeys of Varanasi are big animals. Once they decided not to allow me to pass through their street, so they shouted and clutched at my feet as I passed. As they came closer I began to run. But the faster I ran, the faster neared the monkeys and began to frighten me. Just then a stranger called out to me, "Face the monkeys". I turned and faced the monkeys and they ran away. That is a lesson of life - face the enemy, face him boldly.

- Swami Vivekananda

- 4 (A) Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech : (Any Six) 6

1. He said to me, "Have you seen my laptop?"
2. Sanvi said to Heta, "I am going to Kashmir."
3. Kavita said, "How clever I am!"
4. Aakash said to her "What are your future plans?"
5. The teacher said to the students, "Do not panic."
6. He said, "There was a big fire here last night."
7. The minister said, "Alas! I am totally ruined."

- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate Conjunctions : (Any Six) 6

1. The police surrounded the ground, the thief should escape.
(because / lest)

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2. _____ you sow; so shall you reap.
(As / If)
3. I would rather starve _____ beg.
(then / than)
4. He has not come, _____ has he sent any message.
(nor / because)
5. _____ you walk fast; you will miss the train.
(Unless / If)
6. She may eat the cake _____ save for her brother.
(and / or)
7. He spends money lavishly _____ he were a prince.
(as if / because)

(C) Use the following phrasal prepositions and verbs in meaningful sentences of your own : (Any Six) 6
Hand over, According to, Look after, Instead of, Shut down, Bring up, Because of -

- 5 (A) Draft a dialogue between a doctor and a patient. 7

OR

- (B) Write a dialogue between two friends discussing the advantages and disadvantages of city life and village life. 7
