

4/ALTEA-12 (Syllabus-2015)

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(May/June)

ENGLISH

(**Arts**)

(**Alternative English**)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any *seven* of the following questions :

5×7=35

- (a) Describe Oliver Bacon's life before he became a rich jeweller.
- (b) What compelled the protagonist to become an astrologer in Narayan's story, *An Astrologer's Day*?
- (c) Briefly describe the scene in Harvey Maxwell's office.
- (d) Is Wilfred Owen's *Anthem for Doomed Youth* an anti-war poem?

- (e) How does William Blake describe the people of London?
- (f) What is the central idea of Louis MacNeice's poem, *Prayer Before Birth*?
- (g) In the poem, *A Sketch*, why does the poet feel "that the object of her affection does not understand her feelings for him"?
- (h) Critically examine the character of the Duchess in Virginia Woolf's *The Duchess and the Jeweller*.
- (i) Why does Rossetti call her friend 'the blindest buzzard'?
- (j) Describe Miss Leslie's odd behaviour in the broker's office in the story, *The Romance of a Busy Broker*.
2. Critically examine the humorous elements in the play, *The Boy Comes Home*. 10

Or

Examine, in detail, the character of Uncle James in *The Boy Comes Home*.

3. Explain, with reference to the context, any one of the following : 10
- (a) "... And then I went back to the company again ... That was when I became twenty-five ... or thirty-five ... or forty-five."
- (b) "But those were Germans! It's different shooting Germans. You're in England now. You couldn't have a crime on your conscience like that."
4. Write an essay on any one of the following : 20
- (a) A country I would like to visit
- (b) Importance of health and hygiene
- (c) The World Cup, 2022

Or

Write a letter to the headman of your locality, complaining about the water supply in your area.
