

2024

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) Write how the king made friend with the bearded man who came to kill him.

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Or

(b) Write how the Zamindar was responsible for the suffering and misery of Gafur during the drought.

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

(a) Why does Nehru say that some animals are superior to man in certain ways?

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Or

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- (b) Why does J. B. Priestley say that students are not supposed to be ignorant and stupid? 4
3. *Answer the following question in about 40 words :*
Why cannot science determine what is right and wrong? 3
4. *Answer the following questions in about 30 words each:*
(a) Why was Tarkaratna angry with Gafur ? 2
(b) Why did the king decide to go to the hermit? 2
5. *Answer the following questions in one phrase/sentence each:*
(a) What does the author say about the student mobs? 1
(b) Why do the enemies of science abuse its exponents? 1
(c) What is the only one time that is important? 1
(d) Who was Mahesh? 1
6. *Choose the correct answers from the alternatives:*
(i) A good scientist must be impartial between Mr. John Smith, and _____ 1
(a) St. Paul
(b) Mr. Haldane
(c) a tapeworm and solar system
(d) a few dozen women
(ii) Nehru wrote the letter to his daughter from – 1
(a) Malacca Goal
(b) Naini prison
(c) Anand Bhawan
(d) Allahabad

SECTION – B

(POETRY)

7. *Explain the following extract in about 125 words:*

- (a) “I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore,” 8

Or

- (b) Thus let me live, unseen, unknown;
Thus unlamented let me die;
Steal from the world, and not a stone.
Tell where I lie. 8

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

- (a) How does Lord Tennyson describe the passage of the brook? 4

Or

- (b) How does John Keats describe the different seasons in the mind of man? 4

9. *Answer the following question in about 40 words:*

- Why was the patriot to be executed? 3

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

- (a) Why does Shakespeare grieve when he thinks of things past? 2

- (b) Why does the poet call on the kindly light? 2

11. *Answer the following questions in one phrase/sentence each:*

- (a) Why does the poet describe the spider as 'dimpled' spider? 1
- (b) What do the 'sins through which I run' mean by the poet? 1
- (c) Why were the people waiting the patriot by the scaffold's foot? 1
- (d) Who comes on the thundering chariot of clouds? 1

12. *Choose the correct option to answer the questions:*

- (i) The poet finds the spider – 1
 - (a) in the morning sunshine
 - (b) on a paper kite
 - (c) on a white flower
 - (d) on the wayside blue flower
- (ii) When the poet sings many songs in all mood of the mind – 1
 - (a) the darkness is enhanced by the light
 - (b) the thunder comes with rain
 - (c) there comes happiness in the mind
 - (d) God comes, ever comes

SECTION – C

(COMPREHENSION)

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

Jute is almost entirely an Indian crop but it is cultivated on a large scale in Bangladesh, Pakistan, China, Japan, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina. So great is its economic value that about four million farming families are engaged

in the cultivation of Jute in India. As an industrial crop it is quite cheap and in importance it is only next to cotton. The things made from jute are also eco-friendly.

Jute is used mainly for rough weaving. Various types of bags, ropes, sacks and covers are made of jute. The superior, long and glossy fibres are used for making carpets, twine, curtains, cloth etc. jute butts, i.e., short fibres and pieces from the lower ends of the stalks, are used in paper making. The white stalks are used widely in rural areas as fuel and material for walling or fencing.

- (a) Where is jute cultivated on a large scale apart from India? 2
- (b) What is its economic value? 2
- (c) What is its industrial importance? 2
- (d) What is meant by eco-friendly? Are the products of jute eco-friendly? 2
- (e) How is jute used for its productions? 2

SECTION – D

(WRITING)

14. *Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 150 words:* 8
- (a) Climate change in Manipur
 - (b) Benefits of Reading
 - (c) Unity is Strength
15. (a) Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him for proper working of your Library. Give instances of disorderliness, non-availability of reference books and lack of co-operation from the staff. 8

Or

- (b) Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Patanjali Ayurveda Private Limited, Mumbai ordering some new cosmetic products which are not available in the market yet. Invent the item of products yourself. 8

16. Write in eight lines about a pair of white doves cooing on the rooftop. 4
17. (a) You are Dany, President of the students union, Downtown Public School. Write a notice informing the students for a Health Check-up Programme to be held in the school. 4

Or

- (b) Write a diary entry about your experience of participating a Social Service Camp in your school. 4
18. *Read the following passage and answer the question as directed :*

The culture is a treasure of collected gems of experiences and wisdom of the ages gifted by a lot of people of earlier generations. It is the essence of the distilled experiences of so many people, carried over from the past. It is a reservoir of tried and tested values, norms, observances and principles that have take the form of life-styles, manner, etiquette, folk-lore, celebrations, quotations, festivals and visual and performing arts, such as dance, drama, songs, conventions, traditions and even rituals.

How the youngsters should meet, greet and treat the elders and vice-versa, how one should treat a guest, a neighbour or friend and how one should respect one's teacher or a sage, what and how one should eat and drink or what one should not eat and drink, at what hour in the morning should one get up and at what hour should one sleep, what kind or form of dress one should wear, how gents should treat ladies or what manners should each gender observe in the presence of the other – all these and thousand nore things are included in the term 'culture'.

- (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)

19. (a) *Write the correct order of the following broken sentence to form a meaningful sentence:* 1
the / house / family / reflects / a well / about / maintained
- (b) *Change into passive voice of the following :* 1
I don't like people telling me what to do.
- (c) *Change the following into Indirect speech :* 1
Netu said, "I walk for an hour every evening."
- (d) *Transform the following into complex sentence :* 1
He lives in his native village.
- (e) *There is an error in the following sentence. Correct and rewrite it.* 1
Kolkata is at the bank of the river Hooghly.
- (f) *Fill in the blank with phrasal verb of the following :* 1
You ought to _____ smoking for your health.
- (g) *Fill in the blank with appropriate modal :* 1
If she were alive, she _____ have turned eighty today.
20. *Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives :*
- (i) He _____ for this company since 2011. 1
(a) worked
(b) had worked
(c) is working
(d) has been working

(ii) Choose the one which is opposite in meaning : 1

DEMON

(a) Generous

(b) Charitable

(c) Angel

(d) Kind-hearted

(iii) Choose the correct one of the following : 1

(a) I have completed the work yesterday.

(b) I did completely the work yesterday.

(c) I completed the work yesterday.

(d) I have had completed the work yesterday.