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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper : ALTE-401

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any one of the following questions : 5

(a) How does Shelley use imagery of nature to underscore the injustices faced by the labourers in *Song to the Men of England*? Discuss.

(b) Discuss the significance of the title, *I Can't Help Blossoming* by Dr. Ayyappa Paniker in relation to the themes and message of the poem.

(c) Discuss the concept of home in *House of a Thousand Doors* by Meena Alexander.



(2)

2. Write a critical appreciation of any *one* of the following poems : 15

- (a) *The Gift Outright* by Robert Frost
- (b) *Telephone Conversation* by Wole Soyinka
- (c) *Journey to the Interior* by Margaret Atwood

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

15×2=30

- (a) How does Moore depict the realities of racism and discrimination in Malcolm X's *Nightmare*? Discuss.
- (b) Analyze E. M. Forster's definition of tolerance as presented in the essay. How does he characterize tolerance, and what are its key components according to him?
- (c) How does Woolf critique traditional gender roles and advocate for a more inclusive and diverse representation of women's experiences in literature in her essay, *Modern Fiction*?

4. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 15

- (a) Explore the theme of human nature and resilience in *A Man Who Was a Hospital*. How does Jerome depict the protagonist's ability to find humour and optimism even in the face of adversity and discomfort?

(3)

- (b) Explore the theme of miscommunication in *A Marriage Proposal*. How do misunderstandings and disagreements between the characters drive the plot forward?

- (c) Discuss the themes of education, self-discovery and social mobility in the story, *The Exercise Book*.

5. Answer the following questions : 5×3=15

- (a) How does Jerome employ irony and satire to highlight absurdities and contradictions in human behaviour? Discuss.

Or

How does Jerome depict the dynamics between doctors, nurses and patients within the hospital environment? Discuss.

- (b) Explore the theme of class differences in *A Marriage Proposal*.

Or

Discuss the portrayal of gender roles and expectations in the play, *A Marriage Proposal*.

(4)

- (c) Discuss the significance of the exercise book as a narrative device in the story, *The Exercise Book*.

Or

How does the story, *The Exercise Book* reflect broader themes and issues within Indian society during Tagore's time?
