

2021
ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH
(ENGM)
[For Honours & Major Students]

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in
 their own words as far as practicable.*

Answer all the questions.

1. Answer any **one** of the following question:

10×1=10

- a) Give an estimate of the character of Mrs. Thurlow as you find her in the story *The Ox* by H.E. Bates.
- b) Do you think the title of the story “The Fly” is appropriate? Give reasons for your answer.

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

2×5=10

- a) ‘To follow knowledge, like a sinking star
 Beyond the utmost bound of human thought?’
 Who says this and why?

- b) ‘Most blameless is he, centred in the sphere
 Of common duties’ – Explain.
- c) “It was full moon the first time I came to
 capri.”—Who said this and when?
- d) “It’s my party.’ I said.”—Why did the speaker
 say so?
- e) ‘Don’t touch it’, the policeman said. ‘Don’t
 touch it’—Why did the policeman say so?
- f) What is Mrs. Thurlow’s bicycle compared to
 and why?
- g) Why is autumn called ‘Season of mists and
 mellow frint fulness’?
- h) ‘Y’ are very snug in here’, piped old Mr.
 Woodifield.’
- i) Who is Mr. Woodifield?
- ii) Who is he talking to? Which place he
 is talking about?
- i) ‘I cannot rest from, travel: I will drink/life to
 the lees’.
- What aspect of the speaker’s character is
 reflected in the statement?
- j) What is the significance of the line, ‘And
 gathering swallows twitter in the skies’?

[Turn over]

k) How does the story *The Fly* end?

3. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

1×5=5

a) “That was why I was curious to meet Thomas Wilson.”—Who said this and when?

b) “Though his teeth were not very good his smile was attractive.”—Who is referred to here?

c) “It little profits that an idle king...”—Who is referred to here as an ‘idle king’?

d) ‘Until they think warm days will never cease; For summer has o’erbrimmed their clammy cells’?

– What idea is contained in the line?

e) Who have seen autumn 'oft amid thy store?

f) “I am become a name?”—Who is the speaker?

g) What does Ulysses ask upon his mariners to do?

h) “Wilson’s plan was all right?”—What was Wilson’s plan?

i) “You mean we gotta go and live there?”

—Who said this and when?

j) “She had one relaxation.”—What was her relaxation?

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words:

While there are more than three crore heart patients in India, this number is likely to increase five-fold given the life-style patterns of Indians today. What is more alarming is the fact that the patients reach medical help only when they start exhibiting symptoms. But the symptoms are visible only after the arteries are more than 70 per cent blocked.

"If those facing the risk of contracting heart diseases can be alerted in advance of the danger to their life, they can take precautionary steps. Most of the coronary problems that people come with are preventable," said Dr. Bimal Chhajer while addressing a press conference today. Aimed at detecting heart blockages as low as 20 per cent, a new non-invasive technique, the Realistic Geometry Cartographic Imagine (RGCI), is being introduced in the Capital. Developed by Dr. R. Kumar, an Indian

scientist working for a Dutch company, this computerised technique has been studied at the Manipal Heart Foundation in Bengaluru. The results of the tests have reportedly been presented at the Annual Conference of Cardiology Society of India.

The promoters of the technique claim that when compared to angiograms this technique showed 90 per cent accuracy. The technology, which uses a series of 20 plus cardiac parameters for 512 beats, can bring out the blockage pattern of the heart, giving a report which is as good as an angiogram, claimed Dr. Handa, who is introducing the test in Delhi.

- a) Give the synonyms of the following words:
1×2=2
- i) pattern
 - ii) warning
- b) Who is Dr. Handa? 2
- c) Who is Dr. R. Kumar? 1
- d) When are the symptoms of a heart disease visible? 2
- e) What is responsible for the likely increase in heart disease cases in India? 1

- f) Give the verb form of "promoters". 1
 - g) Give the noun form of "visible" and make a sentence with it. 2
 - h) Give the adjective form of "symptom" and make a sentence with it. 2
 - i) Which statement shows that most heart diseases can be checked if proper care is taken beforehand? 2
5. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily drawing attention to the lack of proper medical facilities in the hospital in your locality. 10

OR

Write a pre'cis of the following passage and add a suitable title to it: 8+2=10

In modern fiction, children form the major subject. They are not treated with brutality as they were in Victorian fiction. They are not beaten by the parents or shut up in coal cellars. They make children miserable because they are miserable. They quarrel with one another, are worried about money or politics. They have psychological problems, and their problems make them unable to understand or tolerate the demands of children. They cannot make

adjustment between their pains of living and care of children. Children in modern fictions can see and hear more than what Victorian fiction permitted them. So their sufferings are greater than the physical sufferings of children in Victorian fiction. Innocence of children is so much defenceless as in children in modern fiction. Their misery is poignant.
