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(May/June)

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper : ALTE-401

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any one of the following questions : 5

- (a) How does Shelley use imagery of nature to underscore the injustices faced by the labourers in *Song to the Men of England*? Discuss.
- (b) Discuss the significance of the title, *I Can't Help Blossoming* by Dr. Ayyappa Paniker in relation to the themes and message of the poem.
- (c) Discuss the concept of home in *House of a Thousand Doors* by Meena Alexander.

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2. Write a critical appreciation of any *one* of the following poems : 15
- (a) *The Gift Outright* by Robert Frost
 - (b) *Telephone Conversation* by Wole Soyinka
 - (c) *Journey to the Interior* by Margaret Atwood
3. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 15×2=30
- (a) How does Moore depict the realities of racism and discrimination in Malcolm X's *Nightmare*? Discuss.
 - (b) Analyze E. M. Forster's definition of tolerance as presented in the essay. How does he characterize tolerance, and what are its key components according to him?
 - (c) How does Woolf critique traditional gender roles and advocate for a more inclusive and diverse representation of women's experiences in literature in her essay, *Modern Fiction*?
4. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 15
- (a) Explore the theme of human nature and resilience in *A Man Who Was a Hospital*. How does Jerome depict the protagonist's ability to find humour and optimism even in the face of adversity and discomfort?

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- (b) Explore the theme of miscommunication in *A Marriage Proposal*. How do misunderstandings and disagreements between the characters drive the plot forward?
 - (c) Discuss the themes of education, self-discovery and social mobility in the story, *The Exercise Book*.
5. Answer the following questions : 5×3=15
- (a) How does Jerome employ irony and satire to highlight absurdities and contradictions in human behaviour? Discuss.
- Or
- How does Jerome depict the dynamics between doctors, nurses and patients within the hospital environment? Discuss.
- (b) Explore the theme of class differences in *A Marriage Proposal*.
- Or
- Discuss the portrayal of gender roles and expectations in the play, *A Marriage Proposal*.

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- (c) Discuss the significance of the exercise book as a narrative device in the story, *The Exercise Book*.

Or

How does the story, *The Exercise Book* reflect broader themes and issues within Indian society during Tagore's time?
