

2020

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Total marks: 80

Time: 3 hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers*
- ii) *The question paper consists of 21 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- iii) *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*
- iv) *Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.*

**N.B:** *Check that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**Unit – I (Reading)**

**1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:**

Mushroom cultivation has a long history with over twenty species commercially cultivated. Mushrooms are cultivated in at least 60 countries with China, the United States, Netherlands, France and Poland being the top five producers.

A fraction of the many fungi consumed by humans are currently cultivated and sold commercially. Commercial cultivation is important ecologically, as there have been concerns of depletion of larger fungi such as ‘chanterelles’ in Europe possibly because the group has grown popular, yet remains a challenge to cultivate.

Some species are difficult to cultivate; others (particularly ‘mycorrhizal’ species) have not yet been successfully cultivated. Some of these species are harvested from the wild and can be found in markets. When in season, they can be purchased fresh, and many species are sold dried as well.

Medicinal mushrooms are mushrooms or extracts from mushrooms that are thought to be treatments for diseases, yet remain unconfirmed in mainstream science and medicine; and so are not approved as drugs or medical treatments. Such use of mushrooms thus falls into the domain of traditional medicine.

- a. What are mushrooms known as in scientific terms? 1
  - i) Fungi
  - ii) Chanterelle
  - iii) traditional medicine
- b. What are medicinal mushrooms? 1
- c. How are mushrooms sold in the markets? 1
- d. State whether the following are true or false: 4 x 1/2 = 2
  - i) There are only ten species of mushroom cultivated commercially.
  - ii) Mushrooms are approved as drugs.
  - iii) Some species of mushroom are difficult to cultivate.
  - iv) India is among the top five producers of mushroom.

**2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:**

To Blossoms

Fair pledges of a fruitful tree,  
Why do ye fall so fast?  
Your date is not so past,  
But you may stay yet here awhile  
To blush and gently smile,  
And go at last.

What were ye born to be  
An hour or half's delight?  
And so to bid good night?  
T'was pity Nature brought ye forth  
Merely to show your worth  
And lost you quite.

But you are lovely, where we  
May read how soon things have,  
Their end, though ne'er so brave:  
And after they have shown their pride.  
Like you awhile, they glide  
Into the grave. (*Robert Herrick*)

On the basis of your reading of the poem, complete the sentences that follow: **1x5=5**

- a. The poet calls the flowers \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The poet feels sorry that \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The flowers have a short span of life. We know this from the line, ' \_\_\_\_\_ '

Choose the correct answer from the given options:

- d. The flowers are like lovely leaves of:
  - i) A book where one can read how things have their end.
  - ii) A tree where one can see beauty all around.
  - iii) A book where one can get knowledge.
- e. Fair pledges means-
  - i) Beautiful leaves
  - ii) Beautiful flowers
  - iii) Beautiful promises

**Unit – II (Writing and Applied Grammar)**

**3. a. Develop a story using hints given below:**

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Lipok at the railway station- seeing off his friend- saw a little girl crying- obviously lost- calmed her down- took her to information counter- asked to announce in public address system- little girl's mother appeared- happily reunited.

**Or**

- b. Script a dialogue in about 150-200 words between two teachers sharing details about an educational tour for their students during the winter break.
4. Write a newspaper report on 'Saving our culture and tradition' in about 150-200 words. 6
5. Choose the correct form of adjectives: 2x1=2
- a. Chinget is the \_\_\_\_\_ boy in the class.
- i) strongest                      ii) stronger                      iii) strong                      iv) most strongest
- b. Yanren is \_\_\_\_\_ than Ali.
- i) intelligent                      ii) most intelligent                      iii) more intelligent                      iv) very intelligent
6. Change the Voice: 2x1=2
- a. Doctors will use the knowledge to find some solution.
- b. The fences were destroyed by the wind.
7. Choose the right Clause to complete the sentences: 2x1=2
- a. The young girl knew \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) who the celebrity was.
- ii) which the celebrity was.
- iii)whom the celebrity was.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ was a mystery.
- i) Where the thief entered the house.
- ii) What the thief entered the house.
- iii) How the thief entered the house.
8. Complete the sentences as directed in the brackets: 2x1=2
- a. The Red House did not respond for the race; \_\_\_\_\_ (likewise/thus/then) they were disqualified. (*Choose the correct conjunction*)
- b. Kevi is very fond \_\_\_\_\_ (for, off, of) coffee. (*Choose the correct preposition*)

**Unit – III (Literature)**

9. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given: 10x1=10
- i. Whose idea was it to build a bookcase in front of the entrance of the annex?
- a. Mr. Koopius                      b. Mr. Kraler
- c. Peter                      d. Pim
- ii. What did the residents in the annex receive for Christmas?
- a. Smelly cabbages                      b. A sack of potatoes
- c. A Christmas cake                      d. Extra quarter pound of butter
- iii. Why were the tummies of Toshi and his friends bloated?
- a. Because of hunger

- b. Because of eating wild fruits
  - c. Because of the smelly vehicle exhaust
  - d. Because of malnutrition and worms
- iv. How did Pasteur weaken the rabies microbe?
- a. By using microbes which were less virulent from dogs.
  - b. By injecting it into a region of the brain called medulla.
  - c. By letting the infected medulla sit in a sterile solution for several days.
  - d. By grinding the rabies microbes and injecting them into healthy animals.
- v. What were the two men struggling to hold?
- a. A crazed bulldog
  - b. A crazed rabbit
  - c. A crazed buffalo
  - d. A stray dog
- vi. What did Dr. Barnard's father show him when he was a small boy?
- a. A photograph of his brother
  - b. A half eaten moldy biscuit
  - c. A stethoscope
  - d. A hospital
- vii. What is the father's dream in 'The Ambitious Guest'?
- a. To live in a big city and be wealthy
  - b. To live in a small town and be wealthy
  - c. To live in a small town and be well-respected
  - d. To live in a big city and be well-respected
- viii. What is the barrier between day and day according to William Wordsworth?
- a. Night
  - b. Morning
  - c. Afternoon
  - d. Evening
- ix. What is the cry for 'Peace' met with according to Lhusi Haralu?
- a. Mockery
  - b. Peace
  - c. Love
  - d. Strength
- x. Whose bellies jiggle like slow tambourines?
- a. Activists
  - b. Old folks
  - c. Caged birds
  - d. Children

**Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words:**

**5x2=10**

10. How did Anne Frank plan to take revenge on Mr. Dussel? (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)
11. Why did Anne Frank walk to the dentist? (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)
12. What were Toshi and his friends doing while the Americans were trying to go to the moon?
13. What is Lhusi Haralu asking God on behalf of her countrymen? (*Prayer of the Meek*)
14. What inspired Rabindranath Tagore to compose music? (*Closed Path*)

**Answer the following questions in about 40-45 words: 5x4=20**

- 15.** *'They have spent their content of simpering, holding their lips this and that way, winding the lines between their brows.'* (Old Folks Laugh)
- a.** Who is 'they' here? (1)
  - b.** Why do they pretend? (3)
- 16.** What does William Wordsworth tell 'sleep' in the poem, *'To Sleep'*? Why is the poet pleading 'sleep' to come to him? (2+2=4)
- 17.** Describe the young man in the story, *'The Ambitious Guest'*. Why does the author call him an 'ambitious guest'? (2+2=4)
- 18.a.** What were the views of Dr. Barnard's father on suffering? Why couldn't Dr. Barnard agree with his father's views? (2+2=4)

**Or**

- b.** Write four similarities that Toshi and his friends shared with the natives depicted in the film, *'The God's Must be Crazy'*.
- 19.** How is life in the outside world? Do you think the people inside the Annex had a better life? (*The Diary of a Young Girl*) (2+2=4)

**Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:**

- 20.** *'This morning I was going through the old pages of my diary. I was shocked to see everything that I'd written about Mother.'* (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)
- a.** What was Anne ashamed about when she read the pages of her diary? 3
  - b.** What is the difference between Anne's mother and father, according to Anne? 2
- 21.** *'I wonder if they will even exist for my children to see.'* (*Speech by Severn Suzuki*)
- a.** What is Severn referring 'they' to? 2
  - b.** For whom is she speaking at the Rio summit? Why? 3

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