

2018

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following questions : 1×10=10
- (a) Who is the first imaginary member of the imaginary Spectator Club in Joseph Addison's essay, *Sir Roger at Home*?
 - (b) Who are the members of Sir Roger's family?
 - (c) Who, according to Addison in his essay, *Sir Roger at Home*, has the looks of a privy-councillor?
 - (d) What, according to the moralists, is the most widespread vice of human beings?
 - (e) Give the meaning of the word 'reverie'.
 - (f) Why does William Hazlitt think that nicknames govern the world?
 - (g) What happens when Pan stamps his feet?
 - (h) Who was the first Asian recipient of Nobel Prize in Literature?

- (i) Why, according to Tagore, does the danger inherent in all force grow stronger when it is likely to gain success?
- (j) What, in Russell's view, is an unattainable ideal?

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

2×5=10

- (a) Who are the true and open votaries of idleness?
- (b) Mention any two features of autobiographical essay.
- (c) Write two characteristics of nicknames.
- (d) How does Tagore describe 'power' in his letter addressed to Gandhi?
- (e) Why, according to Gandhi, is it sinful for us to associate our children with the system of the British Government?
- (f) What is psychoanalysis?

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

10×3=30

- (a) Discuss after Johnson the different disguises with which idleness seeks to cover itself.
- (b) Comment on Charles Lamb's application of the elements of humour and pathos in his essay, *Dream Children* : *A Reverie*.

- (c) Discuss how Gandhi refutes the allegations of Tagore against Non-Cooperation Movement.
- (d) Do you think Chesterton's essay, *On Lying in Bed* is a commendation of the practice of lying in bed? Give a reasoned answer.
- (e) How, according to Russell, can psycho-analysis be useful in the cultivation of rationalism?
- (f) How does Russell define rationality? Discuss the two aspects of rationalism as expressed by Russell in the essay, *Can Man be Rational?*
4. Explain, with reference to the context, any three of the following : 5×3=15
- (a) I could not but observe with a great deal of pleasure, the joy that appeared in the countenances of these ancient domestics upon my friend's arrival at his country-seat.
- (b) Idleness is a silent and peaceful quality, that neither raises envy by ostentation, nor hatred by opposition; and therefore nobody is busy to censure or detect it.
- (c) Nicknames are the convenient, portable tools by which they simplify the process of mischief, and get through their job with the least time and trouble.

- (d) This power of good must prove its truth and strength by its fearlessness, by its refusal to accept any imposition which depends for its success upon its power to produce frightfulness and is not ashamed to use its machines of destruction to terrorise a population completely disarmed.
- (e) The nation's non-cooperation is an invitation to the Government to cooperate with it on its own terms as is every nation's right and every good government's duty.
- (f) A man is rational in proportion as his intelligence informs and controls his desires.

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

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- (a) Role of education in removing gender inequality in India
- (b) Energy conservation and protection of natural environment
- (c) Ethno-cultural diversity of North-East India
- (d) Role of a teacher in your life
- (e) India's Look East Policy and the North-East

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