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## ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Total marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

### General instructions :

- i) Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.
- ii) The question paper consists of 23 questions.
- iii) Internal choice has been provided in some questions.
- iv) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.

**N.B:** Check to ensure that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.

### Unit – I (Reading)

#### 1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

Not only was he funny looking but he had funny ways and notions, and a good natured, magnetic stubbornness in sticking to them. One of his friends had asked the oracle at Delphi who was the wisest man in Athens. To the astonishment of all, the priestess had mentioned this idler, Socrates.

“The Oracle”, he said, “chose me as the wisest Athenian because I am the only one who knows that he doesn't know anything”.

The attitude of sly and slightly mischievous humbleness gave him a terrific advantage in an argument. Pretending that he himself didn't know the answers, he would badger people with questions, and lead them to make astounding admissions.

Socrates was the evangelist of clear thinking. He went about the streets of Athens preaching logic- just as 400 years later Jesus would go about the villages of Palestine preaching love. And like Jesus without ever writing down a word, he exercised an influence over the minds of men that a library of books could not surpass.

- a. What did Socrates preach ? 1
- b. What was the similarity between Socrates and Jesus ? 1
- c. What was advantageous to Socrates in an argument ? 1
- d. Describe Socrates in your own words. 1
- e. Give the synonym of the word 'notion'. 1

#### 2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow :

“Come, little leaves,” said the wind one day.  
“Come o'er the meadows with me, and play  
Put on your dress of red and gold,  
Summer is gone, and the days grow cold.”

Soon as the leaves heard the wind's loud call,  
Down they came fluttering, one and all;

Over the brown fields they danced and flew,  
Singing the soft little songs they knew.

“Cricket, good-by, we’ve been friends so long;  
Little brook, sing us your farewell song,-  
Say you are sorry to see us go;  
Ah! You will miss us, right well we know”.

“Dear little lambs, in your fleecy fold,  
Mother will keep you from harm and cold;  
Fondly we’ve watched you in vale and glade;  
Say, will you dream of our loving shade?”

Dancing and whirling, the little leaves went;  
Winter had called them, and they were content.  
Soon fast asleep in their earthy beds,  
The snow laid a coverlet over their head.

(George Cooper)

- a. Who is the speaker in the first stanza? 1
- b. How do the leaves look like when they are old and ready to drop? 1
- c. What did the wind ask the leaves to do? 1
- d. Why were the leaves ‘content’ when winter came? 1
- e. Write the correct answer— what does the word ‘fluttering’ mean? 1
  - i. Strength ii. Making trouble
  - iii. Moving lightly and quickly iv. Teasing

**Unit – II (Writing and Applied Grammar)**

- 3. a. Write a dialogue in about 100-150 words between a student and a class teacher where the student had to explain why he/she was absent the day before. 6

**Or**

b. Write a newspaper report in about 150-200 words on “Life After Covid- New Normal.”

- 4. **Develop a story using the hints given below :** 6

Mamang was bored as he was all alone in his uncle’s old bungalow where he had come to spend his summer holidays. He climbed up to the top of the stairs when he saw a door which had never been there before. He went in and in the middle of the room was a strange red box. He slowly lifted the lid, peeked underneath and saw something which would change his life forever.....

- 5. **Rewrite the sentences as directed in the brackets :** 2×1=2

a. Rati succeeded because she was a determined person. (Underline the Adverb Clause in the sentence)

b. The time \_\_\_\_\_ the fire broke out is not known. (*Fill in the blank with appropriate Conjunction*)

6. **Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of comparison :** 2×1=2

a. The movie was \_\_\_\_\_ (*bad*) than I expected.

b. Some of these sweets are \_\_\_\_\_ (*tasty*) than the rest.

7. **Complete the questions with the right Prepositions :** 2×1=2

a. What are you searching \_\_\_\_\_? Maybe I can help you.

b. What are you talking \_\_\_\_\_? I don't understand.

8. **Change the voice:** 2×1=2

a. The tiger was chasing the deer.

b. A novel has been written by her.

**Unit – III (Literature)**

9. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given :** 10×1=10

i. Who had to be satisfied with the leftover smoke that lingered on, long after the vehicle has left?

a. The older boys

b. Toshi and his friends

c. The smaller boys

d. The girls

ii. Where did Pasteur initially presume the rabies microbe to be present ?

a. Medulla

b. Saliva

c. Blood

d. Brain

iii. Severn continues to be an activist speaking at public platform about \_\_\_\_\_

a. Ecological problems

b. Poor governance

c. Food waste

d. Biodiversity loss

iv. Why do you think Dr. Barnard became a Cardiothoracic Surgeon ?

a. He was torn by the plight of all the suffering children in the world.

b. He was inspired by the courage of the two children taking part in the Grand Prix.

c. Barnard had a terrible experience with an accident and never wanted anybody else to suffer like him or his wife.

d. His brother died as a child because of heart problems.

v. Whose wish was to go and take a drink out of the Basin of the Flume ?

a. The stranger

b. The boy

c. The father

d. The mother

vi. What is the poet thankful to God for in the poem '*Prayer of the Meek*' ?

- a. Lack of means and AK Forty Seven
  - b. Punishing the enemies
  - c. Cleaning the bloodstain from their hands
  - d. For ending the war
- vii. According to the 'Guide to the Secret Annex', what type of food did the residents of the Annex get?
- a. High calorie
  - b. High fat
  - c. Low calorie
  - d. Low fat
- viii. What does the poet Rabindranath Tagore see in his weakness?
- a. His creative energy
  - b. The strength of God leading him
  - c. A new country
  - d. His ability to compose music
- ix. In the poem 'Old Folks Laugh' bellies are compared to \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Xylophone
  - b. Chimes
  - c. Cymbals
  - d. Tambourine
- x. What did Anne receive from Peter on her fifteenth birthday?
- a. Sketch book
  - b. Chocolates
  - c. Flowers
  - d. A cat

**Answer the any three questions in about 20-25 words :** **3×2=6**

- 10. What did the lucky finder do with the oil patch? (*The Fragrance of the Gods*)
- 11. What are the ways in which the poet tries to sleep? (*To Sleep*)
- 12. Why was the poet Rabindranath Tagore unable to write anymore? (*Closed Path*)
- 13. According to the poet why is a restful night important? (*To Sleep*)

**Answer the questions in about 20-25 words :** **2×2=4**

- 14. What did Peter and Anne feel when they look out at the blue sky, the trees and the birds from the attic? (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)
- 15. Why did the Franks dress in a lot of clothes when they left the Annex? (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)

**Answer any four questions in about 40-45 words :** **4×4=16**

- 16. What do we know about old people from Maya Angelou's poem 'Old Folks Laugh' ?
- 17. What did one of the children living on the streets of Brazil told Severn Suzuki and her friends? Where could money be spent according to Severn Suzuki? **(2+2=4)**

18. 'The wrong they have done and the waste they have caused  
By their high handed acts of playing God.' (*Prayer of the Meek*)

- i. Who is the poet talking about? **(1)**
- ii. What is the waste that has been caused? **(1)**
- iii. What does the phrase 'playing God' mean? **(2)**

19. How did Pasteur make the vaccine against rabies ?
20. 'When I think of your death, Esther, I think of mine, too.' (The Ambitious Guest)
- i. Who is the speaker ? (1)
  - ii. Who is Esther ? (1)
  - iii. What does the father ask for when he die ? (2)

**Answer the question in about 40-45 words:** **1×4=4**

21. 'I'm split into two different people.' (The Diary of a Young Girl)
- i. What are the two sides of Anne? (2)
  - ii. Which side of Anne is usually seen when people are around ? (2)

**Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:**

22. 'My father, had he still been alive, would have said: "My son, it is God's will."' (In Celebration of being Alive)
- i. Does Dr. Barnard agree with this statement? 1
  - ii. What is Dr. Barnard's father's view on suffering? 2
  - iii. Why couldn't Dr. Barnard agree with his father's view on suffering? 2
23. 'Mr. and Mrs. van Daan have been fighting.' (The Diary of a Young Girl)
- i. Why was Mrs. van Daan angry with her husband ? 2
  - ii. What did Mrs. van Daan want to do with the money ? 2
  - iii. From where did the money come ? 1

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