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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full marks : 90

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 23 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
- iv) *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*

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

SECTION - A (Prose)

1. What does Nehru want his daughter to rely upon to work the miracle? 1
2. Is it possible for equals to be friends? 2
3. Who had become old friends of Franz ? 2
4. What was the purpose of Nehru's letters to his daughter? 3
5. How does one determine if a follower is trustworthy? 3
6. Who was to be blamed for the children not learning the French language ? 4
7. a. How can having too many followers be harmful in Bacon's opinion? 5

OR

b. *'Sadly he has not always known how to use this new power, and he has often misused it. Science itself has been used by him chiefly to supply him with terrible weapons to kill his brother and destroy the very civilization that he has built with so much labour.'*

- (i) What is referred to as the new power? (1)
- (ii) What did man do with the new power and for what? (2)

- (iii) Man has destroyed the very civilization that he has built up with so much labour. Do you agree? Why? (2)

SECTION - B (Poetry)

8. What does 'break of day' signify in the poem 'Indian Weavers' ? 2
9. Describe in detail the figure of the justice and contrast it with the stage that follows. What are the changes that take place from one to the next? 4
10. Critically analyse the lines given below:

*And poppy, or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more; Death thou shalt die.* 4

11. a. How does the poet use the work of the Indian weavers to explain the cycle of life and death? 5
- Or**
- b. Discuss the central theme of the poem 'Death Be Not Proud'.

SECTION - C (Drama)

12. What does Uncle James expect Philip to do while in his house? 2
13. Philip had served in the army for four years. What changes do you see after he returned home ? 3
14. a. In the play 'The Boy Comes Home', who did you sympathise more, Uncle James or Philip? Why? 5
- Or**
- b. Give the character sketch of Aunt Emily.

SECTION - D (Fiction)

15. What does Joe Gargery do for a living? 1
16. What did Pip plan to do after Joe left London ? 2
17. Why was Pip taken to Miss Havisham? What did Pip tell Mrs. Joe and Uncle Pumblechook about his visit? 3
18. a. Why did Estella marry Drummle and not Pip in Great Expectations ?
Or 4
b. What incident led Miss Havisham to become revengeful on all the male sex ?
19. a. What is the moral lesson of Great Expectations ?
Or 5
b. What are the three phases of Pip's Great Expectations ? Comment on them.

SECTION - E (Grammar)

20. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: 5×1=5
- (a) Tina shall return _____ a week.
(b) We are going on a vacation _____ April.
(c) Write the answers _____ a blue pen.
(d) I went to my father _____ guidance.
(e) Tommy stood waiting _____ the sky turned dark.
21. Insert correct conjunctions: 5×1=5
- (a) I will eat _____ carrots or peas for dinner.
(b) We know _____ she is innocent.
(c) _____ he speaks seldom, he says meaningful words.
(d) Don't go near the fire _____ you will get burnt.
(e) Those apples look better _____ the oranges.

SECTION -F (Writing)

22. Write an essay on any one in about 250-300 words:

a. Organic food for a healthy life.

Or

b. Practice makes a man perfect.

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SECTION-G (Reading)

23. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

It has been part of Nelson's prayer, that the British fleet might be distinguished by humanity in the victory which he expected. Setting an example himself, he twice gave orders to cease firing upon the Redoubtable, supposing that she had struck; because her great guns were silent; for as she carried no flag, there was no means of instantly ascertaining the fact. From this ship, which he had thus twice spared, he received his death. A ball fired from her mizzen-top, which, in the then situation of the two vessels, was not more than fifteen yards from that part of the deck where he was standing struck the epaulette on his left shoulder, about a quarter after one, just in the heat of action. He fell upon his face, on the spot which was covered with his poor secretary's blood. Hardy, who was a few steps from him, turning round, saw three men raising him up. "They have done for me at last, Hardy!" said he. "I hope not!" cried Hardy. "Yes", he replied; "my back-bone is shot through!" Yet even now, not for a moment losing his presence of mind, he observed as they were carrying him down the ladder, that the tiller-ropes, which had been shot away, were not yet replaced, and ordered that new ones should be roped immediately. Then, that he might not be seen by the crew, he took out his handkerchief, and covered his face and his stars. Had he but concealed these badges of honour from the enemy, England, perhaps, would not have had cause to receive with sorrow the news of the battle of Trafalgar. The cockpit was crowded with wounded and dying men; over those bodies he was with some difficulty conveyed, and laid upon a pallet in the midship men's berth. It was soon perceived upon examination, that the wound was mortal. This, however, was concealed from all, except Captain Hardy, the Chaplain and the medical attendants. He himself being certain, from the sensation in his back, and the gush of blood he felt momentarily within his breast, that no human care could avail him, insisted that the surgeon should leave him and attend to those to whom he might be useful.

Answer the following questions:

- a) i) How close was the narrator from the 'mizzen-top'? 1
- ii) How can Nelson be said to have been partly responsible for his own death? 2
- iii) Why did Nelson insist that the surgeon should leave him and attend to others? 2
- iv) What qualities in Nelson's character are revealed by this passage? 2
- b) Find the antonyms from the passage: 3×1=3
- i) immortal ii) overlooking iii) uncover
