

2019
ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 33

Time: Three hours

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) It is just a story that lends dignity to the place without costing anything.

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OR

(b) There can be no doubt that the founder of the great religions have been among the greatest and noblest men that the world has produced. But their disciples and the people who come after them have often been far from great or good.

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2. Answer the following questions in about 80 – 90 words :

(a) Describe how the masterpiece of Behrman was painted.

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OR

- (b) Write an account of Fotheringay's experiments which convinced him that his strange powers were real. 6
3. Answer the following questions in about **30** words each :
- (a) "I've been a bad girl, Sudie" Why did Johnsy say so to her friend ? 2
- (b) How did Denis react when the Magistrate told him that he was to be sent to prison ? 2
- (c) Why was Buddhism as a religion not spread much in India ? 2
- (d) Why did Amalie change her name ? 2
- (e) What was the general opinion of the people at the inn when Fotheringay performed the first miracle ? 2
- (f) What was the doctor's opinion about the recovery of Johnsy when he first examined ? 2
4. Answer the following questions in about **40** words each :
- (a) Describe the physical feature of Denis Grigoryev when he was brought before the magistrate? 3
- (b) Describe the favourable conditions which made the art people come to Greenwich village. 3
5. Answer the following questions in **one** sentence each :
- (a) What was one of the results of the Confucian teaching to the Chinese people ? 1
- (b) Why did Amalie want to keep the window open ? 1

- (c) How old was Fotheringay when he discovered his extraordinary power of performing miracles ? 1
- (d) Who is the unseen stranger who usually visits Greenwich Village in November? 1
- (e) What crime is Denis charge with ? 1

SECTION – B
(POETRY)

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

- (a) 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

OR

- (b) They too are afraid they too are momentary
Streams rivers of shadow. 6

7. Answer the following question in about **80-90** words :

- (a) Discuss the poem 'The Man He killed' as an anti-war poem. 6

OR

- (b) In what way does Sir Walter Scott describe the character of a patriot in the poem 'Patriotism' ? 6

8. Answer the following questions in about **30** words each :

- (a) How is mankind described in the poem 'The Mountain Echo' ? 2
- (b) What, according to Robert Browning, can a person find in England some early morning of April ? 2

- (c) Why does the poet say that an unpatriotic man dies doubly ? 2
- (d) What made the poet W.B. Yeats think that it was time for the Second Coming ? 2
- (e) Why does the twig remain a curious token to the poet ? 2
- (f) Why does Shakespeare think that 'most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly' ? 2
9. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :
- (a) How does Walt Whitman express in his poem the difference between the live oak and himself ? 3
- (b) How does Tennyson describe the process undergone by a dragon-fly as it comes out of his old husk till it takes flight in the air ? 3
10. Answer the following questions in one sentence each:
- (a) Where did the poet first see the Dragon-fly ? 1
- (b) Who sent the unsolicited reply to the babbling wanderer ? 1
- (c) 'This life is most jolly' what kind of life is referred to here ? 1
- (d) How do the trees behave at the end of the storm ? 1
- (e) Which flower is far brighter than melon-flower as expressed by Robert Browning ? 1

SECTION – C
(COMPOSITION)

11. (a) Write a letter to the Editor, "The Daily Manipur" expressing your views about the frequent strikes in Manipur. Put your name as Mr. John. 7

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend, Mr. Bimol of Moirang, describing him the marriage ceremony of your sister. Sign yourself as Santi. 7
12. Write an essay on any one of the given topics in about 200 words : 10
- (a) An important event in your life.
[Outlines: When did it happen – How did it happen – Why do you like it – Conclusion]

OR

- (b) The Value of Hobbies.
[Outlines: What is it – different hobbies of different people – your hobby – Conclusion]

OR

- (c) Student Indiscipline.
[Outlines: Nature of the Problem – Situation in Manipur – its causes – its remedies – Conclusion]

13. Develop a paragraph of about 80 words with the following inputs :

One evening – on the city footpath– a child of ten – with torn rags and a begging bowl in his hand

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SECTION – D
(COMPREHENSION)

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

Florence Nightingale did not like the easy and pleasant occupations of society, and instead of going to parties, she visited the London Hospitals and studied how sick people were nursed back to their health and strength. In those days, hospital nurses were very ignorant, and she was shocked by the roughness and mismanagement that prevailed in English hospitals. So she went to Germany

and studied nursing there and then, she went to Paris. At last, she was quite certain she had mastered her subject; she returned to England and began her work of improving the nursing hospitals.

- (a) (i) What made Florence Nightingale want to visit London Hospitals ? 2
- (ii) What shocked her most there? 2
- (iii) Why did she go to Germany ? 2
- (b) Find out the word from the passage which has the same meaning with
- (i) Lacking knowledge or information. 1
- (ii) Continue to be in use. 1
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