

2023

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.*
- 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:

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a Professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, whenever she learnt that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1892 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in Physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

- a. Why did Marie Curie not join the university at Warsaw? **1**
- b. What was Marie Curie's contribution to science? **1**
- c. Where did Marie Curie do her master's degree? **1**
- d. Why did Marie get sick? **1**
- e. What happened to Pierre Curie? **1**

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

The sun does arise,
And make happy the skies;
The merry bells ring
To welcome the spring;
The skylark and rush,
The birds of the bush.,
Sing louder around
To the bells' cheerful sound;
While our sports shall be seen
On the Echoing Green.

Old John, with white hair,
Does laugh away care,
Sitting under the oak,
Among the old folk.
They laugh at our play,
And soon they all say,
'Such, such were the joys-
When we all- girls and boys-
In our youth-time were seen
On the Echoing Green.'

Till the little ones, weary,
No more can be merry:
The sun does descend,
And our sports have an end:
Round the laps of their mothers
Many sisters and brothers,
Like birds in their nest,
Are ready for rest;
And sports no more seen,
On the darkening Green. (*William Blake*)

- a. What makes the skies happy? 1
 - b. Name two birds mentioned in the poem. 1
 - c. Who sit and watch the children play? 1
- Write true or false:
- d. The children go to the sisters' laps when evening descends. 1
 - e. The old age is compared to morning and youth to evening. 1

UNIT– II (Writing and Applied Grammar)

3. **a.** Write a story about a family that won a lottery of 20 lakhs. But they refused to claim the prize. (Mention in your story about who bought the ticket, why they refused to take the prize money, what will happen to the money, whether any

disagreement took place among the family members, the decision the family took in the end)

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Or

b. Write an article in about 150-200 words for the school magazine on “*Ban on single use plastics.*”

4. Write a dialogue in about 100-150 words between two friends about their plans for the future after they clear the HSLC exams. **6**

5. **Rewrite the sentences as directed in the brackets:** **2x1=2**

a. John kept writing until he ran out of paper. (*Underline the Clause*)

b. No other fruit is as sour as a lemon. (*Underline the degree of comparison of the adjectives*)

6. **Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions:** **2x1=2**

a. The teacher stood _____ the students.

b. I will be back _____ two hours.

7. **Fill in the blanks with correct conjunctions:** **2x1=2**

a. Always look both ways _____ you cross the road.

b. The robbers looted the traveller; _____ they beat him.

8. **Change the voice:** **2x1=2**

a. The workers have called off the strike.

b. I read a poem.

Unit – III (Literature)

9. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given:** **10x1=10**

i. What weighed down the “half pants” of Toshi and his friends as they run down the short cut?

a. Fruits in their pockets

b. Creepers and vines

c. Slingshots of clay balls and other precious play possessions

d. Hands in their pockets

ii. What was the ‘daring idea’ that Pasteur and Roux got?

a. To crush the shriveled medulla

b. That rabies might not travel in the blood

c. To inject the virus directly into the brain

d. To test on animals

iii. Where was Severn Suzuki born?

a. Brazil

b. Somalia

c. Canada

d. India

iv. How many children took part in the race? (*In Celebration of Being Alive*)

- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Three
- d. None of the above

v. Where was the ambitious guest going to?

- a. Burlington
- b. White Mountains
- c. Maine
- d. Bartlett

vi. Where does the poet want God's kingdom to be established?

- a. Minds and souls
- b. Hearts and homes
- c. Hearts and minds
- d. Homes and souls

vii. Which of the saying reflects the message of the poem '*Closed Path*'?

- a. "When one door closes another opens."
- b. "Every cloud has a silver lining"
- c. "God works in mysterious ways"
- d. "Be content with what you have"

viii. What makes the old people want to forgive life?

- a. Their bodies are weak
- b. They are tired of laughing
- c. They have forgotten about their past
- d. The promise of painless death

ix. Who brought a new skirt each for Margot and Anne?

- a. Kraler
- b. Miep
- c. Vossen
- d. Elli

x. Whose idea was it to build a bookcase in front of the entrance to the Secret Annex?

- a. Otto Frank
- b. Mr. vanDaan
- c. Mr. Koophius
- d. Mr. Kraler

Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words:

3x2=6

10. Why did Pasteur test the blood of mad animals? (*Man against Virus*)

11. Why did Dr. Barnard find suffering of children particularly heart breaking? (*In Celebration of Being Alive*)

12. a. What is the code mentioned in the poem "*Prayer of the Meek*"?

Or

b. Why are '*fresh thoughts*' important to Wordsworth as a poet? (*To Sleep*)

Answer the questions in about 20-25 words:

2x2=4

13. Why was Anne's father angry? (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)

14. What made Anne decide to be a writer? (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)

Answer the following questions in about 40-45 words: 4x4=16

- 15.** ‘Back then Mokokchung was very, very far away but now it is only 40 km or so away from my village’ (*The Fragrance of the Gods*)
- a. Why was Mokokchung farther from Toshi’s village during childhood than when he became an adult? (2)
 - b. How did Toshi’s perspective change as an adult? (2)
- 16.** What reality does Severn Suzuki present about Canada and the northern countries?
- 17.** ‘*Soon the Small birds’ melodies must hear,
first uttered from my orchard tree.
And the first cuckoo’s melancholy cry’ (To Sleep)*
- i. Why does the poet utter the above words? (2)
 - ii. How is the poet sure about the birds’ cries? (2)
- 18. a.** ‘*When old words die out on the tongue,
New melodies break forth from the heart.’ (Closed Path)*
- i. What does the poet mean by ‘old words’? (1)
 - ii. What inspired the poet with ‘new melodies’? (1)
 - iii. What was the poet faced with before he found new inspiration? (2)
- Or**
- b. What is the main idea portrayed in the poem ‘*Old Folks Laugh*’?

Answer the question in about 40-45 words: 1x4=4

- 19.** What are the anti-Jewish laws imposed by the Germans? (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:

- 20.** ‘*If your grandparents don’t want you to, you shouldn’t go behind their backs.*’ (*The Diary of a Young Girl*)
- i. Who said this and to whom? 2
 - ii. Why did the speaker say this? 3
- 21.** ‘*But I cannot die till I have achieved my destiny. Then, let death come! I shall have built my monument.*’ (*The Ambitious Guest*)
- i. Who is the speaker? 1
 - ii. What ‘destiny’ was the speaker speaking about? 2
 - iii. Is the speaker’s wish fulfilled? Explain. 2
