

Ba/ALTE (BA)-401

2018

(4th Semester)

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper No. : ALTE (BA)-401

(Prose, 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) Explain why Shaw is of the opinion that Life Force will constitute the Religion of the future. 10

Or

- (b) According to Sitwell, which are the best years of life and why?

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(Turn Over)

2. (a) Describe why Maughan considers himself a bad traveller. 10

Or

- (b) Explain the story of *A Village Cricket Match* by Macdonell as a humorous prose.

3. (a) Evaluate *Refund* as one-act play. 10

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Wasserkopf.

4. (a) Critically explain the poem, *Night of the Scorpion*. 10

Or

- (b) Examine the imagery of Sarojini Naidu's *Indian Weavers*.

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

English education and English language have done immense good to India, in spite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self-government are the born of English education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture.

The West has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders—the struggle for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future. English is spoken throughout the world— for international contact, for commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas and for the scientific studies. English is indispensable. English is very rich in literature; our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 16)

Each question carries 2 marks

1. What does Sitwell say about the year after the war?

(2)

2. Who is Erasmus Darwin and who was his friend?

(3)

3. Explain the condition of Ananda Pagodas.

(4)

4. Why does Wasserkopf want his tuition fees back?

(5)

5. Explain the natural setting of the cricket ground before the match.

(6)

6. What is the Mathematics master most concerned about?

(7)

7. "Blue as the wing of a halcyon wild." Explain the line.

(8)

8. "Parting with his poison-flash of diabolic tail in the darkroom." Explain the line.
