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**( 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 : 34 )**

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

1. (a) Describe the argument on religion that took place at the bachelor party. 10

*Or*

- (b) Describe what Sitwell experienced during his school years. Why did he say that after turning 26, his life proved to be one of the most agreeable?

2. (a) Why does the author say that of all the pagodas he visited, 'The Ananda' is still a place of pilgrimage? Explain. 10

Or

- (b) Give an account of the friendly cricket match between the villagers of Fordenden and some gentlemen from London.

3. (a) *Refund* is a witty and humorous play. Explain. 10

Or

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

4. (a) Attempt a critical appreciation of Sarojini Naidu's poem, *Indian Weavers*. 10

Or

- (b) Give an analytical summary of Nissim Ezekiel's *Night of the Scorpion*.

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

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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 of 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 )

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Answer the following questions in not more than 40 words  
each :

2×8=16

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

2. What subjects were the primary problems for Sitwell when he was in school?

3. According to Shaw, what argument was the most difficult for people to get over?

4. What reply did the Czecho-Slovak give to the author when the author asked him what he was going to do with all the informations he had acquired?

5. What does the poet mean by 'Flash of diabolic tail'?



6. What does the bright 'blue' colour indicate in Naidu's poem, *Indian Weavers*?

7. What do the members of the teaching staff decide in *Refund*?

8. Who is Mr. Harcourt?

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