

2019

(4th Semester)

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper : ALTE (BA)-401

(Prose, Poetry, Play and Language Skills)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 54)

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

1. (a) Justify the statement of Sitwell.
"Life proved to be one of the most
agreeable after turning 26". 10
- Or
- (b) Discuss Shaw's views in "The Religion of
the Future".
2. (a) Who is Mr. Harcourt? Explain how he
manipulates the friendly cricket match
between the villages of Fordenden and
some gentlemen from London. 10

Or

- (b) Why does Maugham consider himself to be a bad traveller? Bring out the difference between Maugham and the Czechoslovak as travellers.
3. (a) Show how the humour in the play, *Refund* depends on its situation and character. 10

Or

- (b) Attempt a character study of Wasserkopf.
4. (a) "Superstition versus rationality" is the theme of the poem, *Night of the Scorpion*. Justify. 10

Or

- (b) Explain how the poem, *Indian Weavers* describes the different stages of human life from birth to death.
5. Write a précis of the following passage and give a suitable title : 14

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it

carelessly. Make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word or an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different vocabularies and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride. Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling. Only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 16)

Each question carries 2 marks

1. What does Sitwell say about the year of agony?

2. What is the future Religion according of G. B. Shaw?

3. What is a Pagoda?

4. "Village folk are very seldom impatient." Why?

5. Why does the ex-pupilo wish to fail in the examination?

6. What does the poet mean by "flash of diabolic tail"?

7. According to Sarojini Naidu, what are the three cycles of human life?

8. What do the members of the teaching staff decide?
