

2017

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

(Non-Fictional Prose)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following questions very briefly :
1×10=10

- (a) Give the meaning of 'valet de chambre'.
- (b) What is Mr. Sober's chief pleasure?
- (c) What is the pseudonym of Charles Lamb?
- (d) What happens when Pan stamps his feet?
- (e) Who according to Lord Hardinge was the 'poet of Asia'?
- (f) What is the Macedonian Massacre?
- (g) Give the meaning of hypochondriac.

- (h) What is agnosticism?
- (i) Give the meaning of war-neurosis.
- (j) Name a novel written by Rabindranath Tagore.

2. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

2×5=10

- (a) "There is a positive side too, of idleness." Comment briefly.
- (b) Why did Sir Roger need a man with good view and voice as chaplain?
- (c) What is the contrast between Attila and Spring Lambkins?
- (d) What do the urchins do with Caesar's ashes?
- (e) How does Russel define rationality?
- (f) What according to Chesterton should a man's minor day-to-day actions be like?

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

10×3=30

- (a) Write a note on the character of Sir Roger.
- (b) Elaborate on Jonson's views on Idleness.

- (c) Discuss Charles Lamb's *Dream Children : A Reverie* as a personal essay.
- (d) How does Stevenson portray the two contrasting aspects of nature in his essay, *Pan's Pipes*?
- (e) Discuss Tagore's views on Satyagraha.
- (f) How did Gandhi advocate Non-Cooperation Movement?
- (g) Discuss Chesterton's views on contemporary society as enumerated in his essay, *On Lying in Bed*.
- (h) Explain after Russel the two aspects of Rationalism.

4. Explain with reference to the context any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) "The art is, to fill the day with petty business, to have always something in hand which may raise curiosity, but not solicitude, and keep the mind a state of action, but not of labour."
- (b) "Pan is not dead, but of all the classic hierarchy alone survives in triumph."
- (c) "I have always felt and said accordingly, that the great gift of freedom can never come to a people through charity. We must win it before we can own it."

- (d) "Those who believe in spiritual life know that to stand against wrong which has overwhelming material power behind it is victory itself, it is the victory of the active faith in the ideal in the teeth of evident defeat."
- (e) "Non-Cooperation is a protest against an unwitting and unwilling participation in evil."
- (f) "For those who study the great art of lying in bed there is one emphatic caution to be added."

5. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics :

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- (a) Impact of Internet on our daily life
- (b) Violence against women
- (c) India as a cashless society, problems and prospects
- (d) Impact of global warming and the need of nature conservation
- (e) Ecotourism and the North-East

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