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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper : ALTE-401

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any *eight* of the following : 1×8=8

- (a) Whom does Shelley address as the 'Men of England'?
- (b) In which year was the poem, *The Gift Outright* published?
- (c) What does the 'gift outright' mean?
- (d) Who were the people engaged in the telephone conversation?
- (e) What does the Vishu season refer to?
- (f) Which motif is presented in the poem, *Journey to the Interior*?
- (g) What does the word 'interior' refer to in Atwood's poem, *Journey to the Interior*?

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- (h) When was Margaret Atwood born?
- (i) What is 'peroxide blonde'?
- (j) In which place is the house referred to in Meena Alexander's poem located?

2. Answer any eight of the following : $2 \times 8 = 16$

- (a) Whom does the Bees of England refer to? What do they forge?
- (b) What is the implication of the phrase 'hide-and-speak' in Soyinka's poem, *Telephone Conversation*?
- (c) How is the journey symbolically presented in the poem, *Journey to the Interior*?
- (d) What does the silks cut in bronze refer to?
- (e) What, according to E. M. Forster, are the duties of a citizen towards the community?
- (f) Why was the author suspicious of his liver's disorder?
- (g) What was the author's reaction when he came to know that he didn't have one disease among all the diseases?
- (h) What does the 'exercise book' symbolize?

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(3)

- (i) How many characters are there in the play, *A Marriage Proposal*?
- (j) Who was Tschubukov? Was he happy at the proposal?

3. Answer any four of the following : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) How is the plight of the working class people of England addressed in the poem, *Song to the Men of England*? Explain.
- (b) What, according to Forster, is needed to reconstruct the civilization? Explain.
- (c) Discuss in brief Forster's views on tolerance.
- (d) How is the issue of child marriage addressed through the character of Uma?
- (e) Comment on the sufferings of the Blacks as expressed in *Nightmare*.

4. Answer the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (a) Explain E. M. Forster's views on Love.

Or

According to E. M. Forster, what kinds of negative virtues are desirable? Which positive phrases does he find disagreeable and why? Explain.

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(b) Discuss the issues of patriarchal dominance and oppression in Indian society as reflected in the story, *The Exercise Book*.

Or

Discuss the significance of the exercise book in Uma's life.

5. Answer any one of the following : 15

(a) Justify the title of the essay, *Nightmare* by Malcolm X.

(b) Elaborate Virginia Woolf's views on the challenges that women face while attempting to write fiction.

6. Answer any one of the following : 15

(a) Attempt a brief character sketch of Lomov.

(b) Discuss the love relationship between Lomov and Natalia.
