

2022

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

*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 120 words :*

(a) Compare and contrast the legends told by the Baroness and Amelie. 8

Or

(b) “Keep your mouth shut, and don’t disturb me !” 8

Narrate the circumstances under which the magistrate made this remark.

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

(a) “The place,” said Mr. Maydig, “won’t be the same place tomorrow. How surprised and thankful everyone will be !”

Give reasons why Maydig said so. 4

Or

(b) “The average school boy or girl thinks of Pythagoras as busybody who proved a theorem in geometry, which he or she, unhappy person, has to learn.”

Explain what the writer mean by the above statement. 4

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3. *Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :*

(a) "It is a sin to want to die"

How did Johnsy realise her mistake? 3

(b) How did Fotheringay convince Maydig that he could work miracles? 3

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

(a) Why did the doctor subtract 50 percent from the curative power of medicines? 2

(b) Why does Nehru think that the 6th century B.C. is a big milestone of history? 2

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

(a) How, according to the Baroness, did Amelie die? 1

(b) What did Johnsy want to paint someday? 1

(c) What was the topic on which Maydig spoke on Sunday evening? 1

SECTION – B

(POETRY)

6. *Explain the following extract with reference to the context :* 8

(a) And doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust whence he sprung
Unwept, unhonour'd, and unsung.

Or

(b) But I wonder'd how it could utter
joyous leaves standing alone there,
Without its friend near, for I knew
I could not.

7. Answer the following question in about 60 words each :
- (a) How is human nature described by the poet in the poem "The Mountain Echo" ? 4

Or

- (b) How does Robert Browning describe the scenic beauty of England in the early summer ? 4

8. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :

- (a) "The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart, _____"
Explain the meaning of the above lines. 3

- (b) "Yes, quaint and curious war is!"
In what way is war quaint and curious ? 3

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

- (a) "Most friendship is feigning, _____"
Why does William Shakespeare say that most friendship is feigning ? 2

- (b) "They too are afraid."
Why does the poet say that the trees too are afraid ? 2

10. Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

- (a) Who, according to William Shakespeare, is kinder--man or winter wind ? 1

- (b) "I shot him dead because"
Why did the speaker shoot him dead ? 1

- (c) "Trees thunder in unison,"
What does 'thunder in unison' refer to ? 1

SECTION – C
(COMPOSITION)

11. *Write an essay on any one of the given topics in about 150 words :* 8

(a) Drug trafficking in Manipur

(b) Climate change

(c) No pain, no gain

12. (a) You are Jenny of Wangkhei, Imphal. Write a letter to your friend Elina of Ukhrul for your birthday party giving details of the programme, day, date and time etc. 8

Or

(b) You are James of Thangal Bazar, Imphal. Write a letter to the Chairman, Imphal Municipal Corporation, Imphal complaining about garbage piled up in and around the Thangal Bazar area and requesting him to sanitize the area. 8

13. Imagine a day without electricity. Write your experience in about 60 words. 4

Or

Describe in your own words, "An unforgettable day". (in about 60 words) 4

14. (a) Today you met an old friend of yours after a long time. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings. 4

Or

(b) You are Peter, General Secretary of Brilliant Public School Chandel. Your school is going to organise an Essay Competition. Draft a notice for your school notice board informing the students of the competition giving details like date, time, venue and topic of the essay, etc. 4

15. *Read the following passage and give your answer as directed :*

Speech is a great blessing but it can be a curse, for, while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual or ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride; unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning for our own class. Thus, speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands a careful handling; only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

- (a) Make notes of the above given passage. 3
- (b) Write a summary using the notes. 3

SECTION – D

(COMPREHENSION)

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

The saving of certain wild animals from extinction has so many years been a problem for zoologists and other specialists; but more recently the problem has become so acute, and has received so much publicity, that most people are now concerned about it. This may at first seem strange because one of the most gratifying developments of the last few years has been the passing of strict laws to protect wild animals and the consequent decline in the hunting as a big game of sport. Why is it, then, that some rare animals are still threatened with extinction and some of the less rare ones are rapidly declining in number? One reason is the “march of civilization”. When an area is wholly cleared of vegetation to make

rooms for new towns, factory, sites of hydro-electric plants, the natural home of several species is destroyed. The displaced must either migrate to another area or perish. Even the clearing of land for a road, or an airfield may involve 'pushing back' the jungle, and the smaller the area in which wild animals compete for a living the smaller the number that can hope to survive. Civilization brings, too, swift and easy transport and so assists those who are determined to break the various protective laws.

Thieves can elude the game wardens, shoot an elephant for its tusk, a rhinoceros for its horn, or a deer for its meat and be miles away from the site of the crime before the dead or the dying victim is even discovered. Civilization which brings so many benefits to people brings also facilities for the heartless criminals who, for only material gain, slaughter harmless animals and threaten the disappearance of its kind from the earth forever.

- (a) 'This may at first seem strange' Why does the author think that 'This' may seem strange ? 2
- (b) What are most people concerned about now ? 2
- (c) How does modern transport threaten the survival of wild animals ? 2
- (d) How does civilization help criminals ? 2
- (e) What is the sad reflection that the author makes in the end of the passage ? 2

SECTION – E

(FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR)

17. (a) Rerrange the following into a meaningful sentence :
a/ and/ me/ day/ algebra/ geometry/ twice/ taught/ he 1
- (b) Change the voice :
A man is known by the company he keeps. 1

(c) Correct the following sentence and rewrite it :

The director as well as the dancers were honoured by the public. 1

(d) Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb :

We eat so that we _____ live. 1

(e) Change the following into indirect speech :

You said, "I had a headache yesterday". 1

(f) Identify the subordinate clause in the following :

The news, that he is killed, is true. 1

18. (a) Choose the appropriate preposition to fill in the blank in the following sentence : 1

He is not popular _____ the students.

(i) by

(ii) among

(iii) with

(iv) at

(b) Choose the correct question tag to complete the sentence :

Do as I say, _____ 1

(i) don't you ?

(ii) won't you ?

(iii) will you ?

(iv) can't you ?

(c) Choose the correct synonym of the given capitalized words : 1

ADMIT

(i) Commit

(ii) Confess

(iii) Decide

(iv) Realize

(d) Choose the correct one from the alternatives to complete the sentence: 1

When I left in the morning, the sun _____ .

(i) is shining

(ii) shone

(iii) had shone

(iv) was shining