

2024

(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) Enumerate the various experiences that Osbert Sitwell recalls from his life as he speculates on the best years of one's life. 10

Or

- (b) Bernard Shaw's theory of Life Force combines humanity's need for God and Darwin's idea of Natural Evolution. Discuss.

2. (a) Why did Somerset Maugham consider himself to be a bad traveller? How was the Czecho-Slovak different from him? 10

Or

- (b) Give an account of the cricket match played between the villagers of Fordenden and the men from London.

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

Or

- (b) How did Mathematics master succeed in outwitting Wasserkopf?

4. (a) Discuss Nissim Ezekiel's poem, *Night of the Scorpion* as a representation of Indian culture and beliefs. 10

Or

- (b) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem, *Indian Weavers* by Sarojini Naidu.

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

Language is our major means of communication; it is how we share our thoughts with others. A language's secondary purpose is to convey someone's sentiments, emotions, or attitudes. English is one such language in the world that satisfies both the above purposes. English has been regarded as the first global Lingua Franca. It has become part and parcel of almost every existing field. We use it as the international language to communicate in many fields ranging from business to entertainment. Many countries teach and encourage youngsters to acquire English as a second language. Even in nations where English is not an official language, many science and engineering curriculum are written in English. The English language opens an ocean of career opportunities to those who speak this language anywhere in the world. Similarly, it has turned into an inevitable requirement for various fields and professions like medicine, computing and more. In the fast evolving world, it is essential to have a common language that we can understand to

make the best use of the data and information available. As a result, the English language has become a storehouse of various knowledge ranging from social to political fields. English is a global language today and it is so common now that one out of five people can speak or understand this language. Further, learning the English language can help in getting a job easily. In addition, it helps with meeting new people. As it is the official language of 53 countries, learning it helps to break the language barriers. Most importantly, it is also the language of the Internet. Another important reason to learn this language is that it makes travelling easier. It is also essential in the world of business. Today, about 400 million people globally use English as their first language and thus, it will be beneficial to learn this language to open doors to new opportunities.

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2. What happened at the ... or's party attended by
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2. What happened at the bachelor's party attended by George Bernard Shaw?
the match began?

(4)

3. Describe the appearance of the Czecho-Slovak.

George Bernard Shaw

(5)

4. What was the rather tricky negotiation that Mr. Hodge had with the Fordenden Captain before the match began?

5. Why did Wasserkopf want his money back?

What was the question asked to Wasserkopf by the History Master?

6. What was the question asked to Wasserkopf by the History Master?

7. What did the peasants do on seeing the narrator's mother in pain?

8. What are the three stages of human life presented in Sarojini Naidu's poem, *Indian Weavers*?
