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Seat No. _____

Third Year B. Com. (Non CBCS) Examination

February – 2016

Compulsory English

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 100

Instructions : (1) Attempt all questions.

(2) Figures to the right indicate marks.

- 1 (a) Discuss the significance of the title "Pride and Prejudice". **12**

OR

- (a) Discuss Jane Austen's treatment of love and marriage in her novel "Pride and Prejudice".

OR

- (a) Bring out the merits and demerits of Jane Austen's art of characterisation.

- (b) Write short notes on Any One of the following : **8**

- (i) Comic characters of the novel.
- (ii) Elizabeth Bennet.
- (iii) End of the novel.

2 (a) Explain any Two of the following sentences with reference to their contexts : **10**

- (1) "She is not handsome enough to tempt me."
- (2) "We all know him to be a proud unpleasant sort of man; but this would be nothing if you really like him."
- (3) "He is the best landlord and the best master."
- (4) "I have every reason in the world to think ill of you."

(b) Write short answers to any two of the following : **10**

- (1) Why was Mrs. Bennet interested in their new neighbours at Netherfield Park ?
- (2) What did Elizabeth find out about Mr. Darcy from his employee ?
- (3) Why was Wickham alarmed ?
- (4) Who was Mr. Collins ? Why did he want to marry one of the Bennet daughters ?

3 (a) Attempt any one of the following : **10**

- (1) Draft a questionnaire leading to the survey of living conditions of Harijans in your town.

- (2) Draft a questionnaire on effect of corruption in society.
- (3) Draft a questionnaire leading to a survey of reading habits of college students.
- (b) Prepare a copy of an advertisement on any one of the following items : **10**
- (1) An advertisement for a tutorial class for competitive exams.
- (2) An advertisement of a fast-food parlour.
- (3) An advertisement of mobile phone with latest facilities.
- 4 (a) Prepare a Press-report on the Annual function organised at your college. **10**

OR

- (a) Draft a press-report on NSS camp of your college.
- (b) Re-shape the following story adding some creative details and give it a suitable title. **10**
- (Max. 250 words.)

Gangaram was a wise old farmer but he was worried about his four sons. They were lazy.

They did not work in the field and spent their time in idle ways. As the old man lay dying he called

them near his bed and said that a pot containing a thousand ancient gold coins was buried in his field. Gangaram died. After sometime, the sons went to the fields and dug all over the fields. Although they found no gold, the digging up of the earth had made it very fertile. They harvested very good crop. In the end, they realised that the good crop itself was their real treasure which they were looking for.

- 5 (a) Translate the following English Passage into Gujarati 10
and the Gujarati Passage into English.
(Equal marks for each)

The selection of a career or profession is one of the most important things in life. But it is equally difficult. The lack of guiding services, proper counselling and ever increasing unemployment has further complicated the matter. There is cut-throat competition. Therefore, most of the young men and women in search of suitable jobs are confused, indecisive and frustrated lot. It has generated a deep sense of frustration and indiscipline among the young people.

શિક્ષણનો વ્યવસાય એક ઉદાત્ત વ્યવસાય છે. શિક્ષક એક સન્માનનીય વ્યક્તિ છે. પ્રાચીન ભારતમાં શિક્ષકનું માનનીય સ્થાન માતા અને પિતા પછીનું હતું. એ દિવસોમાં શિક્ષકો અસીમ જ્ઞાન અને ડહાપણવાળા માણસો હતા. વિદ્યાર્થીઓ શિક્ષિત થવા માટે આવા શિક્ષકોની શોધ માટે જતા, એ સમયે “ગુરુ” તરીકે ઓળખાતા આવા શિક્ષકોનું સમાજમાં ભારે માન હતું. શિક્ષણ ત્યારે બહુ ઓછા માણસો પુરતું સીમિત હતું.

- (b) Read the following Share Market report and answer the questions given below : 10

Indian Stock Market daily report (Feb. 14, 2012)

Indian market edged higher in last trading session and closed on flat with positive bias after a choppy trading session yesterday as hopes of stability in Greece improved global risk appetite. The Greek Parliament's approval of austerity measures to secure a much-needed bailout lifted the Euro and European shares, although with further steps needed before the shadow of a debt default can be lifted. However, investors remained cautious ahead of monthly inflation data. The upward movement was mainly led by gain in metal, auto, consumer durable and bank stocks while capital goods, IT and FMCG stocks witnessed some selling pressure. Foreign funds have pumped in about \$ 4 bn into Indian shares this year, in sharp contrast to net outflows of about

\$ 500 mn in 2011. Britannia Industries gained 5% after its December quarter net profit climbed 45%. Wipro slumped 2.9% after Goldman Sachs downgraded it to "sell" from "neutral". Goldman Sachs said the company may continue to lag its large-cap peers in terms of revenues and earnings per share. SBI recovered some of its losses to end 2.2% lower, weighing on the benchmark the most. The bank beat market expectations with a 15% rise in third-quarter net profit as interest income rose. However, net non-performing assets rose. Suzlon Energy fell 7.6% after the wind turbine maker on Saturday posted a wider December - quarter loss of Rs. 2.86 bn.

Several IT counters such as WIPRO, HCL, SILVER LINE, Huges software, Polaris Software and Sonata Software continued to strengthen on persistent FII buying. BSE sensitive index closed at 5835.15 having a little gain from previous closing levels of 5825.50. The BSE-100 index flared up by 30.19 points to 3649.37.

Questions :

- (1) Give a suitable heading to the report, indicating the trend of the market.

- (2) What factors are responsible for the present trend of the market ?
 - (3) Which factor faced selling pressure ?
 - (4) What effects have been observed consequent to persistent FII buying ?
 - (5) What changes are observed in the cases of WIPRO and Suzlon ?
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