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**4 SEM TDC ENG (CBCS) ALTE 1**

**2023**

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**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 : 5
- (a) Comment on the sufferings of the working class people of England from your reading of Shelley's *Song to the Men of England*.
- (b) Comment on the title of the poem, *The Gift Outright* by Robert Frost.
- (c) What is the poem, *Telephone Conversation* by Wole Soyinka about? Discuss.

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2. Write a critical appreciation of any *one* of the following poems : 15
- (a) *I Can't Help Blossoming* by Dr. Ayappa Paniker
- (b) *Journey to the Interior* by Margaret Atwood
- (c) *House of a Thousand Doors* by Meena Alexander
3. Answer any *two* of the following : 15×2=30
- (a) What are Forster's views on tolerance? Discuss in detail.
- (b) What, according to Virginia Woolf, are the main challenges that women face while attempting to write fiction? Discuss in detail.
- (c) Critically comment on the sufferings of the Blacks as mentioned in Malcolm X's *Nightmare*.
4. Answer any *one* of the following : 15
- (a) Critically comment on the title of the short story, *A Man Who Was a Hospital* by Jerome K. Jerome.
- (b) Write a critical note on the character of Lomov. What is his attitude towards marriage and Natalia as a wife?

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- (c) Discuss the issues of patriarchal dominance and oppression in the Indian society as reflected in the story, *The Exercise Book*.
5. Answer the following questions : 5×3=15
- (a) How did Jerome K. Jerome come to suspect that his liver was out of order? Why did he call himself a hospital?
- Or
- Describe the writer's visit to the medical man and to the chemist.
- (b) Discuss the reasons why the marriage proposal is important to all the characters in the play, *A Marriage Proposal*.
- Or
- Write a note on the patriarchal mentality exhibited by Chubukov.
- (c) Discuss the significance of the exercise book in Uma's life.
- Or
- What is the symbolic significance of the exercise book?
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