

**2022**  
**ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH**  
**Full Marks – 80**  
**Time – 3 Hours**

**General Instructions :**

- (i) This question paper is divided into four sections - A, B, C and D.
- (ii) All the sections are compulsory. Answer all the questions.
- (iii) Write the number of the question before attempting it.
- (iv) Figures in the margin indicate marks.

**SECTION – A (25 marks)**  
**GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION**

1. Choose the correct answer from the options given within brackets : 8×1=8
- (a) Between you and \_\_\_\_\_ he is a rogue. (I / me)
  - (b) He did \_\_\_\_\_ to reach home on time. (try / tried)
  - (c) Neither of the girls \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate. (like / likes)
  - (d) Our teachers give us good \_\_\_\_\_. (advise / advice)
  - (e) I bought a new \_\_\_\_\_ fan. (sealing / ceiling)
  - (f) To err is \_\_\_\_\_. (human / humane)
  - (g) He is poor \_\_\_\_\_ honest. (and / but)
  - (h) Weather \_\_\_\_\_ life a great deal. (affects / effects)
2. Punctuate the following : 4×½=2  
It's very kind of you I replied
3. Make sentences using the following idioms and phrases to bring out their meanings : 5×1=5
- (a) a narrow escape
  - (b) brought to light
  - (c) to fall flat
  - (d) to get the better of
  - (e) to go through

P.T.O.

4. Write an essay on *any one* of the topics in about 120 – 150 words :

(a) Importance of Mental Health

**OR**

(b) A Morning Walk

5. Write a précis of the following passage. Give a suitable title. 4

When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that our whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people through the medium of a language that others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals.

### SECTION – B (20 marks)

#### POETRY

6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

“And there’s another country I’ve heard of long ago  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know  
We may not count her armies; we may not see her King  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering”

(a) The poet is – 1

- (i) Thomas Hood
- (ii) Sir Cecil Spring-Rice
- (iii) Michael Drayton
- (iv) Joseph Campbell

(b) 'Another country' refers to –

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(i) England

(ii) The Kingdom of Heaven

(iii) The neighbouring kingdom

(iv) United Kingdom

(c) Who is referred to as the 'King'?

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(i) The King of England

(ii) God

(iii) Angels

(iv) The Ruler of England

7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

Thin clouds like scarfs of cobweb lawn,

Veiled heaven's most glorious eye.

(a) Name the poem and the poet.

1+1=2

(b) Explain the above lines.

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8. Write the substance of the following :

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"Her brood gone from her,

And her thoughts as still

As the waters

Under a ruined mill."

9. Answer *any four* of the following questions :

4×2=8

(a) The poem 'Going Downhill on a Bicycle' is full of life, joy and adventure, yet there is also a note of seriousness. In which stage do you find this? Explain briefly.

(b) What is the beauty of an old woman compared to?

(c) How does the poet express his love for his country in 'I Vow To Thee, My Country'?

- (d) Explain the lines :  
 "The smiles that win, the tints that glow  
 But tell of days in goodness spent."
- (e) What are the qualities of the 'Kingdom of Heaven' in the poem 'I Vow To Thee. My Country' ?

### SECTION – C (25 marks)

#### PROSE

10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 4×1=4

'Fame coming by way of verse is the favourite example, I suppose, because it is most enduring.'

- (a) The author is –
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|----------------------|----------------------|
| (i) GK. Chesterton   | (ii) JBS Haldane     |
| (iii) Hilaire Belloc | (iv) Rudyard Kipling |
- (b) Another term for 'fame' is –
- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| (i) unpopular | (ii) renown     |
| (iii) poem    | (iv) literature |
- (c) It is most enduring because –
- (i) It cannot bend
  - (ii) Authorship is securely tied to a verse
  - (iii) It can withstand an attack
  - (iv) People protect it
- (d) Fame cannot be acquired by –
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|-------------------|--------------------|
| (i) mere purchase | (ii) inheritance   |
| (iii) mistake     | (iv) doing nothing |

11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

4×1=4

‘When I was alive and had a human heart’, answered the statue, ‘I did not know what tears were, for I lived in the Palace of Sans-Souci, where sorrow is not allowed to enter.’

(a) The extract is taken from –

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| (i) The Happy Prince | (ii) The Muscular Son-in-Law |
| (iii) Leo Tolstoy    | (iv) On Fame                 |

(b) The author is –

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| (i) Hilaire Belloc | (ii) Ronald Seth |
| (iii) JBS Haldane  | (iv) Oscar Wilde |

(c) ‘Sans-Souci means’ –

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| (i) without fear   | (ii) without sorrow    |
| (iii) without care | (iv) without happiness |

(d) What kind of a life had the speaker led in the Palace ?

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| (i) Ugly life        | (ii) A pleasurable life |
| (iii) Sedentary life | (iv) Religious life     |

12. Answer *any one* of the following in about 100 –120 words :

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- (a) Illnesses make us healthier. Elaborate.
- (b) Explain why the Angel chose the leaden heart and the dead bird as the two most precious things in the city.

13. Answer the following questions in about 50 – 75 words :

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| (a) According to the author, what kind of fame is the most enduring ?             | 3 |
| (b) In the life of Tolstoy, there are two conflicting characters. What are they ? | 3 |

14. (a) Why was Nalini so restless in his office ? 2  
 (b) Who was the Happy Prince? Why was he crying ? 3

**SECTION – D (10 Marks)**

**RAPID READER**

15. Answer *any three* of the following in about 20 –30 words : 3×2=6
- (a) What unfortunate news did David receive while at school ?  
 (b) Who was Uriah Heep ?  
 (c) Who did David fall in love with ?  
 (d) Why was David locked in his room for five days ?
16. Write a brief character sketch of Agnes Wickfield in about 40-50 words. 4

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