

4/ALTEA-12 (Syllabus-2015)

2019

(April)

ENGLISH

Alternative English (Arts)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer any seven questions : 5×7=35

- (a) Discuss the circumstances that led to Maxwell's search for a new stenographer. What happened when a potential candidate for the position showed up?
- (b) What motivated the protagonist to become an astrologer in Narayan's story, *An Astrologer's Day*?
- (c) Describe the astrologer's meeting with Guru Nayak.
- (d) What was Oliver Bacon's career before he became a reputed jeweller?

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(Turn Over)

(2)

- (e) How does the poet playfully describe the object of her affection in *A Sketch*?
 - (f) Critically discuss Blake's observations as he walks through the streets in *London*.
 - (g) What kind of a poem is *Anthem for Doomed Youth*? Describe Owen's feelings as reflected in the poem.
 - (h) What does Blake mean by 'the mind-forg'd manacles'? Explain briefly.
 - (i) "Let not the man who is beast or who thinks he is God come near me." To which particular context is MacNeice referring in these lines?
 - (j) Why is Oliver Bacon still dissatisfied with his life in spite of being such a successful jeweller?
2. Discuss the causes that led to the conflict between Uncle James and Philip. 10

Or

Analyse the significance of the title of the play, *The Boy Comes Home*.

(3)

3. Explain, with reference to the context, any one of the following : 10
- (a) Well, I think that Philip's four years out there have made him more of a man.
 - (b) And best of all, I'm never going to be frightened again. Have you ever known what it is to be afraid—really afraid?
4. Write an essay on any one of the following : 20
- (a) Social Media—A Blessing or a Curse?
 - (b) The Tourism Industry in Meghalaya
 - (c) My Favourite Book

Or

A garment that you ordered online and have already paid for, has not arrived. Write a letter of complaint to the company seeking the reasons for the delay and asking for a refund.
