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**4 SEM TDC ENG (CBCS) ALTE 1**

**2025**

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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) Discuss the theme of oppression and injustice in Shelley's poem, *Song to the Men of England*.

(b) In *Telephone Conversation*, Wole Soyinka successfully portrays the character of the African man as a victim of discrimination and racism. Comment.

(c) Identify and explain two major themes present in *I Can't Help Blossoming* by Dr. Ayyappa Paniker.

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

(a) *House of a Thousand Doors* by Meena Alexander

(b) *Journey to the Interior* by Margaret Atwood

(c) *The Gift Outright* by Robert Frost

3. Answer any two of the following questions : 15×2=30

(a) Analyze how Forster contrasts love and tolerance in his essay, *Tolerance*.

(b) Evaluate Virginia Woolf's vision for modern writers and her emphasis on the idea of inclusion of women's experiences in literature in *Modern Fiction*.

(c) Malcolm X relates personal experiences in illustrating broader themes of racism and identity in *Nightmare*. Discuss.

4. Answer any one of the following questions : 15

(a) Discuss the central message and the theme of hypochondria in Jerome K. Jerome's *A Man Who Was a Hospital*. Analyze the author's use of humour.

- (b) How do the themes of social status and miscommunication impact relationships in the plot of *A Marriage Proposal*? Evaluate the development of the character of Lomov in the play.
- (c) Rabindranath Tagore offers a significant critique of traditional educational systems in *The Exercise Book*. Elaborately present your perception of this statement by referring to the value of education in personal and social growth expressed in the story.

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

- (a) Evaluate how *The Man Who Was a Hospital* serves as a satire on human tendencies to self-diagnose and exaggerate minor ailments.

Or

Narrate how Jerome's visit to the British Museum changes his perception on health.

- (b) Compare the characters of Natalya Stepanovna and Ivan Lomov in *A Marriage Proposal* in the light of the theme of class differences.

Or

Examine the theme of materialism in the play, *A Marriage Proposal*.

- (c) Rabindranath Tagore uses Uma's story to critique the hypocrisy of a male-dominated society. Comment.

Or

Analyze the role of Uma's exercise book as a symbol of freedom and self-expression in the context of the patriarchal society in *The Exercise Book*.

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