

4/ALTEA-12 (Syllabus-2015)

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(April)

ENGLISH

Alternative English (Arts)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any seven questions : 5×7=35

- (a) Describe Oliver Bacon's life before he became a rich jeweller.
- (b) "He was as much a stranger to the stars as were his innocent customers."
Comment on the astrologer's profession in the light of the above statement.
- (c) In *The Romance of a Busy Broker*, Harvey Maxwell is described as 'absentminded' and 'forgetful'. Give reasons.

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- (d) How does William Blake describe the people of London?
- (e) Is Wilfred Owen's *Anthem for Doomed Youth* an anti-war poem?
- (f) How does Rossetti depict the lover's shortsightedness?
- (g) What is the central idea of Louis MacNeice's poem, *Prayer Before Birth*?
- (h) What prompts Oliver Bacon to give the Duchess twenty thousand pounds for pearls that he suspects are fake?
- (i) Describe the appearance of the astrologer in the story, *An Astrologer's Day* by R. K. Narayan.
- (j) Describe Miss Leslie's odd behaviour in the broker's office in the story, *The Romance of a Busy Broker*.
2. Critically examine the humorous elements in the play, *The Boy Comes Home*. 10

Or

Examine in detail, the character of Uncle James. 10

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3. Explain, with reference to the context, any one of the following : 10

(a) "No, you couldn't—not really afraid of death, I mean. Well that's over now. Good Lord! I could spend the rest of my life in the British museum and be happy."

(b) ... All you young boys seem to think you've come back from France to teach us our business. You'll find that it is you who'll have to learn, not we."

4. Write an essay on any one of the following : 20

(a) Drug addiction and its ill-effects

(b) Rio Olympics, 2016

(c) Your favourite celebrity

Or

Write a letter to the CEO of the Municipal Board complaining about the menace of stray dogs in your neighbourhood.

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