

2016

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three Hours and *Fifteen Minutes

*(*15 minutes are given as extra time for reading questions)*

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's a big thing, but it's the last. 6

OR

b) I'm tired of waiting. I'm tired of thinking. I want to turn loose my hold on every thing, and go sailing down. Just like one of those poor tired leaves. 6

2. Answer the following questions in about **80** words :

(a) Give a character sketch of Denis Gregoryev. 6

OR

(b) Compare and contrast the legends told by the baroness and Amelie. 6

3. Answer the following questions in about **25** words each :

(a) "Sue looked solicitously out of the window. What was there to count?"

Why did Sue look solicitously out of the window? 2

(b) "The impossible could be seen by them all."

How could the impossible be seen by them all? 2

(c) How was Amelie taunted by the baroness? 2

(d) Why was Denis brought before the magistrate? 2

(e) What according to Budha must we sacrifice to the gods? 2

(f) By what methods did the priests get the people under their control? 2

4. Answer the following in about **30** words each :

(a) Write the difficulties faced by Fatheringay about Mr. Winch. 3

(b) How had Vedic religion changed and fallen from its high estate? 3

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

(a) Why did Sue cry a Japanese napkin to a pulp after the doctor had gone ? 1

(b) At what specific moment would a tree crash down in the park ? 1

(c) What, according to Mr. Maydig, is the power to work miracles ? 1

(d) Who is Ivan Semyonov Akinfov ? 1

(e) "I am afraid the next world does not interest me"

Who said this ? 1

SECTION-B

(POETRY)

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

(a) Freeze, Freeze, thou bitter sky,

That dost not bit so nigh

As benefits forgot. 6

OR

(b) He thought he'd enlist perhaps,

Off-hand-like-just as I —

Was out of work-had sold his traps—

No other reason why. 6

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

(a) Distinguish between the mountain echo and the echoes from beyond the grave. 6

OR

(b) Write how Robert Browning expresses his feelings of longing, homesickness and nostalgia. 6

8. Answer the following questions in about **25** words each :

(a) What, according to Wordsworth, must we do when we hear the echoes from beyond the grave? 2

(b) Describe how the dragonfly came out of its old husk. 2

(c) How do the ploughman and the trees help to build up the theme of the poem "The Wind Flashes the Grass"? 2

(d) Why does the thrush sing each song twice over? 2

(e) "The falcon can not hear the falconer".

Write the symbolical meaning of the above line. 2

(f) Who are the persons referred to in the poem "The Man He killed"? 2

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

(a) Why did the poet break a twig with a certain number of leaves upon it and twine a little moss around it? 3

(b) Why does William Shakespeare show a more welcoming nature to the winter wind than to human beings in his poem "Blow, Blow, thou Winter Wind"? 3

10. Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

(a) "Like her ordinary cry"

What is like her ordinary cry ? 1

(b) How are desert birds described in the poem "The Second Coming"?

1

(c) Why are the trees in the ends of the field shuddering and wary ?

1

(d) "It is not needed to remind me as of my dear friends."

Why does the poet say so ? 1

(e) Where shall an unpatriotic person go when he dies ? 1

SECTION-C

(COMPOSITION)

11. (a) You are Livingston Kamei of Tamenglong. You bought a NOKIA mobile handset last month from "R.K. MOBILES", Thangal Bazar, Imphal against a warranty of two years. Now, you discover a defect in the handset. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the defect and requesting him to change the defective handset against the warranty that goes with it. 7

OR

- (b) You are the Secretary of the Students' Union of Kelvin Higher Secondary School, Sugnu. Your union is going to organise a seminar on 'Communal Harmony' next week at your school Jubilee hall. Write a letter to the C.M. of Manipur requesting him to inaugurate the seminar. 7

12. Write an essay on any one of the given topics with the help of the given hints in about **200** words : 10

(a) The Internet.

[*Outlines* : What it is — uses and abuses of online applications — effects — conclusion]

OR

(b) Tourism in Manipur.

[*Outlines*: What it is — scope for development of tourism in Manipur — need for promoting tourism in Manipur — conclusion]

OR

(c) Population Explosion in Manipur.

[*Outlines* : What it is — its causes — its effects — remedy for it — conclusion]

13. Write a patriotic song of eight lines. 5

SECTION-D

(COMPREHENSION)

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

In olden days, I think, it must have been easy to form the habit of reading. People stayed for months in the same house without stirring from it even for a night. The opportunities for reading were so many, and opportunities for doing things were so few, that the habit of reading must always have been forced upon them. The first thing necessary to the pleasure of reading is that when people are young they should acquire the habit of reading.

This is becoming more and more difficult. The motor car is altogether unfavourable to reading. People spend more time in moving about than they did, and they do so under conditions which, even for people with good eyes, must make reading difficult, if not possible. The cinematograph is another change in the same direction, and flying is becoming more and more common. All these things must make it more difficult for successive generations to acquire the habit of reading.

- (a) Why was it easy to form the habit of reading in olden days ? 2
- (b) Why is it becoming more and more difficult to form the habit of reading ? 2
- (c) Give the autonym of 'acquire'. 1
- (d) Give the noun form of 'Successive'. 1
- (e) Find out the phrase from the passage which has the same meaning with 'great observations'. 1
- (f) The word 'flying' in the passage is used as a gerund. Say 'true' or 'false'. 1