

4/ALTEC-12 (Syllabus-2015)

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(May/June)

ENGLISH

(**Commerce**)

(**Alternative English**)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following questions in not more than 5 sentences each (any seven) : $5 \times 7 = 35$
- (a) What led to the decline of the banker's fortune?
 - (b) Why was the American lady glad to know that her companions were also American?
 - (c) Why did the historical society of Malgudi protest against the removal of the statue?
 - (d) Why did the thin man miss the train?
 - (e) How does Eliot describe the cities, towns and villages that the Magi passed through?

(2)

- (f) What makes John Donne say that man's power is 'feeble'?
- (g) What does Milton mean by 'In this dark world and wide'?
- (h) According to Wordsworth, what is the Solitary Reaper singing about?
- (i) What was 'it' that Sophocles heard on the Aegean Sea?

2. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

- (a) Discuss the role that money and wealth play in the story, *The Bet*.
- (b) What aspects of American society are revealed in *A Canary for One*?
- (c) Discuss the story, *Lalajee* as a story of compassion and gratitude.

3. Answer any one of the following questions : 10

- (a) How does Donne express his love for his wife in the poem, *Sweetest Love, I Do Not Goe*?
- (b) Discuss the experience of the Magi in the poem, *Journey of the Magi*.
- (c) Give a critical appreciation of the poem, *Dover Beach*.

(3)

4. (a) Write an essay on any one of the following : 10

- (i) College Week
- (ii) Politics and Corruption
- (iii) Cinema halls are losing relevance
- (iv) Ways to reduce traffic congestion in the city

(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions : 1×5=5

- (i) A drowning man will clutch _____ a straw.
- (ii) You must apologize to him _____ your rudeness.
- (iii) What is the time _____ your watch?
- (iv) He felt no qualms _____ taking money from his friends.
- (v) Don't call me until _____ 8 o'clock on Saturday morning.

(c) Rewrite the sentences by following the instructions given in the brackets : 1×5=5

- (i) "I will buy the flowers myself," said Mrs. Khan.
(Change into indirect speech)

(ii) "Ram, did you leave your keys in the door?" asked Mr. Lal.

(Change into indirect speech)

(iii) "I shall return tomorrow," he said.

(Change into indirect speech)

(iv) Gaurav said that the day was bright and sunny.

(Change into direct speech)

(v) He says that he eats three apples in a day.

(Change into direct speech)
