



**MBM-5121**

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**B. A. (Sem. I) Examination**

**January - 2023**

**FC-103 : English**

*(Foundation Compulsory English)*

Time : Hours ]

[ Total Marks : 35

**Instructions :** (1) Figures to the right indicate marks.  
(2) Indicate your options clearly.

- 1 (a) "Jim and Della are poor in materialistic possessions but richest in love"- Explain. 8

**OR**

How did George Orwell portray the ironies of life in the story 'Roucolle, the Miser'?

- (b) Answer the following questions in brief : 10  
(any **five**)

- (1) Why was Della crying in front of the mirror on Christmas Eve?
- (2) What were the most precious possessions of Jim and Della ?
- (3) Who were the sponsors of Finn's baptism?
- (4) What was Finn's last reaction?
- (5) What was the man's occupation?
- (6) Who told the narrator the story of Roucolle, the miser, and when?
- (7) What is the character of Charlie according to the narrator?
- (8) Why had Framton Nuttel come for a "rural retreat" ?

2. Fill in the blanks with correct option from the bracket : (any ten) 10

- (1) We always respect \_\_\_\_\_ honest man.  
(a, an, the)
- (2) Honesty is \_\_\_\_\_ best policy.  
(a, an, the)
- (3) Gujarat is \_\_\_\_\_ lovely state.  
(a, an, the)
- (4) Patan was \_\_\_\_\_ old capital of Gujarat.  
(a, an, the)
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ camel is \_\_\_\_\_ useful animal in desert.  
(a, an, the)
- (6) I shall be back in less than \_\_\_\_\_ hour.  
(a, an, the)
- (7) Do you think that I \_\_\_\_\_ late?  
(are / is / am)
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ he do the job?  
(did / had / was)
- (9) \_\_\_\_\_ you ever been to Chennai?  
(has / had / have)
- (10) The sun \_\_\_\_\_ charge us for light.  
(doesn't / hadn't / wasn't)
- (11) Birds \_\_\_\_\_ flying in the sky yesterday evening.  
(was / have / were)
- (12) She \_\_\_\_\_ looking for a recipe video.  
(is / has / are)

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below :

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born to a Hindu family on October 2, 1869, in India. He was a lawyer, politician, social activist and writer who became the leader of the nationalist movement against the British rule of India. Today he is best known for being a symbol of peace, humility and willful poverty.

In South Africa, where the Indian population mainly worked as poor laborers, Gandhi experienced the oppression and racism in this country at first hand. He was thrown off a train, barred from hotels reserved "for whites only," and attacked by a white mob. Like his fellow Indians, he was not even allowed to walk on the pavement!

In 1894 Gandhi tried – but failed – to oppose a bill in court which would deny Indians the right to vote. During the Second Boer War he organized a party of 1,100+ volunteers to carry wounded soldiers for miles to receive medical care. He was awarded the Queen's South Africa medal for this act.

The British victory in the war brought little relief to the Indians in South Africa. A law was passed making it compulsory for Indians over eight years of age to carry a pass bearing a thumbprint. This caused outrage among the Indian population, who refused to register and, under Gandhi's leadership, decided to resist passively. The struggle lasted seven years, during which time Gandhi himself and thousands of other Indians went to jail. Some were beaten and even shot.

On July 18, 1914, Gandhi returned to India and led his country to full independence after 30 years of opposition to British rule – without violence. Their non-violence policy, however, led to the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919. British troops opened fire on a crowd of peaceful protesters, killing nearly 400 Indians and wounding over 1,200.

After years of peaceful protesting, meetings with world leaders, and hunger strikes by Gandhi, Britain finally granted India independence. In 1948, at the age of 79, Gandhi was assassinated by Nathuram Godse, a young Hindu fanatic.

**Questions :**

- (1) Where was Gandhi born?
  - (2) Gandhi had worked in different professions - name any 3 of them.
  - (3) Can you name three of the hardships Gandhi experienced while in South Africa?
  - (4) What was the name of the medal Gandhi was awarded in South Africa?
  - (5) Give the synonym for 'persecution' and antonym for 'hostile' in the passage.
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