

2016

(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) How was religion viewed in Shaw's youth? Why is Shaw of the opinion that 'Life Force' will be acceptable to all religions and creed? 10

Or

- (b) Describe Osbert's experiences of life before he met the old friend who confided that 'seventy' is the best years of life. 10

2. (a) What is the condition of the pagodas at Pagan? Bring out the difference between Maugham and the Czecho-Slovak as travellers. 10

Or

- (b) Bring out the humour in *A Village Cricket Match*. 10

3. (a) Show how the humour in the play, *Refund* depends on (i) situation, and (ii) characters. 10

Or

- (b) Examine the character of Wasserkopf. 10

4. (a) Bring out different qualities of the poet's father and mother in Ezekiel's poem, *Night of the Scorpion*. 10

Or

- (b) Elaborate the central idea of the poem, *Indian Weavers*. 10

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

Now as much as ever before it is important for workers to have a good work ethic. Without it, businesses and industries

struggle as productivity falls short of what is needed. Employers especially dislike hiring people who would choose to prop up their feet rather than find something to do.

The work ethic is a cultural norm that advocates being personally accountable and responsible for the work that one does and is based on a belief that work has intrinsic value.

Research has shown that many characteristics of work ethics can be summarized using three terms—interpersonal skills, initiative and being dependable. Interpersonal skills include the habits, attitudes, manners, appearance and behaviours we use around other people which affect how we get along with them. Initiative is another important characteristic. Direct supervision is often not a feature of the modern workplace. Without initiative, procrastination and missed opportunities can become a real problem as it ends in poor performance. Similarly dependability influences success in the work we do.

Work ethic is frequently mentioned as a characteristic of good players. Regardless of the context, work ethic is usually associated with people who work hard and do a good

job. Many employers have been asked over the years to list the most important skills and characteristics they look for when hiring new employees. Among the most common answers are good communication skills, positive attitude and the ability to be dependable, punctual and responsible.

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(PART : A--OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 16)

Each question carries 2 marks

1. What kind of advice did Sitwell receive just before going to school?

2. Why did Butler refute the theory of Darwin?

3. Why does Maugham call the Czecho-Slovak 'a mine of information'?

How does the author describe Southcott as he prepares to bat?

5. What was the mathematics teacher's difficult question?

6. Why does the mathematics master mark Wasserkopf's 'excellent' in conduct?

7. How did the villagers see something positive in the scorpion's attack?

8. "We weave a dead man's funeral shroud." Explain the significance of the line.
