4/ALTEC-12 (Syllabus-2015)

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ENGLISH

Alternative English (Commerce)

Marks: 75

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

- 1. Answer the following questions in not more than 5 sentences each (any seven): 5×7=35
 - (a) What is the banker's opinion about capital punishment?
 - (b) Why did the American lady leave the continent?
 - (c) Why did the historical society protest against the removal of the statue?
 - (d) What mistake was committed by Lalajee? What was the consequence? 2+3
 - (e) What makes John Donne say that man's power is feeble?
 - (f) What does Milton mean by the words 'Lodg'd with me useless'?

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- (g) How does Wordsworth describe the song of the Solitary Reaper?
- (h) Describe briefly the scene in the opening lines of Dover Beach.
- (i) What is the significance of the 'three trees on the low sky' in the Journey of the Magi?
- 2. Answer any one of the following questions:
 - (a) Briefly describe how the lawyer spent the fifteen years of his solitary confinement.
 - (b) What aspects of American Society are revealed by the American lady in A Canary for One?
 - (c) "Lalajee is a story of one man helping another, and of the rewards gained from the display of compassion and gratitude". Discuss.
- 3. Answer any one of the following questions:
 (a) What reasons does John Donne offer his
 - beloved to assure her of his quick return in Sweetest Love I do not go?

 (b) What do you think is the underlying
 - message in Eliot's poem, Journey of the Magi?
 - (c) Write a critical appreciation of the poem, Dover Beach.

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- 4. (a) Write an essay on any one of the following:
 - (i) Your Idea of Happiness
 - (ii) The menace of superstition and witchcraft

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- (iii) Eco-tourism in Meghalaya—A means of Employment
- (iv) Value Education—The need of the hour
- (b) Insert articles wherever necessary: 1×5=5

 ____ more I try to please him ____
 more he gets angry. Sometimes he says
 he is busy at ____ moment or
 something of ____ sort. He is an officer
 of the government and ____ important
 person.
- person.

 (c) Insert prepositions wherever necessary:

 1×5=

'No', said Asan, I do not agree _____ you. I'm sure I can rely ____ Esther. Let's not have a quarrel ____ it. Let's wait ____ her ____ another ten minutes.

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