

2018**ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH****Full Marks : 100****Pass Marks : 30****Time : Three hours**

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

(a)	<i>Group A (Vibgyor) New Syllabus</i>	65
(b)	<i>Group B New & Old Syllabus</i>	35
(c)	<i>Group C (Effusions) Old Syllabus</i>	65
		Total = 100

GROUP – A
(VIBGYOR)
(NEW SYLLABUS)

1. Give brief answers to *any five* of the following : 1×5=5
- (a) At what age did the verger begin working ?
 - (b) What did the verger want to buy while walking on the street after losing his job ?
 - (c) Name the author of 'The Testament of a Walker' ?
 - (d) What is an automobile according to the author ?
 - (e) Where did Mriganko Babu's driver go to fetch petrol ?
 - (f) Where did the scarecrow ask Mriganko Babu to look for his watch ?
 - (g) Who did Della go to to get money for Jim's present ?
 - (h) What was Jim's gift for Della ?
 - (i) Who is the first philosopher mentioned by Lynd in his essay ?
 - (j) What did the thief in Lynd's essay buy for a high price ?
2. Answer *any five* of the following : 2×5=10
- (a) What occupation did the verger take up after resigning from the church ?

4. Explain with reference to the context on *any two* of the following : 4×2=8

- (a) "Dell", said he, "let's put our Christmas presents away and keep'em a while. They're too nice to use just at present.
- (b) On reaching home, Mriganko Babu went straight to his room and searched under his wardrobe.
- (c) Among the things I value are privacy and anonymity, both are lost when I allow myself to be carried about in a gaudy car.
- (d) "I can tell you that sir", said Mr. Foreman, a little smile on his still aristocratic features. "I'd be verger of St. Peter's, Neville Square".

5. Give brief answers to *any five* of the following : 1×5=5

- (a) Where are the children in Toru Dutt's poem ?
- (b) From where does the blue smoke rise in 'Sita' ?
- (c) What are many forelands set with in 'The Brook' ?
- (d) What is the purpose of the journey of the brook ?
- (e) What is it that lies near the legs of stone in the desert ?
- (f) What does one see beside the ruins ?
- (g) In 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci', who is it whose granary is full ?

- (h) What did the beautiful lady sing for the knight at arms ?
- (i) In the poem 'Village Song' who will murmur 'Why doth she linger' ?
- (j) Who is referred to as 'Thou' in 'Village Song' ?

6. Answer *any four* of the following :

2×4=8

- (a) In Toru Dutt's poem, who are the people dwelling in the forest ?
- (b) What is the refrain of the brook ?
- (c) What is written on the pedestal of the statue of Ozymandias ?
- (d) What did the beautiful lady give the knight at arms to eat ?
- (e) Name the birds and animals mentioned in Sarojini Naidu's poem.

7. Answer *any three* of the following :

4×3=12

- (a) Attempt a description of the forest in Toru Dutt's poem.
- (b) Critically discuss the central idea of 'The Brook'.
- (c) Describe in detail the scene seen by the traveller in the 'antique land'.

- (d) What did the knight at arms do for the beautiful lady and what did she do for him ?
- (c) Describe the feelings of the girl in the course of the poem 'Village Song'.

8. Explain with reference to the context on *any one* of the following :

5×1=5

- (a) Tis hushed at last

And melts the picture from their sight away

Yet shall they dream of it until the day !

- (b) I saw their starved lips in the gloam,

With horrid warning gaped wide,

And I awoke and found me here,

On the cold hill's side.

- (c) Why, Oh why was I tempted to tarry

Lured by the boatman's song ?

GROUP – B

(NEW & OLD SYLLABUS)

9. Change *any five* of the sentences given below as per instruction given, without changing their meaning : 1×5=5

(a) The waters of the Siang have turned turbid.

(Change into interrogative)

(b) The cow was given fodder by the farmer.

(Change into active)

(c) All children love ice cream.

(Change into passive)

(d) Aren't dogs faithful animals ?

(Change into assertive)

(e) A Leopard can never change its spots.

(Change into interrogative)

(f) Chennai is hotter than Mumbai.

(Change into negative)

(g) No one found the play uninteresting.

(Change into affirmative)

(h) Winters in Guwahati are getting colder each year.

(Change into negative)

10. Add appropriate questions tags to *any five* of the following :

1×5=5

- (a) You are learning music.
- (b) They have been to Mumbai.
- (c) He can act very well.
- (d) She is an expert rollerblader.
- (e) Judy has just recovered from a bout of chicken pox.
- (f) You could have done the work last week.
- (g) Jio is going overboard with its offers.
- (h) Global warming is really affecting our winters.

11. Fill *any five* of the following blanks with suitable prepositions :

1×5=5

- (a) His flight is _____ 10 30 a.m.
- (b) The cow jumped _____ the moon.
- (c) The cat licked the cream _____ the plate in minutes.
- (d) The boy stood _____ the burning deck.
- (e) The moon is walking slowly _____ the night sky.
- (f) He seems to have a finger _____ every pie.

(g) I have kept your phone _____ the drawer.

(h) You must never jump _____ a running bus.

12. Rewrite *any five* of the following sentences using the verbs given in brackets in their correct forms : 1×5=5

(a) We have just _____ (finish) our English exams.

(b) All of next month our teachers will be busy _____ (correct) our scripts.

(c) I spent hours _____ (study) for the exams.

(d) I _____ (hope) that I will secure good marks.

(e) Sometimes things do not happen as _____ (wish) for.

(f) I _____ (surprise) at how easy the questions were.

(g) We _____ (write) for three hours each day last week.

(h) I hope I shall fare as well as I _____ (hope) for.

13. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

“This is my 23rd visit to India”, says Ms. Vera, an Italian, “and this time Nameri National Park and Tiger Reserve is on my list.” Vera, along with her group of 15 compatriots, most of them in

their 60's, enjoying a world tour, loved visiting places that offered them a change from urban spaces. Vera says, "India is a perfect place to witness a blend of culture and religion".

Most of the people in the group are visiting India more than once and their love for India is never-ending considering the frequency with which they visit the country. The group consisting of about 15 people first went to Kolkata before visiting Assam. "Kolkata is like a mini India", says Vera. "You see all sections of the people everywhere". They moved to Nameri to enjoy the wildlife and serenity of the place. The group then planned to go to Kaziranga. They did not hide the excitement of seeing the one horned rhino for real.

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| (a) How many times has Vera visited India ? | 1 |
| (b) What are the places she intends to visit or has visited this time ? | 2 |
| (c) What, according to Vera is India perfect for ? | 3 |
| (d) What displays the group's love for India ? | 3 |
| (e) What are Vera's views on Kolkata ? | 2 |
| (f) Attempt a description of the group and its journey. | 4 |

- (b) How did the verger treat his gowns ?
- (c) Why do you think the author is indifferent to the mention of any petrol hike ?
- (d) Which part of the authors's car could not ordinarily be replaced ?
- (e) What did Sudheer not pay any attention to ?
- (f) Who was Abhiram ?
- (g) Why was Della worried that Jim would be displeased ?
- (h) What did Della do after reaching home ?
- (i) Who was Socrates and what did he promote ?
- (j) Why is Pliny the Elder famous ?
3. Give brief answers to *any three* of the following : 4×3=12
- (a) In your opinion, what kind of a person was the verger ?
- (b) Describe the author's 'imported car'.
- (c) Attempt a description of the western side of the road as seen by Mriganko Babu.
- (d) Describe what Della does from the moment she decides to earn money for Jim's gift till the moment she earns it.
- (e) On what points does Lynd agree with Epictetus ?