

**2016**  
**ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH**

Full marks : 100

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 22 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
  - iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
  - iv) *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*
- N.B:** *Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**SECTION -A (Prose)**

1. What according to Enright is the exception to all literature teaching being language teaching? **1**
2. What is the author's opinion on people who tremble to think? **2**
3. According to Goldsmith , where can prejudices such as the ones expressed by the gentlemen be found? **3**
4. "It is not only in public ways but in private life that wisdom is needed". Elaborate. **4**
5. a. What is the link between Moses and the Ten Commandments and the issue of child labour? Why do you think the author made this link? **5**  

**Or**

- b. What does the author mean by 'Circumstances change with countries' with regard to teaching English language and literature. Explain with examples.
6. *To begin with of course ,there is no such thing as success...there is nothing that is not successful. That a thing is successful merely means that it is.....*
  - (a) What do the writers of books mean by the term success? **1**
  - (b) What is the author's opinion of man who write books on success? **2**
  - (c) Explain 'A thing is successful merely means that it is'? **2**

**SECTION –B (Poetry)**

7. Answer the following questions: 3x2= 6
- (a) In which temple was the Plate of Gold found? What was written on it?
- (b) What is the 'Immortal Drink' being referred to in the poem 'A Thing of beauty is a Joy Forever' ?
- (c) How does the poet Alexander Pope hope to remain 'unknown' after he dies?
8. Why does the poet ask death not to be proud? What is his closing argument? 4
9. Answer **any one** of the following: 1x5=5
- a. Bring out some contrasts between the peasant and the other claimants in Leigh Hunt's poem 'The Plate of Gold'.
- b. Give a critical appreciation of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever'.
10. *Have glimpses that would make me less forlorn; Have sight of Proteus rising from the sea; Or hear old Triton blow his wreathed horn.*
- (a) What must we do to return to nature? 1
- (b) Why does the poet 'feel forlorn'? 2
- (c) Mention the poetic device used here with an example. 2

**SECTION -C (Fiction)**

11. Name the inn which is also considered as the church of Mixen Lane. 1
12. What were the consequences of the Skimmity Ride? 2
13. Give an account on Susan's whereabouts after she was bought by Richard Newson. 3
14. What role does the furnity woman play in the life of Henchard? 4
15. Answer **any two** of the following questions: 2x5=10
- a. What were the various circumstances that provoke Henchard to auction his wife and daughter?
- b. Discuss on the plot of the novel 'The Mayor of Casterbridge'.
- c. Write a note on the role played by Abel Whittle in the novel.
- d. Comment on the three major women characters in Thomas Hardy's 'The Mayor of Casterbridge' .

**SECTION -D (Grammar)**

16. Answer the following as directed in the brackets: **3x1=3**
- (a) After months of recession, the economy \_\_\_\_\_picking up.  
(Fill in with an appropriate auxiliary verb)
- (b) Nancy is doing her homework at the moment. (State whether the verb is Finite or Non-finite Verb)
- (c) The cyclonic storm devastated the countryside. ( underline the verb and state whether the sentence is transitive or intransitive)
17. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: **4x1=4**
- (a) She is very fond \_\_\_\_\_coffee .
- (b) There is a narrow bridge \_\_\_the river.
- (c) The museum has drawn thousands of people \_\_\_\_the year of its opening.
- (d) Most textiles are made \_\_\_\_\_machines.
18. Answer the following as directed in the brackets: **4x1=4**
- (a) He has sold his car. (rewrite the sentence using simple future tense )
- (b) The family is shortly moving to the suburbs. (Rewrite the sentence in future continuous tense)
- (c) Huge trees lay uprooted all over the countryside. There\_\_ (be) a storm.  
(fill in the blank using the verb in the bracket in past perfect tense).
- (d) The computer is not working properly.  
(underline the verb and name the tense).
19. Correct the following sentences: **4x1=4**
- (a) Rabies are a dangerous disease.
- (b) Lincoln took up much jobs to earn a living.
- (c) My father's-in-law house is very grand.
- (d) There are less men in the room now.

**SECTION -E (Composition)**

20. Draft a promotional advertisement for a new range of leather products store that you are setting up in your town. You may use visuals. **5**
21. Write an essay on:
- a.** Influence of Education on Personality.
- Or**
- b.** The Practice of Good Manners in Daily Life. **10**

**22. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

All of us do some kind of work to ward off starvation or to gain sufficient material wealth with a view to maintaining that standard of living which our physical and intellectual powers have helped us to reach. But there is another kind of work which is completely divorced from the burdensome process of our livelihood and which is undertaken for the sake of amusement or interest or the direction of our surplus energy in some new and useful channels of refined tastes. This delightful occupation combining work with pleasure or hobby, as it is properly termed, calls for the application of our highest faculties and gives proper form to our healthy instincts, purposeful habits and disciplined behaviour. In our carefree and vacant hours it allows these faculties to perform their natural functions and to display their instinctive greatness. We devote our leisure to the pursuit of this pleasant task and derive advantages which compare favourably with those we obtain from the bread-earning routine of our daily life. Hobbies widen the sphere of our cultural activities, give refinement to our tastes and show us the path that leads to our systematic mental and moral development. Our tendencies and inclinations also find in them an outlet for a healthy and progressive expression.

“A hobby is a favourite subject that is not one’s main business”. In this age of machinery which has taken upon itself most of the laborious duties of physical exertion formally performed by man, then creating for him pleasant intervals of rest and leisure, it should not be difficult for him to devote some time to the pursuit of a new interest that can add some charm; colour or zest to his life. The spare time must not be frittered away in idleness or spent on such work as overtaxes his mind and body after they have performed their normal functions for the day. The new interest will be worthwhile only if it provides relaxation and change from ordinary occupation, banishes the drabness of routine work and produces a feeling that life is both charming and meaningful.

The choice of hobbies, like the choice of books, purposes of reading, is not an easy task. Some hobbies demand a little guidance from experienced persons. Our sudden attachment to them without the backing of this preliminary knowledge may result in wasting of our resources of time and money, and in the end compel us to abandon them. Some hobbies are rather expensive, and therefore beyond the means of ordinary people who can ill-afford to spend large sums of money on them. Not a few are incompatible with our temperament and taste. We must not, therefore, allow the glamour of certain hobbies to blind us to their reality, howsoever tempting they may appear to us, nor should we begin to cherish them thoughtlessly because we find other people so devotedly attached to them. In the first flush of enthusiasm many have rushed into unsuitable hobbies only to find themselves turning away from them in a state of great disillusionment. In a few rare and exceptional cases

a sudden and instinctive choice of some hobby sometimes proves to be the right one. We must not, however, forget that tinkering with a hobby is joyless and wasteful process, unattended by any appreciable gains. Scattered interests in half a dozen or more odd hobbies is also not a desirable end.

(a) Answer the following questions:

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| (i) What are the advantages of hobbies?                       | 1 |
| (ii) Under what circumstances do we have to discard a hobby?  | 2 |
| (iii) In what ways do hobbies refine our tastes?              | 2 |
| (iv) What are the two different kinds of work that people do? | 2 |

(b) Find words in the passage which convey similar meanings as the following:

**3x1=3**

- (i) A job or profession in which one spends time.
- (ii) Enthusiasm.
- (iii) Ideas or actions not possible together due to differences.

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