

**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) What led to the decline of the fortune of the banker?
  - (b) How did the last line of the story, *A Canary For One* refute the conversation that had taken place in the train?
  - (c) Why did the thin man miss the train?
  - (d) Who is Sir Frederick Lawley? Why was his statue installed in Lawley Road?
  - (e) Why did Donne ask his wife not to sigh or shed tears at his going away?
  - (f) What does Milton mean by 'In this dark world and wide'?

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- (g) What, according to the poet, is the Solitary Reaper singing about?
- (h) What was 'it' that Sophocles heard on the Aegean Sea?
- (i) What are the things that the Magi saw as they came down to the temperate valley?

2. Answer any one of the following questions :

- (a) In the story, *The Bet*, what are the conditions under which the young man should spend the years of his captivity?
- (b) Who is Lalaji? What made Corbett suspect that Lalaji is suffering from cholera? Give a short account of the circumstances that landed him in Corbett's care.
- (c) What were the various activities undertaken by the Municipal Council of Malgudi to celebrate India's independence?

3. Answer any one of the following questions :

- (a) Give a critical analysis of the poem, *On His Blindness*.
- (b) How does John Donne express his passionate love for his wife in the poem, *Sweetest Love I Do not Goe*?
- (c) How did the song of the Solitary Reaper affect the poet?

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

- (i) The advantages and disadvantages of social media
- (ii) Small things make big differences
- (iii) A book or movie that has impacted your life
- (iv) Watching the Sun go down

(b) Insert articles where necessary : 1×5=5

\_\_\_\_\_ man you saw here \_\_\_\_\_ day before yesterday is \_\_\_\_\_ uncle of mine. He is \_\_\_\_\_ assistant professor in \_\_\_\_\_ University of Mumbai.

(c) Insert prepositions where necessary : 1×5=5

I do not believe \_\_\_\_\_ luck. There was a time when people congratulated me \_\_\_\_\_ my luck, but when luck turned and I had to struggle hard \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties, there were very few to sympathize \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ my troubles.

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