

2016

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three Hours and *Fifteen Minutes

(*15 minutes are given as extra time for reading questions)

Read carefully the direction given for each question.

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.

**SECTION-A
(PROSE)**

1. Explain the following extract with reference to the context :

- (a) But whenever my patient begins to count the carriages in her funeral procession I subtract 50 per cent from the curative power of medicine 6

Or

- (b) 'Of course, Your Honour. We understand that. That's why we don't unscrew all of them. We leave some of them. We've got heads on our shoulders.... We know what's what....' 6

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2. Answer the following question in about 80 words :

- (a) What happened when Mr. Fotheringay ordered the Earth to stop its movement? 6

Or

- (b) Describe the pride of Amalie at the last moment of her life before her death. 6

3. Answer the following questions in about 25 words each :

- (a) How did Pneumonia strike in old Greenwich Village? 2
(b) Why were Confucius and Lao-Tse not founders of religion in the ordinary sense of the word? 2
(c) Why did Amalie change her name? 2
(d) What were the two interesting pieces of news that Mr. Fotheringay heard the next day? 2
(e) Why did Denis unscrew the nut? 2
(f) Why did the last leaf that Johnsy saw on the opposite wall remain green? 2

4. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :

- (a) Why was there a rivalry between the Kshatriyas and Brahmins at the time of the birth of Buddha? 3
(b) What was the Baroness Gruebel's argument in support of her disbelief about the Legend of Cernogratze? 3

5. Answer the Following questions in *one* sentence each :

- (a) Where did Mr. Fotheringay have a drink ? 1
(b) What did Johnsy want to paint ? 1
(c) What was Conrad by profession ? 1
(d) On which date was Denis arrested by the Linesman ? 1
(e) Which Country did Zoroaster belong to ? 1

SECTION-B

(POETRY)

6. Explain the following extract with reference to the context :

- (a) Yes ; quaint and curious war is !
You shoot a fellow down
You'd treat if met where any bar is,
or help to half-a-crown. 6

Or

- (b) That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over
Lest you should think he never could recapture
The first fine careless rapture ! 6

7. Answer the following question in about **80** words :

- (a) Describe Sir Walter Scott's bitter feeling for the unpatriotic person.

Or

- (b) Describe the feelings of W.B. Yeats towards the approaching anti-Christian era. 6

8. Answer the following questions in about **25** words each :

- (a) Why does W. Shakespeare say that the bite of winter wind is not so forceful ? 2
(b) Describe the beauty of the dragon-fly as it flew in the air. 2
(c) 'Voices of two different natures'
What are the two voices referred to here ? 2
(d) Why does Yeats say that 'the Second coming is at hand ?' 2
(e) Why do soldiers usually get enlisted as expressed in the poem 'The Man He killed ?' 2
(f) What aspect of the oak likens the oak to the poet ? 2

9. Answer the following questions in about **30** words :

- (a) How does Wordsworth describe mankind in his poem 'The Mountain Echo' ? 3
(b) How does Ted Hughes suggest that nothing is real in this world ? 3

10. Answer the following questions in *one* sentence each :

- (a) Who answers the shouting cuckoo ? 1
(b) Where did the Dragon-Fly lie before it came out ? 1
(c) When do the fields look gay in England ? 1

- (d) 'This life is most jolly'
Which life is referred to here? 1
- (e) Who is the falconer as expressed by Yeats? 1

SECTION-C

(COMPOSITION)

11. (a) Mr. James of Imphal writes a letter to the Chief Engineer PWD Imphal, requesting him to improve the condition of the road leading to his village or town. Reproduce the probable format of the letter. 7

Or

- (b) Write a letter to L.G. Home Appliances, Paona Bazar, Imphal, placing an order for a set of Washing Machine. 7
12. Write an Essay on *any one* of the following topics :
- (a) Communal Harmony :
(Meaning — Its importance in India — Situation in Manipur — Conclusion) 10
- (b) The Prospect of Tourism in Manipur :
(Introduction — role in the state economy — Some ideal tourist spots — ways and means to attract tourist — Conclusion) 10

- (c) An ideal student :
(Who is an ideal student — his behaviour — his duties and responsibilities in the society — Conclusion) 10

13. Write about (in 70-80 words) a humorous incident that has happened in your life. 5

SECTION-D

(COMPREHENSION)

14. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

To avoid the various foolish opinions to which mankind is prone, no superhuman brain is required. A few simple rules will keep you free, not from all errors, but from silly errors. If the matter is one that can be settled by observation, make the observation yourself. Aristotle could have avoided the mistake of thinking that women have fewer teeth than men, by the simple device of asking Mrs. Aristotle to keep her mouth open while he counted. Thinking that you know, when in fact you do not, is a bad mistake, to which we all are prone. I believe myself that hedgehogs eat black beetles, because I have been told that they do; but if I was writing a book on the habits of hedgehogs, I should not commit myself until I had been one enjoying this diet. Aristotle, however, was less cautious. Ancient and medieval writers knew all about unicorns and salamanders; not one of them thought it necessary to avoid dogmatic statements about them because he had never seen one of them.

- (a) How does the author portray mankind? 2
- (b) What is the simple rule to be free from silly mistakes? 2

(c) Find out the words from the passage which have the same meaning as the following words or phrases :

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| (i) incline to do something. | 1 |
| (ii) foolish. | 1 |
| (iii) keep away | 1 |
| (iv) to be accepted as a matter of fact | 1 |