

## ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks – 50

Time – 1½ hours

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

1. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

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(i) Only in the garden of the Selfish Giant it was still .....

(ii) For him no ..... raptures swell.

(iii) George came down on ..... evening.

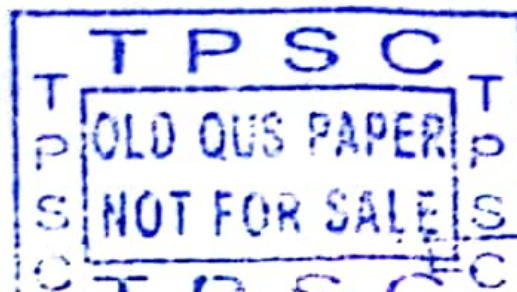
(iv) Where words come out from the depth of .....

(b) Give the antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences : 1×3=3

(i) She floats like a laugh from the lips of a dream.

(ii) You tighten your rein.

(iii) Narayan Hemchandra was innocent of grammar.



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(c) Give the synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

(i) Her beauty made me glad.

(ii) He mourns that day so soon has glided by.

(iii) He was a very selfish Giant.

2. (a) "I am a careless old man."

(i) Who is the speaker ?

(ii) Why does he consider himself to be "careless"?

(iii) What would the speaker often lose after his breakfast ?  $1 \times 3 = 3$

(b) "He was lightly built and short of stature".

(i) Who is referred to as "he" ?

(ii) Where did the narrator first meet him ?

(iii) What did "he" want to learn from the narrator ?  $1 \times 3 = 3$

3. (a) "And then she went away."

(i) Name the poem from which the line has been quoted.

(ii) Who is referred to as "she" ?

(iii) How old is the speaker ?  $1 \times 3 = 3$

(b) "Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls."

(i) Who is the writer of the poem ?

(ii) What does the poet mean by "narrow domestic walls" ?

(iii) How can the "narrow domestic walls" harm the nation ?  $1 \times 3 = 3$

4. (a) Describe the winter as presented in the short story, "The Selfish Giant". 9

Or

What impression of the character do you get from M. K. Gandhi's sketch of Narayan Hemchandra ?

(b) Write the central idea of the poem, "Breaths there the man, with soul so dead." 9

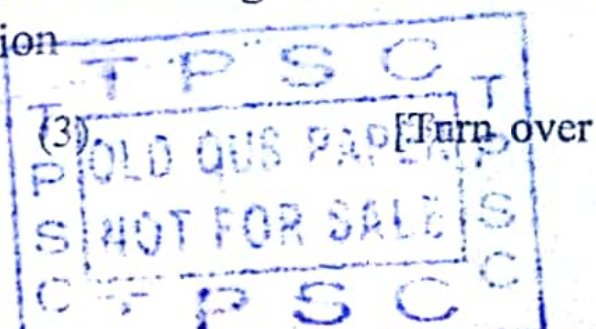
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Write the substance of the poem "The Song of the Palanquin Bearers".

5. (a) Punctuate the following using capital letters where necessary. 3

i had heard of him as a writer we met at the house of miss manning of the national indian association

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(b) Transform the following sentences as directed.

1×4=4

(i) 'Climb up ! little boy,' said the Tree.  
(Change the form of Narration)

(ii) He did not know English. (Put the sentence into the Passive)

(iii) I return to bed bad tempered, and refusing to listen to his further absurd suggestion, take half an hour to get to sleep again.

(Turn it into a Simple sentence)

(iv) He saw a most wonderful sight. (Use the adjective in Positive degree)

(c) Replace the underlined words with their equivalent idiomatic expressions. (any *three*).

1×3=3

Example : She recovered after two weeks.

Answer : She got over after two weeks.

(i) I met a little cottage girl.

(ii) I return to bed bad tempered.

(iii) We would find it for him eventually.

(iv) You sit up in bed and listen intently.

(v) We entered the Cardinal's mansion.