

2020

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 30

Time : Three hours

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

(There are three groups – A, B and C. Group A and Group B for New Syllabus candidate and Group B and Group C for Old Syllabus candidate.)

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| (a) Group A (Vibgyor) New Syllabus | 65 |
| (b) Group B New & Old Syllabus | 35 |
| (c) Group C (Effusions) Old Syllabus | 65 |

GROUP – A
(VIBGYOR)
(NEW SYLLABUS)

1. Give brief answers to *any five* of the following : 1×5=5
- (a) Where did the new vicar come from ? 1
 - (b) At what age did Albert Edward start working ? 1
 - (c) Who fell on Narayan's car when it was parked in front of the hospital ? 1
 - (d) In Narayan's opinion, what does he lack ? 1
 - (e) What is the name of the driver of Mriganka Babu ? 1
 - (f) Who did invite Mriganka Babu to felicitate him ? 1
 - (g) Who are the Magi ? 1
 - (h) How much money Della did earn selling her hair ? 1
 - (i) Why did Robert Lynd read Emerson and Marcus Aurelius ? 1
 - (j) Who is Socrates ? 1
2. Answer *any five* of the following : 2×5=10
- (a) How did the Verger treat his old gown ? 2
 - (b) Why did Albert Edward decide to set up a tobacco shop after resigning from the church ? 2

- (c) What did make R. K. Narayan fear that he would soon become bankrupt? 2
- (d) Which part of the author's car could not ordinarily be replaced? 2
- (e) What is an almanac? 2
- (f) Why did Mriganka Babu decide never to seek a witch doctor's help? 2
- (g) What was Jim's reaction when he returned home? 2
- (h) What did Della do to get a gift for Jim? 2
- (i) Who is Marcus Aurelius? 2
- (j) What would be the reaction of Robert Lynd if an earthquake happens? 2

3. Give brief answers to *any three* of the following : 4×3=12

- (a) Describe how did Albert Edward prosper in his business as a tobacconist and newsagent. 4
- (b) Why did R. K. Narayan avoid all public engagements and invitations? 4
- (c) Describe Mriganka Babu's reaction after meeting the Scarecrow. 4
- (d) Bring out the relation between Della and the queen of Sheba. 4
- (e) Examine Robert Lynd's quest for instant wisdom. 4

4. Explain with reference to the context on *any two* of the following : 4×2=8
- (a) "I can't be the only man as walks along this street and wants a fag," he said. 4
- (b) "For some unknown reason, Mriganka Babu continued to feel strangely drawn towards that figure." 4
- (c) Within forty minutes her head was covered with tiny, close-lying curls that made her look wonderfully like a truant schoolboy. 4
- (d) "I desire wisdom as eagerly as Solomon, but it must be wisdom that can be obtained with very little effort – wisdom, as it were, that is caught by infection." 4
5. Give brief answers to *any five* of the following : 1×5=5
- (a) How many children were listening to the story of Sita ? 1
- (b) Who is the poet of the poem 'Sita' ? 1
- (c) Whom does the brook want to join at the end of its journey ? 1
- (d) Name the birds that fly above the brook. 1
- (e) Which country is referred to as 'an antique land' ? 1
- (f) What was the expression on the face of the statue of Ozymandias ? 1
- (g) Which season is the poem "La Bella Dame Sans Merci" set in ? 1

- (h) Where did the knight see a lily ? 1
- (i) Who will smite the village girl ? 1
- (j) What did the village girl carry to fetch water ? 1

6. Answer *any four* of the following : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Why are the children weeping in Toru Dutt's poem "Sita" ? 2
- (b) What does the brook represent ? 2
- (c) Whose greatness is actually glorified in the poem "Ozymandias of Egypt" ? 2
- (d) What did the lady do in her cave ? 2
- (e) What are the things the village girl is afraid of ? 2

7. Answer *any three* of the following : $4 \times 3 = 12$

- (a) Explain how does the poem 'Sita' reflect the poet's deep love of nature. 4
- (b) Describe the journey of the brook till it reaches Philip's farm. 4
- (c) What else remained there besides the broken statue of Ozymandias ? What does it signify ? 4

(d) Give the description of the lady the knight met. 4

(e) Describe the evening scene of the village reflected in the poem
"Village Song": 4

8. Explain with reference to the context on *any one* of the following :
5×1=5

(a) But who is this fair lady ? Not in vain
She weeps, — for lo ! at every tear she sheds
Tears from three pairs of young eyes fall amain,
And bowed in sorrow are the three young heads. 5

(b) I chatter, chatter, as I flow
To join the brimmer river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever. 5

(c) I met a lady in the meads,
Full beautiful — a faery's child,
Her hair was long, her foot was light,
And her eyes were wild. 5

GROUP – B

(NEW & OLD SYLLABUS)

9. Change *any five* of the sentences given below as per instruction given, without changing their meaning : 1×5=5

- (a) No one can escape destiny. (Change into affirmative)
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- (b) People say that he is a spy. (Change into passive)
1
- (c) I come here for the last time. (Change into negative)
1
- (d) Can I ever forget you ? (Change into assertive)
1
- (e) As soon as he saw me, he began to weep.
(Change into negative)
1
- (f) The house was blown down. (Change into active)
1
- (g) The beauties of Nature are beyond description. 1
(Change into interrogative)
- (h) Nobody will deny that I am right. (Change into affirmative)
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10. Add appropriate questions tags to *any five* of the following :

1×5=5

- (a) Her garden is very beautiful, 1

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| (b) Ridhi has just arrived from school, | 1 |
| (c) We will go to Shillong tomorrow, | 1 |
| (d) No man is immortal, | 1 |
| (e) He is stronger than his brother, | 1 |
| (f) She acted according to instructions, | 1 |
| (g) I cannot do it without your help, | 1 |
| (h) He tried with all his might, | 1 |

11. Fill in *any five* of the following blanks with suitable prepositions :

1×5=5

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| (a) I credit him _____ good sense. | 1 |
| (b) There cannot be any compromise _____ this issue. | 1 |
| (c) I am anxious _____ the result. | 1 |
| (d) Be true _____ your word. | 1 |
| (e) Richa prevented him _____ going. | 1 |
| (f) You may rely _____ my word. | 1 |
| (g) He is senior _____ me in service. | 1 |
| (h) We wondered _____ his ignorance. | 1 |

12. Rewrite *any five* of the following sentences using the verbs given in brackets in their correct forms : 1×5=5

- (a) Iron _____ (melt) at a high temperature. 1
- (b) He _____ (study) in this college for two years. 1
- (c) The boys _____ (play) in the garden when the tree fell down. 1
- (d) He never wanted to know where she _____ (come) from. 1
- (e) We _____ (go) to Kolkata tomorrow to attend a seminar. 1
- (f) They came back home after the guests _____ (leave). 1
- (g) Neer cannot go now as he _____ (feel) unwell. 1
- (h) We _____ (work) on a new project. 1

13. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Depression arising out of environmental factors is called reactive depression whereas depression arising out of some biochemical changes in the brain is called endogenous depression. If depression is mild or moderate and if the individual is in touch with his surroundings, it is known as neurotic depression. If the individual is severely disturbed and is not able to comprehend what is happening around, such a state is called psychotic depression.

Old age is one of the stages of human development, where a person attains wisdom, maturity, social and economic stability with social recognition and emotional fulfilment.

Generally societies show a great respect and consideration for the aged. In ancient times old people were considered as the guiding stars in Indian families, since they were symbols of tradition, respect, wisdom and experience. In primitive, ancient and medieval cultures, old persons had a recognized social roles. They were of great value because they could impart knowledge and skill to youngsters. The old people were considered as repositories of wisdom and traditions and were not perceived as problems.

At present, social structures and values are undergoing transformation from traditional to modern. There is a rapid stride in urbanization and industrialization leading to the breaking up of joint families and property. This has ultimately weakened the traditional families, social position and status of the aged in the family.

- (a) What are the different types of depression? 2
- (b) What is psychotic depression? 2
- (c) What does a person suppose to attain in old age? 2
- (d) What was the attitude of the society towards old age in ancient times? 3
- (e) How urbanization and industrialization have influenced the social structures and values in modern times? 4
- (f) Give the adjective form of 'wisdom'. 1
- (g) Give the antonym of 'pessimistic'. 1

GROUP – C
(EFFUSIONS)
(OLD SYLLABUS)

14. Answer *any five* of the following : 1×5=5

- (a) Who is Alexander the Great? 1
- (b) Who is referred to as the apostle of Hero Worship? 1
- (c) What did the two cyclists do? 1
- (d) What do you mean by 'voodoo-men'? 1
- (e) Who is Bapu? 1
- (f) Where did Nehru receive Gandhi's short note? 1
- (g) What is the motto of E. M. Forster? 1
- (h) Who was Erasmus? 1
- (i) When is the beginning of scientific technique? 1
- (j) Why did Napoleon construct road? 1

15. Answer *any five* of the following : 2×5=10

- (a) What, according to Carlyle, is the Prerequisite of a great man? 2
- (b) What is the view of Ambedkar regarding the greatness of military men? 2

- (c) What are the things R. K. Narayan valued most? 2
- (d) What impression did the car of R. K. Narayan create among the auto-pundits? 2
- (e) What are the two reasons for Forster's two cheers for democracy? 2
- (f) What, according to Forster, are the prerequisites for living in the present-day situation? 2
- (g) Why was Nehru temporarily discharged from the jail? 2
- (h) What kind of reply did the Magistrate send to Nehru's note? 2
- (i) What is the view of Piaget on reasoning? 2
- (j) Why did Chinese Emperors refrain from persecuting the Jesuits? 2

16. Answer *any three* of the following : 4×3=12

- (a) What are Lord Rosebery's views on Napoleon's greatness? 4
- (b) What was the opinion of R. K. Narayan about his friend who collected car's spare parts? 4
- (c) Discuss the view of Nehru regarding the dealing with the subject of Socialism. 4

- (d) Explain what constitutes real democracy. 4
- (e) What, according to Russell, are the dangers involved in the philosophy of 'Return of Nature' ? 4
17. Explain with reference to the context *any two* of the following : 4×2=8
- (a) "A great man must have sincerity. For it is the sum of all moral qualities without which no man can be called great." 4
- (b) "Since my car was of a special pedigree, it was inadvisable to allow any ordinary workshop to open the bonnet." 4
- (c) "Democracy is not a Beloved Republic really, and never will be. But it is less hateful than other contemporary forms of government and to that extent it deserves our support." 4
- (d) "Clearly the line between scientific and traditional technique is not a sharp one, and no one can say exactly where one ends and the other begins." 4
18. Answer *any five* of the following : 1×5=5
- (a) What is meaning of the word 'clods' ? 1
- (b) Who was half asleep ? 1
- (c) With which the mind is compared to in the poem "Taking Leave of a Friend" ? 1
- (d) Who is the poet of "Taking Leave of a Friend" ? 1
- (e) Who was weeping in a dense forest ? 1

- (f) What song does the mother sing? 1
- (g) Give an example of poet's use of metaphor in the poem – "Rickshaw-Wallah". 1
- (h) What is 'tattoo'? 1

19. Answer *any four* of the following : 2×4=8

- (a) Who is it who come whispering by? 2
- (b) What was the man doing in slow silent walk? 2
- (c) Who are the persons parting? 2
- (d) When does the parting take place? 2
- (e) Why did tears flow from three pairs of young eyes? 2
- (f) What happens when the fair lady weeps? 2
- (g) What does the Rickshaw-Wallah value most? 2
- (h) What does the poet say about the tattoo of Rickshaw-Wallah? 2

20. Answer *any three* of the following : 4×3=12

- (a) What are the things that Hardy regards as permanent in human life? Explain. 4
- (b) How does the poet bring out the painful experience of the parting of friends? 4

(c) Describe the effect of mother's song on the children. 4

(d) Bring out the central idea of the poem "Rickshaw-Wallah". 4

21. Explain with reference to the context *any one* of the following :
5×1=5

(a) "Only thin smoke without flame
From the heaps of Couch-grass ;
Yet this will go onward the same
Though Dynasties pass." 5

(b) "Here we must make separation
And go out through a thousand
miles of dead grass." 5

(c) "Tears from three pairs of young eyes fall amain,
And bowed in sorrow are the three young heads." 5

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