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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

General Instructions :

- (i) Write all the answers in the Answer Script.
- (ii) Attempt Part—A (Objective Questions) serially.
- (iii) Attempt all parts of a question together at one place.

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

SECTION—I

(Marks : 30)

- 1.** Fill in the blanks by choosing the right words from the alternatives given in the brackets (any *five*) : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) He was twelve years old and had lately grown rather —.

(stout / lean)

(2)

(b) The — questions of all were asked by Mollie, the white mare.

(sillyest / stupidest)

(c) It's a — hunter who is willing to learn from the natives.

(sensible / practical)

(d) Both of them understood that the other was going to be a — proposition.

(slippery / crafty)

(e) Seth Chetaram bathed, poured water in — to Shiva.

(worship / sacrifice)

(f) At fifty-two having lost most of his —, he was good at making the best of things.

(illusions / hair)

(g) Quick felt all at once a sense of —.

(stuffiness / sadness)

2. Write whether the following statements are *True* or *False* (any five) : 1×5=5

(a) According to Old Major, Man is a tyrant.

(b) Boxer and Clover were hardworking cart-horses.

(c) The jaguar's footprints were as large as saucers.

(d) The jaguar is almost unique among cats for his enjoyment of the water.

(3)

- (e) Sethji failed to go out on his dunning expeditions on rainy days.
- (f) Robert Quick was coming home after a long holiday.
- (g) Kate and Jenny were naturally impulsive and affectionate.

3. Complete the following sentences using the right words from the alternatives given in the brackets (any five) : 1×5=5

- (a) And thy unconquered — shall know
All passionate rapture and despair.
(heart / soul)
- (b) And her's shall be the breathing balm
Of — insensate things.
(mute / quiet)
- (c) And vital feelings of delight
Shall rear her form to — height.
(graceful / stately)
- (d) He has his — too of pale misfeature.
(Autumn / Winter)
- (e) His soul has in its Autumn, when his —
He furleth close;
(wings / arms)

(4)

(f) The second stage
— but did not test the call.
(explored / examined)

(g) When finally we reached the place.
We — knew why we were there.
(hardly / never)

4. Write whether the following statements are *True* or *False* (any five) : 1×5=5

(a) Sarojini Naidu longs to know the universal truths relating to life and death.

(b) Death is the shadow of Man's face.

(c) Wordsworth has personified Nature as an educator.

(d) Spring is compared to adulthood.

(e) Lucy was Nature's loveliest flower.

(f) The *Human Seasons* is a sonnet.

(g) The expectations of the pilgrims were unfulfilled.

(5)

5. Answer any *five* of the following questions in 2/3 sentences each, choosing *either* from Group—A or from Group—B : 2×5=10

GROUP—A

- (a) Why did the Bishop ask Marie to sell the silver salt-cellars?
- (b) Why was Persome angry with her brother?
- (c) What was the convict's first demand after entering the Bishop's House? Why?
- (d) Why was the convict put in prison?
- (e) How does the convict describe life in prison?
- (f) Why did the convict cry before leaving the Bishop's House?

GROUP—B

- (a) How did Duncan reward Macbeth's hospitality?
- (b) Why could Lady Macbeth not kill Duncan?
- (c) What was Macbeth's state of mind after murdering the king?
- (d) Describe the night of the murder as Lennox described it.
- (e) What made Lennox think that the guards had murdered Duncan?
- (f) What strange sight did Ross witness?

(6)

SECTION—II

(Marks : 20)

6. Answer any *five* of the following questions in $\frac{2}{3}$ sentences each : 2×5=10

- (a) What did Old Major dream of ?
- (b) Describe the footprints of the jaguar.
- (c) What did Seth Chetaram do before going out to dun the people who owed him money?
- (d) What was the state of the Quick's garden?
- (e) What does Sarojini Naidu want God to reveal to her?
- (f) What will Lucy learn from the motions of the storm?
- (g) How does the poet describe the summer of a person's life?
- (h) How did the pilgrims spend their time in the second stage?

(7)

7. Rewrite the following sentences as directed : 1×10=10

(a) The invigilator was reading out the instructions.
(Change the voice)

(b) Wisdom is much better than riches.
(Change to interrogative)

(c) Hercules was the strongest of all men.
(Change to comparative)

(d) He jumped up. He ran away.
(Use a participle)

(e) He teaches very well.
(Add a question tag)

(f) She goes to the cinema seldom.
(Correct the sentence)

(g) The burglar was taken to the — police station.
(Choose the correct word—next/nearest)

(h) He is a person who always looks at the dark side of things.
(Substitute the underlined words with one word)

(i) The boy was so clever that he could not be caught.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'too')

(j) I must have a reply without — delay.
(Choose the correct word—further/farther)

(8)

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

8. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- (a) What, according to Old Major, is the nature of the life of all animals?
- (b) Describe how Rod and his men finally captured the jaguar.
- (c) Describe what Sethji does in his dunning expeditions.
- (d) Write a character sketch of Robert Quick.

9. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 10

- (a) Why do you think Sarojini Naidu also asks for sorrows?
- (b) What are the qualities that Wordsworth wishes Nature to confer on Lucy?
- (c) Describe the different seasons of man's life as seen by the poet.
- (d) Write how the pilgrimage as described in 'Enterprise' began and came to an end.

10. Explain with reference to the context any *two* either from Group—A or from Group—B : 5×2=10

GROUP—A

(**The Bishop's Candlesticks**)

- (a) It is hopeless, hopeless. We shall have nothing left. His estate is sold, his savings have gone. His furniture, everything.
- (b) Well for my part I believe that charity begins at home.
- (c) It is a just punishment for me; I set too great store by them. It was a sin. My punishment is just, but oh God, it is hard, it is very hard.

GROUP—B

(**Macbeth**)

- (a) Is this a dagger which I see before me,
The handle toward my hand?
- (b) My hands are of your colour; but I shame
To wear a heart so white.
- (c) Who can be wise, amaz'd, temperate
and furious,
Loyal and neutral, in a moment?

11. Write a précis of the following passage and give a suitable title to it : 2+8=10

Machines were made to be man's servants; yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with and must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper.

Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals. (*C. E. M. Joad*)

12. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The manager of a well-known firm was interviewing applicants for the post of a night watchman he had advertised. He was very hard to please and always found something wrong with each man—one had long hair, another small eyes, a third was too thin, a fourth very fat and another too tall.

Among the applicants interviewed by the manager for the post was one Mohan. He watched all this as he sat in the verandah patiently waiting for his turn to be interviewed. He resolved to be prepared for anything, when his turn came all went well. The manager found nothing wrong with his appearance, size or

constitution. He was so handsome, tall and strong that the manager was really pleased to see such a well-built young man. "Is your health sound?" said the manager at last, "No Sir", replied Mohan, "not quite. I suffer from one serious complaint." "What's that?" asked the manager sharply. 'Sleeplessness', came the prompt reply.

The manager was so pleased with the answer of the young man that, without questioning him further, he appointed him.

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| (a) Why was it hard to please the manager? | 2 |
| (b) What post did Mohan apply for? | 1 |
| (c) How ready was Mohan for the interview? | 2 |
| (d) What was Mohan asked and what did he reply? | 3 |
| (e) On what consideration did the manager appoint Mohan? | 2 |
