

2020

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

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. Answer the following question in about *100–120* words :

- (a) How did the enemy of the King become a friend of his in the story “Three Questions”? 8

Or

- (b) What were the circumstances that led Gafur kill the bull ? 8

2. Answer the following question in about *50–60* words :

- (a) “But what a strange jumble is one's mind full of disconnected thoughts and ill arranged images, like a gallery with no order in the arrangement of pictures.”

Explain the above statement.

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Or

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- (b) "Science affects the average man and woman in two ways already."
Explain how science affects average man and woman in two ways. 4
3. Answer the following questions in about 30–40 words each :
- (a) What, according to J. B. Priestly, do we see in the faces of students ? 3
- (b) What made the orientals believe that the English Gentlemen travel under the protection of Evil Demons ? 3
4. Answer the following questions in about 25–30 words each :
- (a) 'We live in a curious age'.
Why does J. B. Priestly say that we live in a curious age ? 2
- (b) Why, according to Kinglake, do the orientals living in the cities wait for weeks, and even for months until sufficient number of persons can be found to undertake journey through the desert at the same time ? 2
5. Answer the following questions in *one* sentence each :
- (a) When, according to Nehru, is supposed to be the theme of history ? 1
- (b) When, according to Haldane, could the scientific point of view be applied to daily life ? 1
- (c) What do ignorant and stupid students waste? 1

SECTION – B

(POETRY)

6. Answer the following question in about 100–120 words :

- (a) How does William Shakespeare express his woes in the poem
“Remembrance” ? 8

Or

- (b) Write the central idea of the poem “The Patriot” by Robert Browning. 8

7. Explain any one of the following extracts in about 50–60 words :

- (a) Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe his native air
In his own ground. 4

Or

- (b) Stop here or gently pass ;
Alone she cuts and binds the grain,
And sings a melancholy strain ; 4

8. Answer the following questions in about 30–40 words each :

- (a) ‘For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever’.

What does the poet mean by the above lines ? 3

(b) How does the poet pass his days of sorrow and joy in the poem "Silent Steps" ? 3

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

(a) 'But swear by thyself'.

What does the poet want God to swear by himself ? 2

(b) How does the poet describe the summer days of a man in the poem "The Human Seasons" ? 2

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

(a) In which season does man's thought of youth become his pleasure ? 1

(b) Where does Cardinal Newman ask God to lead him ? 1

(c) Where did the poet find the spider in the poem "Design" ? 1

SECTION – C
(COMPREHENSION)

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

People moan about poverty as a great evil, and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. As a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more obtained from life in the humble cottages of the poor men than in the

palaces of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughters of rich men, who are attended by servants and governesses at later stages; at the same time I am glad to think that they do not know what they have missed.

It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and social evils and jealousies – how loving and united the members are in the common interest of supporting the family that I sympathise with the rich man's boy and congratulate the poor man's son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong, eminent, self-reliant men have always sprung and must always spring.

- (a) What is the view of the people regarding poverty ? 2
- (b) Why does the writer think that cottages are better places ? 2
- (c) How does the writer describe the home of honest poverty ? 2
- (d) Why does the writer pity the sons and daughters of the rich ? 2
- (e) Why does the writer want to congratulate the poor ? 2

SECTION – D

(WRITING)

12. Write an essay in about 200 words on *any one* of the topics given below : 8
- (a) Communal harmony in Manipur
- (b) Duties of Students
- (c) Value of Newspaper reading

13. (a) Your firm "Chemicals and Salts Store" Imphal supplied chemicals and salts worth Rs. 50,000/- to A. G. Hr. Sec. School, Imphal.

Write a letter to the Principal of the school complaining about non-payment of the dues. 8

Or

- (b) You are Mr. Kumud Singh of Lamsang, Secretary of 'The Young Pioneers' Association', Imphal.

Write a letter to the Chairman, Council of Higher Secondary Education, Manipur, requesting him for early declaration of H.S.E. Examination results. 8

14. Write a poem of eight lines on nature. 4

15. Your school is organising a study tour to Chennai during the winter vacation. Write a notice giving detailed information to the students. You are Mr. Ranjan, General Secretary, St. Mark Higher Secondary School Student's Union, Churachanpur. 4

Or

You are Mr. James of Uripok. You happened to go to Ukhrul in a crowded bus on a hot summer day. Make a diary entry describing your experience. 4

16. Read the following passage and answer the following questions :

India is chiefly an agricultural land. The cultivation of crops depends on a proper supply of water throughout the year. Since olden times, large parts of our country have suffered from occasional periods of too much rain and those of drought. People had known that if surplus flood water could be stored

away for use during the dry season, these problems will be solved. Unfortunately, they had neither the knowledge nor the means to do much in this direction. Whatever little they knew, they tried to put into practice. They dug canals to drain water from perennial rivers. This was heavy and expensive work and practicable over only a small area. Large tanks were excavated and small dams built to hold back floods. But it was not possible to do anything on a large scale.

- (a) Make notes on the content of the above passage. 3
- (b) Write a summary using the notes. 3

SECTION – E

(GRAMMAR)

Answer the following questions.

17. (a) Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb :
Children _____ not play with fire. 1
- (b) Fill in the blank with an appropriate determiner :
I have _____ hands to work. 1
- (c) Change the voice of the following : 1
Let me go now.
- (d) Add question tag to the following statement : 1
We used to play tennis.

- (e) Change the narration of the following : 1
The stranger said to the policeman, "Which is the shortest way to the railway station?"
- (f) Transform the following as directed : 1
Besides food, he gave me some money also. (Change into a compound sentence)
- (g) Choose the correct and appropriate prepositions from the given options and fill in the blanks : 1×4=4
- (i) He has been continuously during _____ ten hours now.
a) by b) in c) for d) with
- (ii) It has been showing here _____ last Friday.
a) till b) since c) on d) at
- (iii) He was holding a pile of books _____ his hand.
a) on b) at c) from d) in
- (iv) Pinky saw her sister off _____ the airport this morning.
a) at b) in c) for d) by