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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks – 50

Time – One hour thirty minutes

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

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

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

1×4=4

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

(ii) Full in the smile of the blue _____.

(iii) What he always did was to start _____ minutes before the time and run.

(iv) Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards _____.

(b) Give the antonyms (most opposite meaning) of the words underlined in the following sentences :

1×3=3

(i) You tighten your rein.

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(ii) Gaily, O gaily we glide and we sing.

(iii) But he was not to be baffled by his ignorance.

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

(i) For on the palms of the child's hands were the prints of two nails.

(ii) You say that two at Conway dwell.

(iii) Living, shall forfeit fair renown.

2. (a) "But where is your little companion?" he said; "the boy I put into the tree?"

$1 \times 3 = 3$

(i) Who is the speaker?

(ii) To whom are these words addressed?

(iii) What was the reply?

(b) "We always knew when Uncle Podger had lost anything." $1 \times 3 = 3$

(i) How did they know when Uncle Podger had lost anything?

(ii) What was the first thing Uncle Podger would do after breakfast?

(iii) Why did Uncle Podger throw the paper down upon the table?

3. (a) "Time, you old gipsy man/Will you not stay"? $1 \times 3 = 3$

(i) Who wrote this poem?

(ii) Who will bow to Time?

(iii) Name the two cities that the poet mentions in the poem.

(b) "We bear her along like a pearl on a string." $1 \times 3 = 3$

(i) Who are the palanquin bearers carrying in this poem?

(ii) Why is she referred to as a pearl?

(iii) Name the poet.

4. (a) (i) "But I am quite satisfied with what I have achieved without the help of Grammar. I know Marathi, Hindi, Bengali and now I have begun to know English." Reference to the context of this text, describe the character sketch of Narayan Hemchandra and his general outlook towards life. 9

Or

- (ii) "Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,

Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd,
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd,
From wandering on a foreign strand!"

In the above lines, explain the patriotic fervor put forward by Walter Scott and bring out the central idea of the poem 'Breathes there the man'. 9

- (b) (i) Comment on the central idea of the poem "To One who has been Long in City Pent." 9

Or

- (ii) Give a critical appreciation of the poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear."

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

narayan hemchandra went to paris after a few months stay in london he began studying french and also translating french books i knew enough french to revise his translation so he gave it to me to read it was not a translation it was the substance.

- (b) Transform the following sentences as directed : 1×4=4

- (i) He did not know English. (Change the sentence into the passive voice.)
(ii) "This is delightful spot," he said. (Change the form of narration.)
(iii) I am glad you have come. (Change into Exclamatory sentence.)
(iv) The children are the most beautiful flowers of all. (Use the adjective in the comparative degree.)

- (c) Replace the words in italics (underlined) with their equivalent idiomatic expression (any three) : 1×3=3

Example : The pickpocket escaped with my wallet.

Answer : The pickpocket made off with my wallet.

- (i) For the errand that he did, he should know to apologize humbly.
(ii) You can always try but it is difficult to achieve two desired objects by a single effort.

- (iii) Why don't you finish the discussion,
don't dwell on the same subject/topic
again and again.
- (iv) The Lady belongs to an aristocratic
descent.
- (v) How can I believe a man of no substance
and value and give him loan ?

