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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Paper : AECC-2

Full Marks : 40

Pass Marks : 16

Time : 2 hours

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

UNIT—I

1. Answer the following questions : 5×4=20

- (a) Why does Gandhi express his anguish over people attaching faith in violence?

Or

“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.”

Explain the above lines.

- (b) What role can education play in the eradication of the caste system in India?

Or

How does Ambedkar examine the concept of democracy and its practice in India in the essay, *Prospects of Democracy in India*?

- (c) What are Shaw's views on good English? Why does he say that a non-native speaker of English should not try to speak good English in England?

Or

Elaborate Shaw's views on Company manners and home manners.

Or

Explain, in brief, the aspects of Greek view of life from your reading of the prescribed text.

- (d) Explain, after Ambedkar, the negative side of education.

Or

Differentiate between high culture, low culture and mass culture.

Or

What does Shaw indicate by stating that "the three committee members do not speak alike"?

UNIT—II

2. Answer the following questions : 5×4=20

- (a) "How Much Land Does a Man Need?' is an allegory on man's insatiable greed." Elaborate.

Or

How does the acquisition of land affect Pahom's personality?

- (b) Analyze how R. K. Narayan uses irony in *An Astrologer's Day*.

Or

Give a brief description of Dulcie. What did she sell at the department?

Or

Give a description of the place where 'the astrologer' did his business.

- (c) The theme of Partition is the recurrent motif in Manto's *The Dog of Tithwal*.

Or

How did Corporal Harnam Singh greet the dog when it tried to return to the Indian side? How did the Pakistani side retaliate?

(4)

- (d) Who were the Bashkirs? Give a brief description of the way of their life.

Or

O. Henry's stories have both humour and satire. Give examples of both from your reading of the text.

Or

Explain how Soaba meets his tragic end.
