

2018

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. Explain the following extract with reference to the context :

(a) 'Ah' he said, 'Let nothing that I'm going to order happen until I say 'off'... oh, I wish I had thought of that!' 6

OR

(b) 'Flog a man, you understand, but only when he deserves it understand?' 6

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2. Answer the following questions in about 80 words :

- (a) What are the observations made by the doctor on Johnsy's illness in the story "The Last Leaf"? 6

OR

- (b) Describe the events that surround the death of Amelie in the story "The Wolves of Cernogratz". 6

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

- (a) "I've been a bad girl, Sudie", said Johnsy. 2
- (b) How did Fotheringay have three eggs for his breakfast? 2
- (c) Why were the Baron and the Baroness angry with Amelie? 2
- (d) 'How do you suppose train-wrecks happen?' 2

Doesn't it occur to you that if a few nuts are unscrewed, you can have train wreck?'

How, according to Denis, could a train wreck happen? 2

- (e) What advice did Nehru give to his daughter about taking a big and vital decision? 2
- (f) How did Brahman priests flourish when the old vedic religion prevailed in India? 2

4. Answer the following questions in about 35 - 40 words each :

- (a) What changes did Fotheringay and Mr. Maydig bring in the early hours? 3
- (b) How did Budha reform the old vedic religion? 3

5. Answer the following questions in *one* sentence each :
- (a) What had stricken the leaves from the Ivy Vine tree ? 1
- (b) I am one of a great old family.
Who is 'I' in the above line ? 1
- (c) When did Fotheringgay go to Church ? 1
- (d) Who owes Denis three rubles ? 1
- (e) On which subject did Nehru want to have his little say ? 1

SECTION – B
(POETRY)

6. Explain the following extract with reference to the context :
- (a) But ranged as infantry,
And staring face to face,
I shot at him as he at me
And killed him in his place 6
- OR*
- (b) The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity. 6
7. Answer the following question in about *80* words :
- (a) Explain the ideas contained in the poem "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind". 6
- OR*
- (b) Bring out the thoughts and feelings of Walt Whitman as expressed in the poem "I saw In Louisiana A Live Oak Growing". 6

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

- (a) How does Wordsworth describe mankind in the poem "The Mountain Echo". 2
- (b) Explain the meaning of "doubly dying" in the poem "Patriotism" by Sir Walter Scott. 2
- (c) How is the poet's blossomed pear tree described in the poem "Home Thought From Abroad"? 2
- (d) Why, according to Thomas Hardy, is war "quaint and curious"? 2
- (e) Things fall apart, the centre cannot hold;
Why does W.B. Yeats say so in his poem "The Second Coming"? 2
- (f) Leaves poor blackly across.
Why do the leaves appear black? 2

9. Answer the following questions in about 35-40 words each :

- (a) How does the poet express his longing for England in the poem "Home-Thoughts From Abroad"? 3
- (b) "Why is the Sky described as dark and travelling in the poem "A Wind Flashes The Grass"? 3

10. Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

- (a) Unsolicited reply
To a babbling wanderer sent :
What is the "unsolicited reply" mentioned in the above? 1
- (b) What, according to Sir Walter Scott, should a patriotic person say proudly to himself? 1

- (c) Where did the dragonfly lie before it came out to the open world? 1
- (d) How do "the fields" in the poem "Home Thought From Abroad" look before the noontime comes? 1
- (e) What is "the incomprehensible cry" in the poem "A Wind Flashes The Grass"? 1

SECTION – C
(COMPOSITION)

11. (a) Johnson of Ukhrul Bazar bought a Laptop from M/S Raj Electronics, Thangal Bazar, Imphal a month ago against a warranty of two years. Now, he finds a dead key in the Keyboard. He writes a letter to the dealer complaining about it and requesting him to replace the defective piece against the warranty that goes with it. Reproduce the form of the letter. 7

OR

- (b) You are Lanchenba of Keisampat, Imphal. Write a letter to the managing director of MSPDCL, Manipur complaining about the frequent power failures in your area and requesting him to avail the people of your area a regular power supply. 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) Corruption In Manipur :

[Outlines: What it means — different aspects of corruption — effects on social life — Conclusion]

OR

(b) Global Warming :

[Outlines: What it is — causes and effects — prevention of global warming — Conclusion]

OR

(c) Drug Addiction In Manipur :

[Outlines : What it means -- factors leading to drug abuse and addiction -- the evil effects of drug addiction -- Conclusion]

13. Develop a poem of eight lines with rhyming words.

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SECTION – D (COMPREHENSION)

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

Success in life depends largely on good health. Keep your body fit, and by cleanliness, fresh air, regular habits and suitable recreations, make yourself strong to play the game in every sense of the world. Avoid anything that will sap your strength. Smoking is harmful to the body and clouds the brain. Be temperate in all things, and beware of drink. It is the deadly enemy of health and efficiency. Above all, remember that your character is a priceless possession. Therefore, keep it pure. Be truthful in all things, courteous to everybody, fair to your rivals, kind and helpful to all who are weak and suffering, and do not be afraid to stand up for what is good and noble. In your leisure hours avoid mere idling. Fill such hours with companionships and associations calculated to exercise over you an influence for good. To a long extent you will be known by the company you keep.

- (a) How are we to maintain good health ? 2
- (b) What shall we fill our leisure hours with? 2
- (c) Change the last sentence of the passage into the active voice. 1
- (d) Give the noun form of the word 'courteous'. 1
- (e) Find out the word from the passage which has the opposite meaning to 'worthless'. 1
- (f) Find out the word from the passage which has the similar meaning with 'repose'. 1