

4/ALTEC-12 (Syllabus-2015)

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(April)

ENGLISH

Alternative English (Commerce)

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) How did India's independence inspire the Municipal Council in Malgudi to action in *Lawley Road*?
 - (b) What were the conditions under which the young man had to spend the years of his captivity in Anton Chekhov's *The Bet*?
 - (c) How did Lalajee lose his business?
 - (d) Why was the American lady glad to know that her companions were also Americans in Hemingway's *A Canary for One*?

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- (e) How does Eliot describe the cities, towns and villages that the Magi passed through?
- (f) Why does Donne ask his wife not to sigh or weep?
- (g) How does patience reassure the poet of God's love and understanding in Milton's *On His Blindness*?
- (h) In Wordsworth's *The Solitary Reaper*, what does the poet compare the reaper's song to?
- (i) Why does Arnold ask himself and his beloved to be 'true to one another'?
2. Answer any one of the following questions : 10
- (a) What were the arrangements made by the author to take away the statue of Sir Frederick Lawley? How did he finally manage to carry it home? 5+5=10
- (b) In Hemingway's short story, for whom is the canary bought? What is the significance of the canary in the story? How does it reflect on human relationship? 1+5+4=10
- (c) Narrate what happened to Lalajee after his departure from Mokameh Ghat. 10

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3. Answer any one of the following questions : 10
- (a) What reasons does the poet give to his wife for his going on a journey in Donne's *Sweetest love, I do not goe*?
- (b) What do you think is the underlying message of Eliot's poem, *Journey of the Magi*?
- (c) Discuss the theme of the poem, *Dover Beach*.
4. (a) Write a précis of the following passage : 10

I don't believe there's any man who in his heart of hearts wouldn't rather be called brave than have any other virtue attributed to him. And this elemental, if you like, unreasoning, male attitude, is a sound one, because courage is not merely a virtue. It's the virtue. Without it there are no other virtues. Faith, hope, charity, all the rest don't become virtues until it takes courage to exercise them. Courage isn't only the basis of all virtue, its like its expression. True you may be bad and brave, but you cannot be good without being brave. Courage is a mental state—an affair of spirit—and so it gets its strength from

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spiritual and intellectual sources. The way in which these spiritual and intellectual elements are blended, I think produces roughly the two types of courage. The first, an emotional state which urges a man to risk injury or death—physical courage. The second, a more reasoning attitude which enables him coolly to stake career, happiness, his whole future, on his judgement of what he thinks either right or worthwhile—moral courage.

- (b) Insert articles where necessary : $1 \times 5 = 5$

_____ more I try to please him the more he gets angry. Sometimes he says he is busy at _____ moment or something of _____ sort. He is _____ officer of _____ government and an important person.

- (c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : $1 \times 5 = 5$

John received an invitation _____ tea from Tom. The latter became acquainted _____ him _____ Delhi. They are both interested _____ painting, but neither of them has yet a reputation _____ being a good painter.

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