

2020

**ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH**

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

*Read carefully the direction given for each question.*

*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) Write, in brief, about the great religious founders and thinkers after your reading of *The Sixth Century Before Christ and Religion*. 8

**OR**

- (b) Write how the legend of the Cernogratz came to be true. 8
2. Answer the following question in about *50-60* words :
  - (a) “You ought to judge sensibly, not in a cockeyed way”  
Why did Denis speak so to the magistrate? 4

**OR**

- (b) “I’m in very great difficulties”.  
Why did Fotheringay think that he was in great difficulties? 4

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3. Answer the following questions in about **50** words each :
- (a) Describe how Denis Grigoryev reacted when he was brought before the magistrate? 3
- (b) What was the condition of Johnsy that the doctor subtracted 50 percent from the curative power of medicines? 3
4. Answer the following questions in about **35** words each :
- (a) Why did O. Henry say that Mr. Pneumonia was not "a chivalric old gentleman" ? 2
- (b) Why did Mr. Cox at the Long Dragon made a remark which meant that Fotheringay was a fool? 2
5. Answer the following questions in **one** sentence each :
- (a) What does the theorem proved by Pythagoras deal with? 1
- (b) What was Amalie in the house of the Baron and Baroness ? 1
- (c) Who gave Denis the nut found under the red chest ? 1

## SECTION – B (POETRY)

6. Explain the following extract with reference to the context :
- (a) Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge  
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover  
Blossoms and dew-drops – at the bent spray's edge –  
That's the wise thrush: he sings each song twice over,  
Lest you should think he never could recapture  
The first fine careless rapture! 8

**OR**

(b) Hears not also mortal life !  
Hears not we, unthinking creatures !  
Slaves of folly, love of strife –  
Voices of two different natures ! 8

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

(a) What made W.B. Yeats think that it is time for the Second Coming ? 4

**OR**

(b) Write briefly the central idea of the poem 'A Wind Flashes the Grass'. 4

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

(a) How does William Shakespeare compare man and winter wind in the poem "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" ? 3

(b) What does Thomas Hardy express about soldiers and war through his poem "The Man He Killed" ? 3

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

(a) Why does Walt Whitman bring home a twig of the live-oak with a little moss around it? 2

(b) "Living, shall forfeit fair renown",  
Why does Sir Walter Scott say so? 2

10. Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

(a) What does the body of the dragonfly look to be wearing? 1

(b) From where did the dragonfly come out? 1

(c) What does 'tractor' stand for in the poem "The Wind Flashes the Grass"? 1

**SECTION – C**  
**(COMPOSITION)**

11. Write an essay on any one of the given topics in about **150** words : 8
- (a) Private Tuition Culture in Manipur
  - (b) Youth and Cyber Crimes
  - (c) Increasing Drug Trafficking in Manipur
12. (a) Write a letter to Marketing Manager, S. Chand & Co. Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110007 enquiring availability of reference books of Physics, Chemistry and Biology for Class-XII. XYZ publications, marketed by them. Further show your interest to do business with them by asking other publications, terms and conditions of business dealings. You are Linthoi, Chanura Enterprises, Paona Keithel, Imphal. 8

**OR**

- (b) As the Secretary of the I.C.O. (The Imphal Cultural Organisation), Imphal, write a letter to the Chief Minister of Manipur requesting him to grace the 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebration of your organisation to be held on March 7, 2020 as the Chief Guest. 8
13. (a) Write a poem in about 8 to 10 lines expressing your deep love for your mother. 4

**OR**

13. Two friends Jenny and Dolly are going to Penny's birthday party and talking about what to buy as present. Write a dialogue. each speaking at least three times. 4
14. (a) You are a member of the Imphal Youth Club, Imphal. Your club organised a social service camp on 2nd February, 2020 and cleaned the Ima-market. Make a diary entry describing your experience and participation in the camp. 4

**OR**

14. Your younger brother, a student of Class-X is weak in science and mathematics and you want to engage a tutor for him. Write an advertisement suitable for 'Situation Vacant' column of a daily. 4
15. Read the following passage carefully, and follow as directed at the end :
- "Prevention is better than cure", and it is recognised that the only way to get rid of malaria is to get rid of mosquitoes which cause it. Malaria is always associated with damp and marshy land. This is not because the land is damp; but because the standing water is the breeding place of the mosquito, which begins its life as a larva living in the water. Malaria does not frequently occur in dry desert countries because mosquitoes can not breed there. The only way to destroy mosquitoes is to prevent their breeding in standing water. This can be done by draining all ponds and pools and by keeping them covered in the breeding season with a film of kerosene oil, which by depriving the larva of air, kills them.
- (a) Make notes on the 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 cinema is an outstanding wonder of the modern age. It is not only a means of entertainment, but is also in many ways an education in itself. The cinema is a very valuable teaching aid. Historical films help the teacher of History. A couple of hours spent in the company of historical characters dressed in the costumes of the period can teach far more than we can learn from a whole week's study of a history book.

Science can be taught very effectively through films. There are educational film companies which devote their time to the filming of the habits and customs of animals, insects, fish, germs and numerous other branches. We can see the hatching of the eggs of fish and their gradual development into large fish; we can watch the increasing activity of many kinds of germs and their effect on water, milk or blood. We can watch the opening and closing of flowers and leaves, and the growth of grasses and weeds. All these actions and movements are greatly magnified on the screen. Such pictures are intensely interesting and are a very great help in the cause of education.

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| (a) | What are the two great advantages of the cinema?  | 2 |
| (b) | How do historical films help the teacher of History?                                      | 2 |
| (c) | How can science be taught effectively?  | 2 |
| (d) | What do the educational film companies do?  | 2 |
| (e) | Why are the actions and movements of animals and insects greatly magnified on the screen? | 2 |

**SECTION – E**  
**(FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR)**

17. (a) Correct the following sentence and re-write it.  
John as well as his friends are very happy. 1
- (b) Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ play football in this ground when we were young. 1
- (c) Change the voice of the following :  
I want to earn much money. 1
- (d) Change the narration of the following:  
The stranger said to the man in the counter, "Could you give me a ticket for London?" 1
- (e) Identify the underlined phrase in the following :  
It being very hot, I remain at home. 1
- (f) Transform the following sentence as directed :  
Every nose has its thorns. (change into a negative sentence.) 1
18. (a) Find out which part of the following sentence has an error. Write the erroneous part. 1  
Many a student had failed in the mathematics test last year.  
                  a                    b                    c                    d
- (b) Fill in the blank with the correct phrasal verb choosing from the options given. 1  
The Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ the President last evening.  
(A) called in  
(B) called on  
(C) called at  
(D) called up

(c) Choose the correct synonymn of the word 'Offend' from the options given and write it. 1

(A) Hate

(B) Angry

(C) Hurt

(D) Disrespect

(d) Choose the most suitable "one word" for the given expression from the given options and rewrite it.

A disease which ends with death. 1

(A) Lethal

(B) Contagious

(C) Fatal

(D) Deadly