

2025

(4th Semester)

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper : ALTE (BA)-401

(Prose, Poetry, Play and Language Skills)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 54)

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

1. (a) Analyse Osbert Sitwell's perspectives on
the best years of ones life.

10

Or

- (b) Give a critical evaluation on the 'theory
of life force' in G. B. Shaw's *The Religion
of the Future*.

(2)

2. (a) Describe the various experiences of Somerset Maugham on his 'Visit to the Pagodas'. 10

Or

- (b) Examine the aspects of humour in the prose, *A Village Cricket Match* by A. G. Macdonell.

3. (a) Justify the title of the one-act play, *Refund* by Fritz Karinthy. 10

Or

- (b) Explain the absurd situation in which Wasserkopf is outwitted in the school.

4. (a) Describe the Indian sense of community and the dominance of religion in the poem, *Night of the Scorpion*. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss the symbolic representation of man's journey from birth to death in the poem, *Indian Weavers*.

(3)

5. Write a précis of the following passage and give a suitable title : 14

Research can help us improve our world, a world where problems abound. Governments, for example, are riddled with problems—in fact, governments themselves can be a problem. The environment is under stress. Our planet is turning into a giant greenhouse, there is salinity in the soil, and we do not have enough clean/safe drinking water to go around. In fact, we can't find a way to distribute money, food or medicine so that everyone with a need gets a share. Health care and education are far from adequate or equitable, and from the global arena to the local playground we cannot seem to overcome racism, sexism, prejudice or discrimination. Domestic violence and child abuse occur daily in every corner of the world, and child pornography is a multibillion dollar industry. We also have to deal with the threat of terrorism as well as our fear of that threat. We poison ourselves daily with toxic chemicals from alcohol, cigarettes, factories and automobiles. Children are starving—some due to war and political upheaval—some from mass-media induced anorexia. Meanwhile, schools struggle with violence, drugs, sexual and racial tension.

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(3)

2. What makes G. B. Shaw state that "People are not fond of science"?

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(2)
(4)

3. According to Maugham, 'The good traveler has the gift of surprise.' What makes him relate so?

(7)
(5)

5. What led the scorpion to crawl beneath the sack of
4. Who won the toss in *A Village Cricket Match* by A. G. H. Macdonell?

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5. How does the mathematics teacher trap Wasserkopf?

(7)

6. What led the scorpion to crawl beneath the sack of rice?

7. What do 'sun-baked walls' suggest in the poem, *Night of the Scorpion*?

8. Why are the weavers weaving a garment 'so gay' at the break of day?
