

2020

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

(Commerce Group)

Full Marks : 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

[For Candidates of 2017-18 Batch, Vide CSR/64/17 dated 14.09.2017]

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

The sense of doom in us today is not a fear of science; it is a fear of war. The causes of war were not created by science. Science has not invented war, but has enlarged the mechanism of war and has distorted it. Science has multiplied the power of the warmakers. The weapons used now can kill more people more secretly and unpleasantly than those of the past. For some time it has been said of each new weapon that it is so destructive that it will force the nations give up war for lack of common fodder. The hope has never been fulfilled. The acts of men and women are not dictated by simple compulsions; and they themselves do not stand in any simple relation to the decision of the nations they compose. Again, at bottom, we have remained individually too greedy to distribute our surplus and collectively too stupid to pile it up in any more useful form than the traditional mountain of arms. And science can claim to have created the surplus in our society.

(a) How, according to the writer, has science influenced war?

(b) What is the 'hope' the writer refers to? Was this 'hope' fulfilled?

(c) Answer the following questions:

(i) Give the synonym of 'doom'.

(ii) Give the noun form of 'destructive'.

(iii) Give the adjective form of 'compulsion'.

(iv) Give the antonym of 'surplus'.

(v) Use the word 'traditional' in a sentence of your own.

5+5+(1×5)

2. (a) Write an application accompanied by your CV for the post of an Assistant Manager in the office of a tea merchant of repute. 10

Or,

(b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper complaining about public negligence of safety measures in the pandemic situation. 10

Or,

(c) Write a paragraph on 'Increasing unemployment problems in society'. 10

Please Turn Over

3. Answer *any two* questions : 5×2
- (a) How does Purushottam Lal define “faith” in life?
 - (b) What did the poet and his companion learn from the lizard in ‘In A Country Cottage’? How did they learn it?
 - (c) What, according to Rabindranath Tagore, did Ram Mohan Roy represent?
 - (d) What was the last wish of the man with the scar in William Somerset Maugham’s, ‘The Man with the Scar’? Was it fulfilled?
 - (e) Comment on the significance of the title ‘The Last Leaf’ by O. Henry.
4. Answer *any five* of the following questions : 2×5
- (a) Why was the scar-faced man court-martialled?
 - (b) How did the scar-faced man actually get the scar?
 - (c) Why was Greenwich village famous?
 - (d) Who was Behrman?
 - (e) Where, according to Tagore, did the music of truth originate?
 - (f) What, according to Tagore, is a matter of infinite wonder?
 - (g) How did the poet feel when he saw the lizard?
 - (h) How did the poet feel when he went to bed?
 - (i) What was the profession of the scar-faced man before he was captured?
 - (j) How did the wife of the scar-faced man look?
5. Answer *any five* questions : 1×5
- (a) Who is the poet of ‘In A Country Cottage’?
 - (b) What is meant by “silent energy”?
 - (c) How many petals does “life” have?
 - (d) What is “hope” compared to?
 - (e) Who was Johnsy in ‘The Last Leaf’?
 - (f) How did Behrman die?
 - (g) Whom does Tagore mean by “a messenger of truth”?
 - (h) What, according to Tagore, did Ram Mohan introduce to his country?
 - (i) How does the poet describe love?
 - (j) “Only a limp hand
stretches endlessly
for the touch of land”
— What does the poet mean by ‘limp hand’?
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