

**2021**

**ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH**

**(Commerce Group)**

**Full Marks : 50**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

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

**For Candidates of 2017-18 Batch, Vide CSR/64/17 dated 14.09.2017**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

The development of a young mind depends much on the way it is nourished by the family and the family environment. The idea that only financial stability builds such an environment is a completely wrong notion. While it is true that money is a big factor in the gradual development of a child, it is equally true that only money cannot help in the cultivation of the mind and sensibility. Examples are galore where money has in fact blocked the development of the finer aspects of the mind. A good family environment means an atmosphere of togetherness where the basic human values are instilled in the child from the very beginning so that he becomes naturally grown to the basic qualities of discipline, patience, goodness and cooperation. A good and healthy family environment is thus a much more comprehensive phenomenon than what is commonly understood in society. It is arguable, however, how far a very poor family with a great lack of resources can create such an environment, and this point makes us conscious about another factor : often the young mind is itself the creator of its own development, and often an outwardly uncongenial environment builds the character better.

(a) What is the role of money in the development of a child?

(b) Briefly state what you understand by a good 'family environment'.

(c) Answer the following questions :

(i) Give the verb form of 'development'.

(ii) Give the antonym of 'healthy',

(iii) Give the adjective form of 'atmosphere',

(iv) Give the synonym of 'outwardly'.

(v) Use the word 'creator' in a sentence of your own.

5+5+(1×5)

2. (a) Write an application accompanied by your CV for the post of Accountant in a multinational firm. 10

*Or,*

(b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper complaining about illegal filling up of waterbodies in Kolkata. 10

*Or,*

(c) Write a paragraph on the importance of Education at the primary level. 10

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- 3. Answer *any two* of the following questions :** 5×2
- (a) How does Purushottam Lal describe 'Hope' in the poem 'Life'?
  - (b) Write a note on the theme of the poem 'In A Country Cottage'.
  - (c) Why, according to Tagore, was Ram Mohan rejected by his country?
  - (d) How was the life of the man with the scar saved?
  - (e) Who was Behrman? How did he make his living?
- 4. Answer *any five* of the following questions :** 2×5
- (a) How did the man with the scar look?
  - (b) Why was the man with the scar arrested?
  - (c) Which disease afflicted Johnsy and when?
  - (d) What was Behrman's masterpiece and why was it a masterpiece?
  - (e) Why does Tagore call Ram Mohan Roy's arrival an 'unwelcome accident'?
  - (f) What is Tagore's advice to his countrymen?
  - (g) What does the lizard teach the poet of 'In A Country Cottage'?
  - (h) What does Nissim Ezekiel mean by the phrase 'silent energy'?
  - (i) Why was the man with the scar sentenced to be shot?
  - (j) Why did the man with the scar kill his wife?
- 5. Answer *any five* of the following questions :** 1×5
- (a) How does Purushottam Lal describe Faith in his poem 'Life'?
  - (b) What, according to the poet of 'Life' is the 'terrible Book'?
  - (c) Where did Sue and Johnsy have their studio?
  - (d) Which tree drew the attention of Johnsy?
  - (e) What was the aim of the cockroach in the poem 'In A Country Cottage'?
  - (f) How did the lizard look in the poem 'In A Country Cottage'?
  - (g) How did Ram Mohan Roy represent 'the change of season'?
  - (h) Why was Ram Mohan's life called 'lonely'?
  - (i) What was the man with the scar by profession?
  - (j) How much time was allowed to the wife of the man with the scar when she came to meet him in the gaol?
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