

2017

(4th Semester)

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper No. : 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) According to Sitwell, what are 'the best years of life'? 10

Or

- (b) Discuss Shaw's view in *The Religion of the Future*. 10

2. (a) Describe the various experiences of the author at Pagan. 10

Or

- (b) The story, *A Village Cricket Match* by Macdonell is replete with humour. Explain. 10

3. (a) Consider *Refund* as a hilarious play. 10

Or

- (b) Explain how the teachers frustrate Wasserkopf's attempts to get back his tuition fees. 10

4. (a) Justify the title of the poem, *Night of the Scorpion*. 10

Or

- (b) Give a critical estimate of Naidu's poem, *Indian Weavers*. 10

5. Write a précis of the following passage and give a suitable title to it : 14

Education is not an end, but a means to an end. In other words, we do not educate children only for the purpose of educating them; the purpose is to fit them for life. As soon as we realise this fact, we will understand that it is very important to

choose a system of education which will really prepare children for life.

In many modern countries it has for sometime been fashionable to think that by free education for all—whether rich or poor, clever or stupid—one can solve all the problems of society and build a perfect nation. But we can already see that free education for all is not enough; we find in such countries a larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill. Because of their degrees, they refuse to do what they think 'low' work; and, in fact, work with the hands is thought to be dirty and shameful in such countries. A farmer is more important than a professor.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 16)

Each question carries 2 marks

1. What does Sitwell say about the regiment's life?

2. Who was Charles Bradlaugh? How did he challenge God publically?

3. Describe the circuit house.

4. Why does the Principal call his demand 'absurd'?

(5)

5. Why was the last ball of the over called a 'no ball' by Mr. Harcourt?

6. How does the mathematics teacher trap Wasserkopf?

7. "Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green." Explain the line.

8. Why did the peasants search for the scorpion?
