

2021

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

(a) Describe Nehru's view about the social organisation of the insects. 8

OR

(b) Describe the meeting between the orientals, with the meeting of the two Englishmen in the desert. 8

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

(a) "Preventive Medicine could be made into the moral equivalent of war."
Explain the above statement. 4

OR

(b) "Now if I live and if you wish it, I will serve you your most faithful slave and will make my sons to do the same. Forgive me."
Why did the man say so to the king? 4

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

(a) What is the tendency of average man regarding facts ? 3

(b) “Why did the king put on ordinary clothes while going to the hermit ? 3

4. Answer the following in about 25–30 words each :

(a) What was the pre-christian attitude to disease ? 2

(b) What was the first question whose answer the king wanted ? 2

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

(a) What, according to Nehru, is to be the theme of history ? 1

(b) What did the king do for the hermit ? 1

(c) Why according to the hermit, “Now” is the most important time ? 1

SECTION – B

(POETRY)

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

(a) Bring out the poet’s attitude to life, sin and god in the poem, “A Hymn to God the Father.” 8

OR

(b) How does Lord Tennyson describe the journey of the brook ? 8

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

(a) He has his Summer, when luxuriously
Spring's honey'd end of youthful thought he loves
To ruminate, and by such drawing high
Is nearest unto heaven; quiet Coves.

4

OR

(b) But if the while I think on the thee dear friends
All losses are restored and sorrows end.

4

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

(a) In which design did the spider kill the moth ?

3

(b) Why does Cardinal Newman say that "The night is dark" ?

3

9. Answer the following questions in about 25 – 30 words each :

(a) How does Robert Frost describe the wings of the dead moth ?

2

(b) "– July nights on the thundering chariat

of clouds he comes, comes, ever comes."

Bring out the underlying idea of the above lines?

2

10. Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

(a) When does God come to the devotee ?

1

(b) '... and I am for from home.' What does 'home' stand for here ?

1

(c) Whose steps are referred to here as silent steps ?

1

SECTION – C
(COMPREHENSION)

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

Water is the basis of all life. Every animal and every plant contains a substantial proportion of free or combined water in its body, and no kind of physiological activity is possible in which the fluid does not play an essential part. Water, is of course, necessary for animal life, while moisture in the soil is equally imperative for the life and growth of plants and trees, though the quantity necessary varies enormously with the species. The conservation and utilization of water is thus fundamental for human welfare. Apart from artesian water the ultimate source in all cases is rain or snowfall. Much of Indian agriculture depends on seasonal rainfall and is therefore very sensitive on any failure or irregularity of the same. It is clear that the adoption of techniques preventing soil erosion would also help to conserve and keep the water where it is wanted. In other words, on and in the soil, and such techniques therefore serve a double purpose. It is evident, however, that in a country having only a seasonal rainfall in immense quantity of rainwater must necessarily run off the ground. The collection and utilization of water is therefore of vital importance. Much of it flows down into the streams and rivers and ultimately finds its way to the sea. The harnessing of our rivers, the waters of which now mostly run to waste is a great national problem which must be considered and dealt with on national lines, closely connected with the conservation of water supplies is the problem of afforestation. The systematic planting of suitable trees in every possible or even in impossible areas and the development of what one can call civilized forests as distinguished from wild

and untamed jungle in one of the most urgent needs of India. Such plantation would directly and indirectly prove a source of untold wealth to the country. They would check soil erosion and conserve the rainfall of the country from flowing away to waste and would provide the necessary supplies of cheap fuel and thus stop unnecessary waste of farmyard manure.

- (a) Where does the world get water from ? 2
- (b) What is the national problem relating to our rivers ? 2
- (c) What are the benefits of afforestation ? 2
- (d) What is fundamental for human welfare ? 2
- (e) Give the adjective form of "Conserve" and the noun form of "Sensitive". 1+1=2

SECTION – D
(WRITING)

12. Write an essay on *any one* of the given topics in about **150** words : 8
- (a) Tourism in India.
- (b) Computer revolution and its impact upon our life.
- (c) Discipline in students life.
13. (a) Write a letter to the Superintendent of Luwang Hospital drawing his attention towards the unhygienic condition in and around the hospital. Sign yourself as Miss Laija of Uripok. 8

OR

- (b) Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to conduct extra classes for the students of XI Science & Arts. Sign yourself as Mr. Tayal of XI Science. 8

14. Write a poem of eight lines on a burning candle. 4
15. (a) Mr. Jim, General Secretary of J.J. Higher Secondary School Imphal issues a notice inviting participants for a Debating Competition. Write the form of the notice. 4

OR

- (b) You are Miss Mona of Kakching. You happened to go to Moirang to see Loktak Lake. Make a diary entry describing your experience. 4
16. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Among the manifold misfortunes that may befall humanity the loss of health is one of the severest. All the joys which life can give cannot outweigh the sufferings of the sick. Give the sick man everything and leave him his sufferings and he will feel that all the world is lost to him. Lay him on a self silken couch, he will nevertheless, groan sleep less under the pressure of the suffering while the miserable beggar blessed with health, sleeps sweetly on the hard ground. Spread his tables with dainty dishes and choice drinks and he will thrust the hand that offers them, and envy the poor man who thoroughly enjoys his dry crust, Surround him with pomp of kings; let his chair be a throne, and his crutch, a word-swaying sceptre, he will look with contemptuous eyes on marble, on gold and on purple and would deem himself happy, could he enjoy, even were it under a thatched roof, the health of the nearest of his servants.

- (i) Make notes of the main ideas from the passage. 3
- (ii) Develop a summary using the notes. 3

SECTION – E
(GRAMMAR)

17. Answer the following questions.

- (a) Complete the following sentence with appropriate model.
_____ I use your phone for a minute please? 1
- (b) Change the voice.
It was done by him. 1
- (c) Change the narration of the following.
I said to him, "Excuse me, Sir," 1
- (d) Change into complex sentence.
He is too weak to walk. 1
- (e) Rewrite the given sentence using the correct form of the verb within bracket.
He went out half an hour ago and _____ (not return) till now. 1
- (f) Transform the following sentence as directed :
Preservation of freedom is not so easy to win it. 1
(use the comparative degree)
- (g) Choose the correct and appropriate prepositions from the given options and fill in the blanks :
(i) The hunter shot the lion _____ an arrow. 1
(a) In
(b) of
(c) with
(d) for

(ii) He is jealous _____ my fame. 1

(a) In

(b) by

(c) of

(d) for

(iii) He came _____ foot. 1

(a) by

(b) with

(c) on

(d) in

(iv) Choose the correct sequence from the given alternatives to make a complete sentence. 1

It seemed to him

(P) like seeing one's reflection

(Q) an endless quest

(R) two mirrors

(S) while standing between

(A) PRSQ (B) SPQR (C) RSPQ (D) QPSR