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**ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH**

Full marks : 90

Time : 3 hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *The question paper consists of 24 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
- iv) *Internal choice has been provided in some questions.*

**N.B:** *Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**SECTION -A (Prose)**

1. How did the author court the fair Alice? **1**
2. Why did Sunil find himself completely alone in the world? **2**
3. Why does the boss like to show off his possessions to Woodifield? **2**
4. Describe the scene that Sunil witnessed after he was discharged from the hospital. **3**
5. What was Christy's key to the new world ? **3**
6. Explain the theme of greed in " The Luncheon". **4**
7. **a.** How does the author manage to bring out the individuality of the two children in 'Dream Children : A Reverie ?' Cite examples. **5**  
**Or**  
**b.** Write three adjectives for Christy's mother. Pick out examples from the text to illustrate why you think she had these qualities.

**SECTION- B (Poetry)**

8. What is the story behind the winsome smile? **2**
9. How does money have a cruel power over men? **4**
10. Critically analyse the lines given below: **4**  
*He moves in darkness as it seems to me,  
Not of woods only and the shade of trees.*

*He will not go behind his father's saying,  
And he likes having thought of it so well  
He says again, ' Good fences makes good neighbours.'*

11. **a.** Freedom is the core theme of the poem, 'The Slave's Dream.' Do you agree?

**OR**

**5**

**b.** *One shade the more, one ray the less,  
Had half impaired the nameless grace  
Which waves in every raven tress,  
Or softly lightens o'er her face;*

- i) What does the first line indicate about the woman's beauty? **1**  
ii) Why doesn't the poet name the beauty? **2**  
iii) Is her beauty so hard to define that she remains nameless? **2**

### SECTION- C (Drama)

12. How did Mrs. Dorchester happen to have an amber charm ? **2**

13. Who is Oliver Trent? Did he truly love Mrs. Blanchard ? **1+2=3**

14. **a.** In the play, the book 'Truth and Youth' is mentioned twice. Is this a clever ploy by the playwright to remind the readers that truth and youth is the parallel theme of the play?

**Or**

**5**

**b.** 'Mrs. Blanchard, it is a life- tragedy, but not a line of it shows in your face.' What is her response to this comment? Do you agree that love does keep one young?

### SECTION -D (Fiction)

15. What is Piggy's real name? **1**

16. Who are the hunters and what is their job? **2**

17. Why is chapter 9 called ' A view to a Death'? **3**

18. **a.** What does rescue mean to Jack and Ralph?

**Or**

**4**

**b.** Sketch the character of Jack.

19. **a.** Explain the importance of the beast in 'Lord of the Flies'.

**Or**

**5**

**b.** At the very end of the novel, Ralph finally cries on the beach. Why is this significant?

**SECTION -E (Grammar)**

20. Answer the following as directed in the brackets: **3x1=3**

- (a) Neither Lily nor Darcy has my book.  
( State whether the underlined verb is state of being verb or possession verb)
- (b) The class \_\_\_\_ (play) the online quiz individually. ( Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs)
- (c) She helped me \_\_\_\_\_. (Complete the sentence using infinitives)

21. Underline the Adverb and state its kind: **3x1=3**

- (a) The chief guest will shortly address the audience.
- (b) Please bring the book here.
- (c) She hurriedly told us a story and asked some questions.

22. Answer the following as directed in the brackets: **4x1=4**

- (a) We are going to his house for group study. ( state the tense )
- (b) This time tomorrow we \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) in the water park. (rewrite the sentence in future continuous tense ) .
- (c) It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) yesterday. (rewrite the sentence in simple past tense )
- (d) James \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) at the University since June. ( rewrite the sentence in present perfect continuous tense )

**SECTION -F (Writing)**

23. a. Write a letter to your father stating how you hope to succeed in the approaching examination.

**Or**

**10**

b. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper to bring to the notice of the chairman, about the lack of garbage disposal in your locality.

**SECTION-G (Reading)**

24. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Harry used to consider it a great joke to go into expensive cosmetic shops and ask for goods that do not exist. On entering a shop, he would ask for a new perfume called, ' Scented Shadow' or for ' insoluble bath cubes'. If a shop girl told him she had not heard of it, he would pretend to be offended. He loved to be told that one of his imaginary products was temporarily out of stock. He would promise to call again at some future date, but of course he never did.

One day, Harry went into an exclusive shop in London and asked for ' Myrolite'. The shop assistant looked puzzled and Harry repeated the word,

