

2024

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) “Flog a man, you understand but only when he deserves it understand?”

Why did Denis ask the magistrate to flog a man only when he deserved it?

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Or

(b) Give a brief comparison of religious founders and their disciples as expressed in your text. 8

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

(a) “Ah, darling, Behrman’s masterpiece – he painted it there the night that the last leaf fell”.

How could the leaf painted by Behrman be called a masterpiece?

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Or

(b) “For three days he has been sinking and I doubt if he will last the day”. Why did Sherlock Holmes pretend that he was dying? 4

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3. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*
- Why did Sue go into Johnsy's room whistling a cheerful tune? 3
4. *Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :*
- (a) Why does Nehru call religious men presumptuous? 2
- (b) Why didn't Mrs. Hudson, the landlady, dare to disobey Sherlock Holmes? 2
5. *Answer the following questions in one sentence each :*
- (a) Which fish, according to Denis, can be caught without a sinker? 1
- (b) When would the Baroness give a notice to Amalie? 1
- (c) Where was Johnsy from? 1
- (d) "The best way of successfully acting a part is to be it, said Holmes". What part did Holmes play? 1
6. *Answer the following questions by choosing the right option from the given alternatives :*
- (a) According to the doctor, the only cure to Jonsy's illness was – 1
- (i) medicines
- (ii) painting the bay of Naples
- (iii) love affair with a man
- (iv) her own willingness to live
- (b) The Baroness Gruebel's mother-in-law died in the castle last – 1
- (i) spring
- (ii) autumn
- (iii) winter
- (iv) summer

SECTION – B
(POETRY)

7. *Explain the following extract with reference to the context :*

- (a) “Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,
That dost not bite so nigh
As benefits forgot.
Though thou the waters warp,
Thy sting is not so sharp
As friend remembered not”.
- 8

Or

- (b) “The stirring of their twigs against the dark, travelling sky
Is the oracle of the earth
They too are afraid, they too are momentary
Streams rivers of shadow.
- 8

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

- (a) “For him no Minstrel raptures swell”.
- Why does Sir Walter Scott say that no minstrel raptures swell for an unpatriot?
- 4

Or

- (b) Why does W. B. Yeats feel fear for the second coming?
- 4

9. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*

Why, according to Robert Herrick, should the rose tell the lady that she cannot be longer flowing, longer free?

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10. *Answer the following questions in about 35 words each :*
- (a) Why does the poet of 'The Man He Killed' say that war is quaint and curious? 2
- (b) Why did the poet wonder on seeing the live-oak tree in Louisiana? 2
11. *Answer the following questions in one sentence each :*
- (a) Whose blindness does the poem 'On His Blindness' refer to? 1
- (b) Why, according to Thomas Hardy, had the foe probably joined the infantry? 1
- (c) Why is the live-oak a curious token to the poet? 1
- (d) Why does Yeats use a gyre as his conception of time? 1
12. *Answer the following questions by choosing the best option from the given alternatives :*
- (a) "And you may see the harvest, what I reap." Here, the poet expresses his— 1
- (i) wonder
- (ii) joy
- (iii) anger
- (iv) regret
- (b) In the poem, 'On his Blindness', Milton laments on the lose of— 1
- (i) his wealth
- (ii) his eyesight
- (iii) his family
- (iv) his health

SECTION – C
(COMPREHENSION)

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

All of us do some kind of work to ward off starvations or to gain sufficient material wealth with a view to maintain that standard of living which our physical and intellectual powers have helped us to reach. But there is another kind of work which is completely divorced from the burdensome process of our livelihood and which is undertaken for the sake of amusements or interest or the direction of our surplus stores of energy in some new and useful channels of refined tastes. This delightful occupation coming work with pleasure or hobby, as it is properly termed, calls for the application of our highest faculties and gives proper form to our healthy instincts, purposeful habits and disciplined behaviour. In our carefree and vacant hours, it allows these faculties to perform their nature functions and to display their distinctive greatness. We devote our leisure to the pursuit of this pleasant task and derive advantages which compare favourably with those we obtain from the bread earning routine of our daily life. Hobbies widen the sphere of our cultural activities, give refinement to our taste and show us the path that leads to our systematic mental and moral development. Our tendencies and inclinations also find in them an outlet for a healthy and progressive expression.

The choice of hobbies, like the choice of books, is not an easy task. Hobbies would be worth while only if it provide relaxation and produces a feeling that life is both charming and meaningful. Some hobbies demand a little guidance from experienced persons. Our sudden attachment to them without the backing of this preliminary knowledge may result in wasting of our resources of time and money, and in the end compel us to abandon them. Some hobbies are rather expensive and therefore beyond the means of ordinary people who can ill-afford to spend temperament and taste.

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| (a) Why do we do some kind of work ? | 2 |
| (b) In what way does a hobby refine our taste ? | 2 |
| (c) Why should we be careful in selecting a hobby ? | 2 |
| (d) Under what circumstances do we have to discard a hobby ? | 2 |
| (e) What are the advantages of keeping a hobby ? | 2 |

SECTION – D
(COMPOSITION)

14. *Write an essay on any one of the given topics in about 150 words :* 8
- (a) Students and Examination
 - (b) Drug abuse and its consequences
 - (c) An idle brain is the Devil's workshop
15. (a) You are David, the President of the Students' Union, Prime Higher Secondary School, Ukhrul. You are organizing an Inter School Sports Festival comprising of all the students of the Ukhrul District at the premises of your school during Summer Vacation. Write a letter to the Director of Education (s) requesting him to inaugurate the function as Chief Guest. 8

Or

- (b) Mr. Ben, Secretary of the Hill Horizon Club, Paradise Village, writes a letter to the Hon'ble Minister, Food and Civil Supplies, Government of Manipur for the improvement of the public distribution system in the village. Reproduce the probable form of the letter. 8
16. Write in eight lines about a demolished homestead land in a battle over land issue. 4
17. (a) You are Hemantajit, Publicity Secretary, IWSC Club. Write a notice to be put up to the notice board of the club informing everyone in the jurisdiction of the club to join the cleanliness programme of River Banks to be held on Sunday next. 4

Or

- (b) Mr. Punsiba of Chingmeirong is celebrating Ningol-Chakouba Festival at his home. He writes an invitation to his friends and relatives to attend to it. Reproduce the probable form of the invitation. 4
18. *Read the following passage and give your answer as directed :*
- Almost every one of us envy the people at the top-those who are at the helm of power. Seemingly, it appears to most of us that those people are very happy,

carefree, earn a lot of money and enjoy the privileges because of their wealth and power. We envy them at each and every step and presume that they have little to worry about. While some of the assessments may be true to some extent, the last one is absolutely wrong. We can easily imagine the burden they carry under their crowns. History tells us how powerful emperors, kings and even the most ruthless dictators spent anxious and tense period and sleepless nights in various phases of their careers. Heads of states have to take precautionary measures to prevent possible attempts against their lives. Thus, the wearer of a crown lives in a constant fear of assassin's bullets. He can never live a carefree life.

Many other factors also aggravate their uneasiness. As they set in the citadel of power, they have great responsibility to the society at large and especially to the people they rule. They are constantly worried about these as they know that unless they can perform their duties properly, they will have to face strong criticisms.

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

SECTION – E
(FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR)

19. (a) *Insert a suitable determiner in the following sentence and rewrite it.*
Very few people can keep a secret. 1
- (b) *Two sentences are given below. Combine these two sentences to make a simple sentence.*
He completed his work. He took rest. 1
- (c) *Two sentences are given below. Combine these two sentences by using too.*
I'm very busy. I cannot attend the party. 1
- (d) *Change the voice of the following sentence.*
He likes people to praise his son. 1
- (e) *Transform the following sentence to a compound sentence.*
I am sure that they are destroying the country. 1

- (f) *Arrange the following broken sentence in the right order to make meaningful sentence.*

This is a letter / by a young lady / who was lately wounded in a duel / written passionately / wherein she laments the misfortune of a gentleman. 1

- (g) *Transform the following into negative sentence without changing its meaning.*

They gave him little regard for the sacrifice. 1

20. (a) *Choose the best alternative that expresses the meaning of the following idiom.* 1

The pros and cons.

(i) The good and bad parts of a situation.

(ii) Likes and dislikes of a situation.

(iii) A bad experience of an event.

(iv) A good moment of an event.

- (b) *Four sentences marked as (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are given below. Only one sentence out of the four is correct. Choose the correct one.* 1

(i) There are many deers in the zoo.

(ii) I have bought two dozens oranges.

(iii) He has sold all the furniture.

(iv) He entered into the room quickly.

- (c) *A sentence is given below with different segments. There is a mistake in one segment. Identify the segment.*

Though the first half of the film / was slow and boring / the later part / was quite fast and interesting. 1

(i) Though the first half of the film

(ii) was slow and boring

(iii) the later part

(iv) was quite fast and interesting