

2023

## 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 125 words :*

- (a) “I’ve been a bad girl, Sudie,” she said, “Something has made that last leaf stay there to show me how wicked I was. It is a sin to want to die.”

Write why Johnsy called herself a bad and wicked girl when she regained her appetite for life ?

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*Or*

- (b) “These things Mr. Fotheringay did not fully understand. But he saw that his miracle had gone wrong and with that a great hatred of miracle came upon him”. Write why Mr. Fotheringay thought that his miracle had gone wrong and a great hatred of it came upon him ?

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

- (a) Why did Amalie come to the old Castle as a governess ?

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*Or*

- (b) Why did it not occur to Denis that removing of nuts from the rail-track was a crime ?

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3. *Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :*
- (a) Why did everyone accuse Mr. Fotheringay of doing a foolish trick at the Long Dragon ? 3
- (b) What made the sixth century before Christ a period of great interest according to Nehru ? 3
4. *Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :*
- (a) Why did Sue and Johnsy like each other ? 2
- (b) Why did Denis say that "a peasant has the brain of peasant" ? 2
5. *Answer the following questions in one sentence each :*
- (a) When did Mr. Pneumonia, an unseen stranger stalk about in the colony ? 1
- (b) What was the name of the Baroness's dog ? 1
- (c) Who started the Jain religion as exists today ? 1

### SECTION – B

#### (POETRY)

6. *Explain the following extract with reference to the context :*
- (a) And, doubly dying, shall go down  
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,  
Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung. 8
- Or*
- (b) Yes; quaint and curious war is !  
You shoot a fellow down  
You'd treat if met where any bar is,  
Or help to half-a-crown. 8

7. Answer the following question in about 60 words :
- (a) Why does Wordsworth say that the 'echoes from beyond the grave' are of recognised intelligence ? 4

**Or**

- (b) Why does Yeats say that 'mere anarchy is loosed upon the world'? 4
8. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :
- (a) Why did Browning wish to be in England while he was abroad ? 3
- (b) Why does the poet think that he cannot live like the oak-tree ? 3

9. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :
- (a) 'A living flash of light he flew'. How does the flight of the dragon-fly look like a living flash of light ? 2
- (b) What do the ploughman and his tractor symbolize ? 2

10. Answer the following questions in **one** sentence each :
- (a) Why is forest life most jolly according to Shakespeare ? 1
- (b) Why did the poet of the 'The Man He Killed' enlist in the army ? 1
- (c) 'If such there breathe, go, mark him well'  
Who is the man the poet refers to ? 1

**SECTION – C**  
**(COMPOSITION)**

11. Write an essay on any one of the given topics in about 150 words :
- (a) Tourism and Environment 8
- (b) If I were the Minister of Education
- (c) Work is worship

12. (a) Write a letter to the Director of Education(s) requesting him to make Physical Education a compulsory subject in the higher secondary classes to help in developing physical health among the students. You are David of Ukhrul. 8

*Or*

- (b) Write a letter to the General Manager, Hotel Imphal asking for the catering cost, service and decoration charges and advance to be paid for conducting the Wedding reception of your sister in the hotel. You are Jermia. 8
13. Describe in about 60 words a golden fish in the aquarium. 4
14. (a) You are James, Secretary Sugnu Public Club, Sugnu. Write a notice informing all the members of the club to attend a meeting to discuss the Sports Festival during Holi festival. 4

*Or*

- (b) Your parents have completed twenty five years of happy married life. Write an invitation on their behalf inviting their friends and relatives to be present at the Silver-Jubilee celebration of their marriage at your residence. You are Kheilal. 4
15. Read the following passage and give your answer as directed :

There are more literate people in India today than ever before but there are also more illiterates than ever before. More children go to school than at any time in the past but it is not enough to blame the high birth-rate for this state of affairs. Indeed, it can be reasonably argued that continued mass illiteracy is not the result but the cause of the high birth-rate. Consequently, speed of literacy can be potent weapon of socio-economic development.

The problem of illiteracy is related to it but not the same as that of education. And while it is a colossal task to provide proper and full academic education to all children and youth in the country, the problem of eradicating illiteracy calls for a different and less leisurely blue-print. The following measure will be in the right direction: more primary schools, new part-time education centres for those who cannot attend regular schools and functional literacy centres for adults, especially in semi-urban and rural areas.

- (a) Make notes of the main points from the given passage. 3
- (b) Develop the main points into a summary. 3

### SECTION – D

#### (COMPREHENSION)

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

I went to bed with mixed feelings about the rainy day. Though it had initially started well with the cool breezes and droplets outside my window, getting to school was an uncomfortable experience. During the free periods we missed the bright sunshine when we used to run about in the playground. Towards the evening the electricity went off for a few hours and I could not do my homework. The next day the papers reported that many people faced hardship while travelling. Taxis and auto rickshaws were charging higher fares than usual. There are different seasons so we may be in touch with the rhythm of nature. It also makes it possible for us to appreciate what we otherwise take for granted.

The rain and rainy days affect people in different ways at different times. Alexander Frater's book 'Chasing the Monsoon' gives a graphic account of the way the monsoon affects people's lives across India. In places which have a heavy

monsoon, rainy days are a way of life and people prepare for the season by stocking up provisions and buying rain gear. However, in recent times the rain has been playing truant. With climate change staring us in the face globally, it could well be that the beauty of the rain will be a thing of the past.

- (a) What are the uncomfortable experiences the writer faced on the rainy day? 2
- (b) What difficulties did the newspaper report the next day? 2
- (c) How did people feel in the rhythm of nature? 2
- (d) How do people living in heavy monsoon areas prepare for it? 2
- (e) What does the writer mean to say that the beauty of rain will be a thing of the past? 2

## SECTION – E

### (FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR)

17. (a) *Find out the co-ordinate clause of the following and write it for your answer :*

After the practice was finished, the players went to the coach's house and gave him the report of the practices. 1

- (b) *Arrange the following broken sentence in the right order to make a meaningful sentence :*

You can take/ you can't take/ the boy/ the school/ out of the boy/ out of the school/ but. 1

- (c) *Change into the Passive voice of the following :*

I cannot depend on what he says. 1

(d) *Change into Indirect speech of the following :*

Rambo said, "I walk for an hour every morning".

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(e) *Write the following sentence correctly in respect of grammar, meaning and usage :*

I have read Shakespeare's works who was a great dramatist.

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(f) *Transform the following sentence into superlative degree :*

No other peak of the world is as high as Everest.

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18. (a) *Choose the most suitable word from the given alternatives for the following expression :*

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A child who stays away from school without permission.

(i) Delinquent

(ii) Freak

(iii) Truant

(iv) Dandy

(b) *Choose the one from the given alternatives which can substitute both the Underlined words in the two sentences :*

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(i) The headlight of the car was falling straight in our eyes.

(ii) After the retirement of the Director, there was no one to guide properly the company.

(a) Correct

(b) head

(c) control

(d) direct

- (c) *Choose the one which expresses the same sentence in passive voice of the following :* 1

A stone struck me on the head.

- (i) I was struck by a stone on the head.
  - (ii) My head was struck by stone.
  - (iii) I had been struck by a stone on the head.
  - (iv) I was struck on the head by a stone.
- (d) *Choose the word opposite in meaning of the following word :* 1

CONFIDENT

- (i) Shy
- (ii) Different
- (iii) Reserved
- (iv) Timid