

2017

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

(Humanities/ Science/ Music 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

Sixth Day

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

The second way to develop competence in a second language is by language learning. Second language learning has some distinctive features. Learning refers to conscious knowledge of a second language. The learners of the second language know the rules of this language. Thus, they are aware of the rules of grammar, and are able to talk about them. In this process grammar or rules help the learners produce second language consciously. This learning of a second language is formal because the learners learn this second language consciously rather than subconsciously. This learning is explicit simply because the learner comes to know about the properties of the second language before uttering particular sentences. Learning of a second language promotes accuracy rather than fluency. Thus, it is a conscious effort for communication in a second language.

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| (a) What is language learning? | 5 |
| (b) What is the role of grammar in learning second language? | 5 |
| (c) What is the verb form of 'communication'? | 1 |
| (d) What is the opposite of 'explicit'? | 1 |
| (e) Which word in the passage means 'ability to do something well'. | 1 |
| (f) What is the noun form of 'able'? | 1 |
| (g) What is the meaning of the word 'promote'? | 1 |

2. (a) Write an application with C.V. attached for the post of an Assistant Health Inspector for the local Municipal Health Service. 10

Or

- (b) Write a paragraph on adventure sports in the Himalayas. 10

Or

- (c) Write a letter to the editor on the necessity of enforcing strict traffic rules on speeding two and four wheelers in the city. 10

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions : 5×2

- (a) How did old Behrman's act save Johnsy's life?
(b) Attempt a summary of the poem 'In a Country Cottage'.
(c) What does the first petal represent in the poem 'Life'?

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(d) Where and in what circumstances did the author meet the man with a scar?

(e) What did Tagore feel about Ram Mohan Roy's adaptation to his age?

4. Answer **any five** of the following questions :

2×5

(a) What superstition did Johnsy have about the last leaf?

(b) Why did the scar-faced man kill his wife?

(c) What was Ram Mohan's age like as described by Tagore?

(d) What was the lizard's lesson to the poet?

(e) What tastes did Sue and Johnsy have in common in the story 'The last leaf'?

(f) What is the final petal in the poem 'Life'?

(g) What happened to the scar-faced man after he killed his wife?

(h) What does the many petalled flower represent in the poem 'Life'?

5. Answer **any five** questions :

1×5

(a) What was Sue doing to earn a little extra money?

(b) What nourishing food did Sue plan to buy for?

(c) Why was the scar-faced man imprisoned?

(d) What did the lizard look like?

(e) What was the nationality of the man with the scar?

(f) Who stood by Ram Mohan Roy according to Tagore?

(g) What was the relationship between the two human occupants of the cottage?

(h) What does the third petal signify in 'Life'?