

2023

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 125 words :*

(a) What, according to Jawaharlal Nehru, should a study of history teach us?

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Or

(b) What, according to J. B. S. Haldane, are the major changes brought by science to human beings?

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

(a) What made the enemy of the king changed his feelings towards the king in "Three Questions"?

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Or

(b) Give an account of the hectic activities of the desert travellers at sunset.

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3. *Answer the following questions in about 50 words :*
- (a) Why do the Orientals living in cities pass the desert in troupes or herds? 3
- (b) What was it for that the Zamindar's men thrashed Gafur? 3
4. *Answer the following questions in about 40 words each.*
- (a) 'I am more and more depressed'
- What caused J.B. Priestly feel "depressed" ? 2
- (b) The moment Amina was out of sight, her father was overwhelmed with remorse. Why ? 2
5. *Answer the following questions in one phrase/sentence each :*
- (a) Why should the students in the university develop a sense of responsibility ? 1
- (b) Why did Gafur not let loose Mahesh ? 1
- (c) Why did the king go to see the hermit as an ordinary man ? 1

SECTION – B

(POETRY)

6. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*
- (a) Describe how William Shakespeare shows his sorrows and joys in the poem "Remembrance". 8
- Or*
- (b) Bring out the poet's feelings as described in the poem "Lead, Kindly Light". 8

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

(a) A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard

In spring-time from the cuscokoo-bird

Breaking the silence of the seas

Among the farthest Hebrides

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OR

(b) There's nobody on the house tops now –

Just a palsied few at the windows set;

For the best of the sight is, all allow,

At the Shambles' Gate-or, better yet,

By the very scaffold's foot, I trow.

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8. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :

(a) When does the poet of 'Silent Steps' hear the silent steps of God? 3

(b) "For men may come and men may go,

But I go on forever".

What do the lines signify?

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9. *Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :*
- (a) "Assorted characters of death and blight". Explain 2
- (b) Who is a happy man, according to Alexander Pope? 2
10. *Answer the following questions in one phrase/sentence each :*
- (a) " - to let fair things
Pass by unheeded...."
Why is it so in man's Autumn of life? 1
- (b) What is the moth, holding up by the spider, compared with? 1
- (c) What does "Paternal acres bound" mean in the poem 'The Quiet Life'? 1

SECTION – C

(COMPREHENSION)

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

The world is going ahead at a tremendous speed. But all this progress will be shattered if we do not secure peace. Scientific inventions have brought the world closer. If one country suffers, all will suffer to some extent. We have become inter-responsible. This has brought about the necessity of international relationship. People should understand that all human beings are brothers. The narrow bounds of nationalism and patriotism have to be shed. Unless we understand the lesson of "live and let live", we stand on our last legs. If another war breaks out, it will destroy the entire race of humanity. If we establish love and sympathy, goodwill and happiness among ourselves, we can still save the world from

destruction. "Live and Let Live" is a sound religion. From Gautama Buddha to Mahatma Gandhi, a number of great persons have pleaded for this mutual love and brotherly feelings. We are the interdependent children of the same Father in Heaven. We should, therefore, live in peace. This is the only way by which we can go along the road to progress.

- (a) Why is there the necessity of international relationship ? 2
- (b) How is the world affected by scientific inventions ? 2
- (c) What, according to the author, should be people's mindset ? 2
- (d) What is the author's view point to keep the pace of the world's progress ? 2
- (e) How can we save the world from destruction ? 2

SECTION – D

(WRITING)

12. *Write an essay on any one of the given topics in about 150 words :* 8
- (a) Communal Harmony in Manipur.
 - (b) A day you most enjoyed.
 - (c) Environmental Pollution.
13. (a) You have been invited by the Convenor of Cultural Programme, Sangai Festival, to give a dance performance on the inaugural day of the festival. You are Miss Yuimi. Write a letter in response to the invitation. 8

Or

- (b) Write a letter to the Director, Excellence Coaching Centre enquiring details of Coaching programme, fee structures and the hostel facilities and expenses as you intend to join when in Class XII; You are David Chiru. 8

14. Write in about 60 words on the traditional festivities of Christmas and New Year. 4

15. (a) Mr. Jonathan is the Principal of St. Xavier Higher Secondary School. Write a notice informing the Class XI appeared students to take admission to Class XII as their regular classes will soon begin. Write the notice. 4

Or

- (b) Miss Jenny celebrates her 16th birthday on the 16th March, 2023. She invites only a few close friends for the occasion to come to Hotel Paradise at 6 p.m. The party will be only with family and friends. There will also be dinner. Prepare the invitation addressed to Miss Sumi. 4

16. *Read the following passage and answer as directed at the end :*

The youth are actually getting to be a problem because they have nothing to do. Besides, there are no widely accepted heroes in their generation. There is no Messiah that they can admiringly look up to, nobody they would like to emulate, nobody who can inspire them to action. They are a powerful force, but no person has been able to mould them. They find a vacuum in leadership. But education, social and physical mobility, TV and newspapers among other things have introduced them to vast areas of life, development and politics. They may personally be on a weak wicket, but that don't stop them from lashing out confidently at the state of Indian Society. They look on it, in a sense, as outsiders because they believe that they have nothing to do with its failures and shortcomings. They feel that the responsibility for these failures lies on the generation of their parents, teachers and leaders.

- (a) Make notes of the main ideas from the passage using abbreviations wherever necessary. 3
- (b) Develop the notes into a summary. 3

SECTION – E
(GRAMMAR)

17. (a) *Correct the following sentences by using the correct function of the verb :*
- (i) She is often coming to me on sundays. 1
- (ii) The dog was barking the whole night. 1
- (b) *Change into assertive sentence :*
- Fie, Fie! you are a cheat. 1
- (c) *Rearrange the words into a correct meaningful sentence :*
- (i) only/to make himself/by shouting at the top of his voice/was he able/heard. 1
- (ii) Those/except others/cannot treat/should not/others well/to treat them well. 1
- (d) *Change the speech :*
- The spectators said, "Bravo! Well played, John". 1
- (e) *Choose the correct one from the alternatives that follow each of the key sentence to complete :*
- (i) The Judge used his _____ power and let the accused off with a reprimand. 1
- (A) official
- (B) legal
- (C) absolute
- (D) discretionary

(ii) We should try to _____ the evil practices in the society. 1

(A) do away from

(B) do with

(C) do away with

(D) do away

(iii) Choose the one from the alternatives which have the correct meaning of the underlined idiom : 1

A movement for the world unity is in the offing.

(A) at the end

(B) about to start

(C) on decline

(D) in the air

(iv) Choose the one from the alternatives which can correctly substitute the underlined part of the given sentence : 1

Do not take another step, else your life will face great peril.

(A) might be thrown into

(B) will be in

(C) would be placed in great

(D) might come across great