

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)*

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) They were always revolutionaries who were not afraid of attacking existing evils. Where old tradition had gone wrong or where it prevented future growth, they attacked and removed it without fear. 6

OR

- (b) They have come from far and wide to sing the death-music of my family. It is beautiful that they have come: I am the last Von Cernogratze that will die in our old Castle, and they have come to sing to me. 6

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

(a) Describe how Behrman painted his masterpiece.

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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) How did Sue and Johnsy set up a studio jointly ?

2

(b) Why did Amalie change her name ?

2

(c) In what state was the Vedic religion when Budha was born ?

2

(d) Why was Denis surprised when he was to be sent to prison ?

2

(e) Why did the people at Long Dragon accuse Fotheringay of ?

2

(f) What, according to Denis, could cause a train accident ?

2

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

(a) What did Fotheringay do to the Tobacco-pot ?

3

(b) How did Pneumonia spread in the Old Greenwich ?

3

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

(a) Who is the unseen stranger stalking about the Greenwich Village in November ?

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(b) Who was Mr. Maydig ?

1

- (c) What crime was Denis charged of? 1
- (d) What was Conrad by profession? 1
- (e) What is the meaning of Budha? 1

SECTION-B
(POETRY)

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

- (a) High though his title, proud his name
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim
Despite those titles, power and pelf,
The wretch concentrated all in itself, 6

OR

- (d) But I wonder'd how it could utter joyous leaves standing
alone
there, without its friend, its lover near-for I knew I
could not ; 6

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

- (a) Why does Thomas Hardy say that war is quaint and curious? 6

OR

- (b) Why is Robert Browning so eager to be in England in April and May? 6

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

- (a) How does William Shakespeare describe the winter wind ? 2
- (b) How does Wordsworth describe mankind in his poem ? 2
- (c) Why does Sir Walter Scott say that an unpatriotic man dies 'doubly' ? 2
- (d) What made W.B. Yeats think it was time for the Second Coming ? 2
- (e) How does Ted Hughes describe the trees when the storm has died down ? 2
- (f) Why do soldiers usually get enlisted as expressed in the poem 'The Man He Killed' ? 2

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

- (a) Why does Shakespeare say that forest life is 'most jolly' in his poem ? 3
- (b) Why is the poet so impressed by the dragon-fly when it comes out of its cocoon ? 3

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

- (a) Who is the babbling wanderer ? 1
- (b) What made the dragon-fly break its cocoon ? 1
- (c) Which flower is described as 'the little children's dower' ? 1
- (d) 'For him no Minstrel raptures swell'
Who is the person referred to her ? 1
- (e) '..... my foe of course he was.'
Who is the foe ? 1

SECTION-C
(COMPOSITION)

11. (a) There is always traffic jam in and around the streets of Imphal City. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Government of Manipur requesting him to take up measures to ease the traffic problem. Give your name as Mr. Y.

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OR

- (b) In response to an advertisement appeared in the local Newspaper for the job of a Sales Executive in Sangai Motors, write an application for the post to the Manager of the firm. Put your name as Mr. X. 7

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

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- (a) Environment Pollution

[Outlines: Meaning — causes of pollution — kinds of pollutions — hazards — Remedies — conclusion]

OR

- (b) Unemployment problems in Manipur

[Outlines: What it is — causes — suggestions for remedy — conclusion]

OR

- (c) Travelling as a part of education

[Outlines: What it is — knowledge through travelling — how travelling and Education related — conclusion]

13. Write down the kind of thoughts and images that come to your mind when you see 'an old man'. 5

SECTION-D

(COMPREHENSION)

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

In earlier times when man appeared on earth, he was over-awed at the sight of violent and powerful aspects of Nature. In certain cases, the usefulness of different natural objects of Nature overwhelmed man. Thus began the worship of forces of Nature: fire, the sun, the rivers, the rocks, the trees, the snakes, etc. The holy scriptures were written by those who had developed harmony between external nature and their inner self. Their object was to ennoble, elevate and liberate the human spirit and mind. But the priestly class took upon itself the monopoly of scriptural knowledge and interpretation to its own advantage. Thus the entire human race was in chains. Truth was flouted and progressive, liberal and truthful ideas or ideas expressing doubt and scepticism were suppressed and their holders punished. It was in these trying circumstances the science emerged as a saviour of mankind. But its path was not smooth and safe. The scientists and free thinkers were tortured. This was the fate of Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno and others. But, by and by science gained ground.

- (a) How was man over-awed in earlier times ? 2
- (b) How do priests monopolise scriptural knowledge? 2
- (c) Say true *or* false:
- (i) Holy scriptures elevate human spirits. 1
- (ii) Many great thinkers were honoured in the past. 1

- (d) Find out the word from the passage which has same meaning as the word 'dazed'. 1
- (e) Find out the word from the passage which has the opposite meaning to the word 'faith'. 1