

2017

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three Hours and *Fifteen Minutes

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

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 is beautiful that they have come; I am the last Von Cernogratz that will die in our old castle and they have come to sing to me. 6

Or

(b) One can learn much from others, but everything worthwhile one has to find out or experience oneself. 6

2. Answer the following question in about 80 words :

(a) Write what you know of Behrman as a painter of a masterpiece. 6

Or

(b) Describe the incidents that follow Fotheringay's order to stop the movement of the earth. 6

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

(a) Why did the doctor say that Johnsy had a very low chance of getting well ? 2

(b) "The next day Fotheringay heard two interesting pieces of news". What were the two pieces of news ? 2

(c) What, according to Amalie, is the legend of Cernogratz ? 2

(d) Why did the villagers remove nuts from the railway line ? 2

(e) Why were the Chinese people considered "the most courteous and perfect mannered and cultured in the world" ? 2

(f) Why does Pandit Nehru think that 600 B.C. is a big milestone of history ? 2

4. Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :

(a) Why did the artists set up their colony in Greenwich village ? 3

(b) Why were Fotheringay's miracles forgotten ? 3

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

(a) What was the strange fancy Johnsy had about the ivy vine ? 1

(b) Who came towards fotheringay when he was making a rose bush out of his walking stick ? 1

(c) Why did Amalie change her name ? 1

(d) What was the name of the village in which Denis lived ? 1

(e) Which religion is a great believer in Ahimsha or non-violence ? 1

SECTION-B

(POETRY)

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

(a) He dried his wings : like guaze they grew
Through crofts and pastures wet with dew
A living flash of light he flew. 6

Or

(b) They too are afraid they too are momentary.
Streams rivers of shadow. 6

7. Answer the following question in about 80 words :

(a) How is "The Second Coming" a prophetic poem ? 6

Or

(b) What according to Sir Walter Scott, would happen to a man who is not a patriot ? 6

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

(a) "This life is most jolly".

Why does the poet, William Shakespeare say that life in nature is 'most jolly' ? 2

(b) "Voices of two different natures !"

What are the two voices referred to here ? 2

(c) "The ceremony of innocence is drowned".

How is the ceremony of innocence drowned ? 2

(d) Why does Browning wish to be in England in April ? 2

(e) How did the live-oak which the poet saw in Louisiana grow ? 2

(f) How does Jed Hughes describe the trees in his poem ? 2

9. Answer the following questions in about 35 words :

(a) How is the poet impressed by the dragon-fly when it comes out of its cocoon ? 3

(b) "Yes; quaint and curious war is !"
Why does the poet say so ? 3

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

(a) How does the thrush sing ? 1

(b) 'And the incomprehensible cry'
What is the cry referred to here ? 1

(c) 'And doubly dying, shall go down'.
Who suffers double death ? 1

(d) "I know very well I could not."
What did the poet know he could not ? 1

(e) What, according to Tennyson, prompted the dragonfly to come out
of its cocoon ? 1

SECTION-C

(COMPOSITION)

11. (a) Mr. Rajesh, a senior citizen, writes a letter to the chairman, Imphal Municipal Corporation to keep Imphal city clean. Reproduce the probable form of the letter. 7

Or

(b) You are Mr./Miss X, a student of Imphal Higher Secondary School.

Write a letter to your friend Sumi, who is studying in Delhi on how the recent class boycott and bandh affected the academic life of students in Manipur. 7

12. Write an Essay on *any one* of the following topics : 10

(a) Habit of Reading

(Hints : Introduction — need for reading — present day application and practice — conclusion.)

(b) Student and Discipline

(Hints : Introduction — the value of discipline in life — the value of discipline among students — conclusion.)

(c) The Importance of Newspaper

(Hints : Its importance — what to read — what to avoid — its uses — its abuses.)

13. One morning you left your village on a bicycle for your uncle's house in a nearby city. Describe the scene you came across on your way in about 80 words. 5

SECTION-D

(COMPREHENSION)

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

A hobby is a favourite subject or occupation that is not one's main business. In this age of machinery which has taken upon itself, most of the laborious duties of physical exertion formerly performed by man, creating for him pleasant intervals of rest and leisure it should not be difficult for him to devote sometime to the pursuit of a new interest that can add some charm, colour or zest to his life. The spare time must not be frittered away in idleness or spent on such work which overtaxes his mind and body after he has performed his normal functions of the day. The new interest will be worthwhile only if it provides relaxation and change from ordinary occupation, banishes the drabness of routine work and produces a feeling that life is both charming and meaningful.

- (a) What is a hobby ? 2
- (b) What are the advantages of hobbies ? 2
- (c) Give the antonym of 'drabness'. 1
- (d) Give the noun form of 'devote'. 1
- (e) Find out the phrase from the passage which has the same meaning with 'wasted foolishly'. 1
- (f) Give the verb form of 'pursuit' ? 1