

1 SEM TDC ALTE (CBCS) AECC 2

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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper : AECC-2

Full Marks : 40

Pass Marks : 16

Time : 2 hours

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

UNIT—I

1. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Why does M. K Gandhi say, in the context of the essay, *The Doctrine of the Sword* that he is a practical idealist? 4

Or

What is non-violence in its dynamic condition?

- (b) How is democracy understood by the people in India? How, according to B. R. Ambedkar, is democracy different from republic? Explain with reference to the essay, *Prospects of Democracy in India*. 4

Or

What does B. R. Ambedkar mean by Graded Inequality?

- (c) What is a provincial or Cockney dialect? Why does G. B. Shaw say that people speaking this dialect are a little ashamed in the essay, *Spoken English and Broken English*? 2+2

Or

Why does G. B. Shaw say that a non-native speaker of English should not try to speak good English in England? Explain. 4

- (d) Where was the study on 'mass culture' published? Why does the author M. V. C. Geffreys regard 'mass culture' as an article of mass consumption, in the essay, *Mass Culture*? 1+3

Or

How is 'mass culture' different from 'high culture' and 'folk culture'? 4

(3)

- (e) Explain G. L. Dickinson's statement in the essay, *The Greek View of Life* that Plato was rooted in the facts of life. 4

Or

Why does the author speculate that the religion of the Greeks was open to double criticism?

UNIT—II

2. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Examine the significance of the title of Leo Tolstoy's essay, *How Much Land Does a Man Need?* 4

Or

What is a 'Commune'? Why were the peasants unable to purchase the Old Lady's Land on behalf of the 'Commune'? 1+3

- (b) Present in brief, the setting of the story, *An Astrologer's Day* by R. K. Narayan. 4

Or

How is the author's sceptical attitude toward astrology underlined in the story? Examine.

(4)

- (c) How is the life of the poor in a big city like New York depicted in the story *The Unfinished Story*? Examine. 4

Or

Present a character sketch of Piggy.

- (d) What sort of a War are the soldiers of both sides fighting in the peaceful rural setting described at the beginning of the story, *The Dog of Tithwal*? 4

Or

On the Pakistani side, what was the reaction of the soldiers when the dog arrived?

- (e) Discuss how the political context of Nagaland serves as a backdrop to the story, *Soaba*. 4

Or

Describe the circumstances leading to Soaba's tragic death.
