

2000

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks - 100

Pass Marks - 33

Time : Three Hours

All the questions are compulsory.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks, for the questions,

SECTION-A

1. Explain the following with reference to the context

6x2=12

- (a) Then heigh- ho, the holly!
This life is most jolly.
Freeze, freeze. Though bitter sky.
That does not bit so nigh
As benefit forgot.
- (b) Such rebounds out inward ear
Catches sometimes from afar-
Listen, ponder, hold them dear;
For of God, - of God they are.

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 70-80 words each :

6x2=12

- (a) What religious rites have the sons to perform after the death of their father, as mentioned in 'Obituary'?
- (b) What does Browning expect in England in the months of April and May?
- (c) How is the poet, Walt Whitman, different from the live-oak growing in Louisiana?

3. Answer the following questions in about 200 words each

2x6=12

- (a) How is the ploughman described by Ted Hughes?
- (b) 'Yes quaint and curious war is!'
Why does the poet say so?
- (c) How does Tennyson picture the wings of the dragon fly?
- (d) 'Breathes there the man with soul so dead'.
Why does the poet refer to the man as having a soul 'so dead'?
- (e) Why does the poet of 'The Mountain Echo', call mankind, unthinking creature'?
- (f) What kind of friendship does Shakespeare not like?

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

1 x 4=4

- (a) How did the father of 'Obituary' die?
- (b) 'Yes it remains to me a curious token'. How is 'its' a token?
- (c) What will the lover of 'To The Kose' do if his lady is fretful?
- (d) 'The trees thunder in unison',
When do the trees thunder?

SECTION - B

5. Explain with reference to the context the following extracts.

6 x 2=12

- (a) The average school boy or girl thinks of Pythagoras as a busy body who proved a theorem in geometry, which he or she, unhappy person has to learn now!
- (b) It was a dreadful cry that he gave a yell which might have been heard down the street. As I turned I caught a glimpse of a twisted face and frantic eyes. I stood unable to move, with the little box in my hand.

6. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about *70-80* words each :

6x2=12

- (a) How did Devis try to justify his act of unscrewing a nut from the railway track?
- (b) Describe the incidents that follow Fotheringay's order to stop the movement of the earth.
- (c) Narrate the story of Mahabharata from your reading of 'Hastinapura'.

7. Answer the following questions in about *20-30* words each:

2x6=12

- (a) How does Culverton Smith intend to kill Holmes?
- (b) How are the great founders of religion revolutionary?
- (c) Why is the next world not interesting to Nehru?
- (d) How does Holmes give an effect of ghastly appearance on his face?
- (e) Why was Dev is surprised when he was to be sent to prison?
- (f) What common traits do you find in Jains and Buddhists?

8. Answer the following questions in *one* sentence each

1 x 4=4

- (a) Who was Victor Savage?
- (b) When was the whole town of Hastinapura probably burnt by a huge fire?
- (c) How did Mahavir got this name?
- (d) When did Sue and Johnsy meet for the first time?

SECTION - C

9. Write an Essay on any *one* of the given topics:

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- (a) Students and discipline.
- (b) Dol Jatra in Manipur

10. Write a letter to the A.I.R. Imphal, about a song you would like to be included in the listener's choice Programme.
Do not write your name or address. Sign as xyz.

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH
Scoring Key/Outline Answer And
Marking Schemes

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INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINERS

Examiners of this paper are requested to follow the instructions/guidelines to ensure a uniform and objective evaluation.

Scoring key/outline answers and marking scheme supplied may be strictly observed in the evaluation.

Due credit should be given for correct answers and no credit should be given for wrong answers.

In case of any problem, regarding the evaluation, please refer the matter to the Head/Asstt. Head Examiner.

SCORING KEY

SECTION - A

1. (a) Context : Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind 2

by W. Shakespeare.

Explanation:

The poet asks the winter wind to sing to the tune of joy in pastoral life-is free from pretending friendship and ingratitude of men For the poet, the pain and agony of human society is much more than the bite of the cold winter wind Poet asks the winter wind to be cold as to freeze the sky with bitter coldness. The bite of the cold wind can be borne since it is not so biting as the blow of the ungrateful people who forget benefits rendered to them. 4

- (b) Context : The Mountain Echo W. Wordsworth. 2
Explanation :

The poet finds men unaware of human values. They live a life of folly and strife. Men cannot understand his inner voice which echoes from within, like the echo of the Cuckoo's call in the mountain. This voice can be the guiding force in life. It comes from beyond the grave and it is the voice of conscience. Human ear cannot catch it. It can be heard/received only with the inward eyes. Poet draws attention to hear, think and hold the precious voice because it is eternal voice of God.

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2. (a) The sons have to perform religious rites-The father being a Bahmin, his dead body is to be cremated. Before cremation coins are placed on the eyes of the dead body. His ashes are to be thrown into the water where the three rivers met. At the instance of the priest, they threw the ashes facing the east in the holy water.

Content-3
Expression-3

- (b) Browning expects a scenic beauty in England in April and May. England is full of sweet sounds and sights. In April, new buds bear on the trees and brushwood
- Chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
- In May, the white throat and swallows built their nests.

Fruit trees are full of blossoms.
Sparkling dew drops are shining. The wise thrush sings twice – The rough fields with dew drops in the early morning turn gay and cheerful at moon tide.
-Picture of buttercups brighter than the gaudy meadow flower.

Cont. 3
Exp. 3

- (c) No live-oak is growing all alone in a wide flat space. The moss hung down from the branches of the tree. It has no companion there. It sings songs of joy and love. – The poet, being man, thinks of man- his fellow being Man is different from the oak. He cannot enjoy his life without the love of friends and companions.
-While the oak is happy alone by itself the poet cannot.

Cont. 3
Exp. 3

3. (a) Ted Hughes describes the ploughman as a confused man of his past with a future vision of the shadows of his bones tossed darkly on the air. 2
- (b) The poet says so because war makes a soldier kill / short another man in battle. He would have treated him with a drink if met in a bar. 2
- (c) Tennyson pictures the wings of the dragonfly by means of images – as a transparent net like material of silk. 2

- (d) The poet refers to the unpatriotic man as having a dead soul since he cannot have any love or pride for his motherland and his soul is nothing better than 'dead'. 2
- (e) The poet calls mankind 'unthinking creature' because of his inability to think and act properly in life. He is led by a foolish and selfish life. 2
- (f) Shakespeare dislikes feigning/pretending/false friendship without love and merit. 2
4. (a) He died of heart failure. 1
- (b) It is a token of mainly love. 1
- © The lover will bind her hands with bands of pearl and gold if she is fretful. 1
- (d) On a gloomy afternoon the trees thunder in unison. 1

SECTION-B

5. (a) Context: The Sixth Century B.C. and Religion by J.L. Nehru. 2
- Expl: Nehru says that Pythagoras of Greece was one of the great men born in the sixth century B.C. He is known to the average school children for his geometrical theorems. They consider him to be a person who interferes in the affairs of their studies and they feel their learning uneasy. 4
- (b) Context . The Dying Detective- Sir Conan Doyle. 2
- Expl: Dr. Watson spoke the lines. He found Holmes in a bad condition. Holmes asked him to call Culverton Smith for his treatment. Dr. Watson tried to examine a small black and white ivory box with a sliding lid. Holmes made the dreadful cry. As Watson turned, he saw the twisted face and wild eyes of Holmes. Watson stood there unable to move, holding the box in his hand. Holmes is warning not to touch the box infected with deadly germs.

6. (a) Denis was charged with the crime of unscrewing a nut from the railway track by the magistrate. 3
- He confessed that he removed it simply to use it as sinker for his fishing line. On the inquiry of the magistrate on possible accident of the train, Denis replied that they had no intention of killing people and they were innocent people. 3
 - Denis replied that there was no train accident for many years.
 - The good Lord had been kind enough to protect them from any harm.
 - He defended his action as usual and harmless.
- (b) Curious incidents follow fothingay's order.....
- he found himself flying upside down through the air at great speed.
 - a great mass of materials - looked like the clock tower at the market square came flying - hit the earth - A crow flew in the air and hit one of the big blocks and burst like an egg causing a loud crashing sound - a great wind roared in the sky
 - things looked strange, through the sky, the moon looked all right
 - The village disappeared, trees, houses all familiar shapes had disappeared.
 - Violent wind - a huge wall of water advanced towards the land.
- (c) Hastinapur is associated with the story of Mahabharata. There were the Pandavas and Kauravas - the rival parties in the Mahabharata war, were the grandson of king Santanu - a descendent of king Kuru. Pandu, the ruler of Hastinapur died leaving his five minor sons -Dhritarastra had one hundred sons who were very jealous of the Pandavas, Kauravas got Hashtinapura- the Pandavas constructed the city of Indraprastra.