2016
ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full 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 22 questions. All questions are compulsory.
iii) Internal choice has been provided in some questions.
iv) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.

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

SECTION - A (Literature)

1. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:** **5 x 1 = 5**

(a) Where do the Nightingales pour out their dark nocturnal secrets?
i) starry woods ii) flowers
iii) ear of man iv) meads

(b) How much did the Landlord say that the Tenant owes him?
i) forty bucks ii) thirty bucks
iii) twenty bucks iv) ten bucks

(c) What was the heart of the Happy Prince made of?
i) Lead ii) Solid gold
iii) Sapphire iv) Ruby

(d) When did Sambu's mother agree to see the picture?
i) First day ii) Second day
iii) Third day iv) Last day

(e) Which place did the Dodo inhabit?
i) Mauritius ii) South Africa
iii) China iv) India

Answer the questions in about 20–25 words: **7 x 2 = 14**

2. How do the weeds grow in the spring season? (*Spring*)

3. Why did Sambu feel that 'Lessons could wait, but not father'? (*A Shadow*)

4. Why do the nightingales reply that the beautiful places are only in their memories?

5. Why did Dr. Barnard describe the mechanic as 'a walking horror'? (*In celebration of being alive*)

6. What reminds the poet of the fruitfulness of the earth? (*Spring*)

7. How can you say that the personality of Leo Tolstoy and his wife differ from each other?

8. Why do the zoo keepers have to open the stable door with extreme caution?

Answer the questions in about 40–50 words: **2 x 4 = 8**

9. When alive, why could the Happy Prince not see the miseries and sufferings of his city?

10. In the poem, the day is referred to as the bride of the earth and the sky. What other figures of speech can you find in the poem, Virtue?

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:

11. 'Police! Police!
Come and get this man!
He's trying to ruin the government
And overturn the land!'

(a) Who is the speaker? **1**
(b) Who is 'this man' referred to? **1**
(b) What was the intention of the speaker? **2**

12. 'Blazing candles, ancient icons, glittering mosaics and the burning of incense did not, he found, in themselves make a Christian.' (*The wars and Peace of Leo Tolstoy*)

(a) Why did the Church dislike Tolstoy? **2**
(b) What were the ways in which Tolstoy lived out his Christian beliefs? **2**

Answer either 13(i) or 13 (ii)

13. **(i)** 'But when she came to me
She had lost her hair
One eye and

All her clothes.'

(a) Who wrote the poem, 'The Doll'? **1**
(b) What was the condition of the doll when it came to the little girl? **2**
(c) What was the special thing about the doll? **2**

(ii) 'The business of living is joy.'

(a) Who taught this lesson to Dr. Barnard? **1**
(b) How did they teach this lesson? **3**
(c) When do we become a better person? **1**

SECTION – B (Grammar)

14. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:** **5 x 1 = 5**

(a) He _____ a big house.
i) having ii) was having iii) has iv) have

(b) Make hay _____ the sun shines.
i) before ii) while iii) after iv) till

(c) I prefer coffee _____ tea.
i) than ii) but iii) to iv) or

(d) Time and tide_____ for no man.
i) waits ii) wait iii) waited iv) will wait

(e) The cake _____ by the children.
i) were eating ii) eaten iii) ate iv) was eaten

15. **Choose the correct alternative:** **3 x 1 = 3**

(a) Who _____ this? (did/do)
(b) Dolls are made _____ wood. (of/from)
(c) Kevi _____ a flower. (pluck/plucked)

16. **Complete the following sentences using the correct form of verbs given in brackets:** **3 x 1 = 3**

(a) After she heard the news, she _____ sad. (feel)
(b) I _____ very hard to solve this sum till I solve it. (try)
(c) The heart _____ blood to the rest of the body. (pump)

17. **Join the following sentences using suitable conjunctions:** **3 x 1 = 3**

(a) Noktha is tall. Honkai is taller.

(b) It is autumn. The leaves are falling.
(c) Nikali is an air hostess. Lika is an editor

18. **Transform the following sentences as directed in the brackets:** **3 x 1 = 3**

(a) They clapped hard. He performed brilliantly. (Change into Complex sentence)
(b) Bring him up. (Change into Negative)
(c) God bless you. (Change into Optative)

19. **Correct the following sentences:** **3 x 1 = 3**

(a) Maintain silent.
(b) We fight but lost.
(c) Raj who was my friend, philosopher and guide are dead.

SECTION – C (Composition)

20. **Expand the idea contained in <u>any one</u> of the following in not less than 50 words:** **5**

(a) A rolling stone gathers no moss.
(b) Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.

21. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:**

<u>The pobble who had no toes.</u>

Miss Margaret Howe's special living room is full of water. The water is not very deep; only up to her knees. Miss Howe is living in this specially- built house with Peter and Pam, her two friends. Miss Howe wades about in the water but Peter and Pam have to swim around.

Peter and Pam are dolphins!

Peter and Pam are Miss Howe's students. Miss Howe has spent many months trying to teach Peter and Pam to speak like human beings. By now, they can say simple words like 'hello' and 'ball' by imitating Miss Howe.

Dolphins make many different sounds underwater. Not only do dolphins have their own sounds, but they can also imitate just about any sounds- fish, motors and humans. Miss Howe, along with a man named Dr. Lily, has been trying to prove that when dolphins make some of their sounds, they are talking amongst themselves, communicating with each other.

This is just possible, because dolphins have brains bigger than ours and almost as complicated. Dolphins are extremely intelligent creatures.

In an effort to prove their theory, Miss Howe gives Peter and Pam lessons all day, teaching them words and numbers. What Peter and Pam love most, though, is to play games. Miss Howe plays games like catch and tag with them. She also tries to help them understand how we think and why we do many of the things we do.

If dolphins and people could learn to talk to each other and to understand each other, dolphins might be able to tell us many secrets of the underwater world.

(a) What things did Miss Howe and the dolphins do together? **1**
(b) What were Miss Howe and Dr. Lily trying to prove? **1**
(c) How can dolphins help us if we learn each other's language? **1**
(d) Find a word each from the passage which is the opposite of the following:
i. Enemies **1**
ii. Simple **1**

22. Write an essay on ***<u>any one</u>*** of the following topics in about 100-150 words based on the given outlines: **10**

a) Television

Outlines:
- A device we can spend our leisure.
- Informative.
- Know what is happening around the world.
- Learns a lot yet adversely affect our mind.

b) What I hope to be, 15 years from now.

Outlines:
- Dreams and goals
- Hopes to achieve them.
- How to work towards that goal.
- Be settled/married/single.

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