

2021

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

(Syllabus – 2017-18)

(Humanities / Science / Music Group)

Full Marks : 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer **any two** questions : 5×2
 - (a) How does Woodifield describe the graveyard where his son's body is kept?
 - (b) How does Hopkins glorify God in 'Pied Beauty'?
 - (c) Why does Wordsworth call the skylark "Pilgrim of the Sky"?
 - (d) What did Rama sell at the corner of Market Road?
 - (e) How, according to Bronowski, has science increased the power of war-makers?
2. Answer **any five** questions : 2×5
 - (a) Why does the Boss's son have no name?
 - (b) What do the 'gear and tackle and trim' stand for?
 - (c) Give the literal meaning of 'Pied Beauty'.
 - (d) Why did Woodifield's daughters go to Belgium?
 - (e) Do you think Wordsworth's Skylark despises the earth?
 - (f) Why did Rama feel unhappy for the boot-polish boys?
 - (g) What were the food items sold by Rama?
 - (h) What is the 'third dimension', according to Bronowski, which science has added to modern war?
 - (i) How does greed of nations affect the world?
 - (j) What does Wordsworth mean by 'Ethereal minstrel'?
3. Answer **any five** questions : 1×5
 - (a) Who is Reggie?
 - (b) How much did the hotel charge Woodifield's daughters for a pot of jam?
 - (c) Where did Rama keep his money?
 - (d) What did Rama dream of in his sleep?

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- (e) What is meant by 'landscape plotted and pieced'?
- (f) Who 'fathers-forth' all things in 'Pied Beauty'?
- (g) Where does the nightingale live?
- (h) Who is the pilgrim of the sky?
- (i) What is the 'by-product' of a warlike society?
- (j) How much has the average span of life in England increased in the last hundred years?

4. Make a precis of the following passage and add a suitable title : 10

Agra is a historical city and our destination for the trip was Agra. It has been a mute spectator to the rise and fall of dynasties. Historical monuments narrate the story of its glorious past. It is famous all over the world for the Taj Mahal, the symbol of love which was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his wife. Located on the banks of the river Jamuna, this beautiful monument, carved in white marble, shimmers under the sun. All were quite mesmerized and awestruck by the fine carvings on the tomb. It presents a wonderful sight on a moonlit night and glitters like a precious stone.

The beauty was unimaginable but we were really forced to worry about the future of this heritage of India. Environmental pollution spurred by industry and automobiles has been progressively destroying the Taj Mahal's white marble surface. It is the greatest work of Mughal architecture and one of the seven wonders of the world, and India needs to protect its cultural heritage.

Or,

Write a letter to your cousin, requesting to borrow his/her camera during your holidays. 10

Or,

Write a job application for the post of a part-time teacher in a reputed English-medium school. Attach your detailed C.V. 10

5. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow :

One of the modern world's intriguing sources of mystery has been aeroplanes vanishing in mid-flight. One of the more famous of these was the disappearance in 1937 of a pioneer woman aviator, Amelia Earhart. On the second last stage of an attempted round the world flight, she had radioed her position as she and her navigator searched desperately for their destination, a tiny island in the Pacific. The plane never arrived at Howland Island. Did it crash and sink after running out of fuel? It had been a long haul from New Guinea, and twenty hour flight covering some four thousand kilometers. Did Earhart have enough fuel to set down on some other island on her radioed course? Or did she end up somewhere else altogether? One fanciful theory had her being captured by the Japanese in the Marshall Islands and later executed as an American spy; another had her living out her days under an assumed home as a housewife in New Jersey.

- (a) Who was Amelia Earhart? What had she set out to do? 5
- (b) What were the two 'fanciful' theories about the causes behind Amelia Earhart's disappearance? 5
- (c) Give the antonym for 'sink'. 1
- (d) Give the verb form of 'vanishing'. 1
- (e) Use the word 'fanciful' in a sentence of your own. 1
- (f) Give the synonym for 'search'. 1
- (g) Give the adjective form of 'disappearance'. 1