

4/ALTEA-12 (Syllabus-2015)

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(May/June)

ENGLISH

(Alternative English)

(Arts)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any seven of the following questions :

5×7=35

- (a) What information does the astrologer give to Guru Nayak? And what does he advise him to do?**
- (b) Why did the Duchess visit Oliver? Was her visit a successful one?**
- (c) Why did Pitcher look up in surprise when Mr. Maxwell came through the office door? What does this reveal about Harvey Maxwell?**

(2)

- (d) How does Blake describe the faces that he met as he wandered through the streets of London? What does this show about the social condition of 18th century England?
- (e) Who are the 'doomed youth' in Wilfred Owen's poem? Why does the poet describe them as 'doomed'?
- (f) Why does the poet call her friend 'the blindest buzzard' and 'a mole'? What do these two terms convey in Rossetti's poem, *A Sketch*?
- (g) Describe some of the horrors and difficulties that the unborn speaker envisages as he prays to be protected in Louis MacNeice's *Prayer Before Birth*.
- (h) Give a brief description of Maxwell's stenographer. What is her relationship with Maxwell?
2. Give a character sketch of Philip in Milne's play, *The Boy Comes Home*. 10

Or

Analyze the theme(s) of Milne's play, *The Boy Comes Home*.

(3)

3. Explain, with reference to the context, any one of the following : 10
- (a) My dear uncle, this is a holiday. Being in London is holiday. Buying an evening paper—wearing a waistcoat again—running after a bus—anything—it's all holiday.
- (b) That's no excuse for not being punctual. I suppose he learnt punctuality in the Army.
4. Write an essay on any one of the following : 20
- (a) COVID-19 Pandemic—Its effects on human life
- (b) Meghalaya—50 years of Statehood : Opportunities and Challenges
- (c) 'Go Green'—Measures to promote environmental consciousness and sustainability

Or

Write a letter to the Managing Director of the Electricity Board to complain about the frequent power cuts in your locality.
