

32T ALTE

2022

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

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Pass Marks : 30

Time : Three hours

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

*( There are three groups – A, B and C. Group A and Group B are for New Syllabus candidates and Group B and Group C are for Old Syllabus candidates. )*

(a)	Group A (Vibgyor) New Syllabus	—	65
(b)	Group B New & Old Syllabus	—	35
(c)	Group C (Effusions) Old Syllabus	—	65

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**GROUP - A**  
**(VIBGYOR)**  
**(NEW SYLLABUS)**

1. Give brief answers to *any five* of the following : 1×5=5
- (a) Where did the new vicar come from ? 1
  - (b) Who is Albert Edward ? 1
  - (c) Who are called 'colour blind' ? 1
  - (d) Who lacks automobile sensibility ? 1
  - (e) How far is Panagarh ? 1
  - (f) What is the full name of Mriganko Babu ? 1
  - (g) What did Della buy for her husband as the gift of Magi ? 1
  - (h) Where did Della sell her long hair ? 1
  - (i) Why does Robert Lynd read Emerson ? 1
  - (j) Who is Epictetus ? 1
2. Answer *any five* of the following : 2×5=10
- (a) What impression did the Vicar have about the new vicar ? 2
  - (b) How did the Verger regard his official dress ? 2
  - (c) What did R. K. Narayan do to turn his energies again to write stories ? 2
  - (d) What made R. K. Narayan fear that he would soon become bankrupt ? 2



- (e) What were the suspicions of Mriganko Babu ? 2
- (f) Why did Mriganko Babu never consult the almanac before travelling anywhere ? 2
- (g) What did Jim do to get a gift for Della ? 2
- (h) Why was Della sobbing and sniffing ? 2
- (i) What happened to Robert Lynd even after reading Marcus Aurelius and Emerson ? 2
- (j) What happened to the thief who stole Epictetus' iron lamp ? 2
3. Give brief answers to *any three* of the following : 4×3=12
- (a) Describe the circumstances under which the Verger had to lose his job in St. Peter's Church. 4
- (b) How did the auto-pundits react after seeing R. K. Narayan's 'imported car' ? 4
- (c) Why did Abhiram leave the house of Mriganko Babu ? 4
- (d) How did Della save the pennies of the sixty cents of her total savings ? 4
- (e) Examine Robert Lynd's quest for instant wisdom. 4
4. Explain with reference to the context *any two* of the following excerpts : 4×2=8
- (a) "Since my car was of special pedigree, it was unadvisable to allow any ordinary workshop to open the bonnet." 4
- (b) "The elite shop could produce one if I was prepared to pay two thousand for the piece." 4



- (c) "It was the end of January. All the crops had been removed from the fields." 4
- (d) "When Della reached home, her intoxication gave way a little to prudence and reason." 4
5. Give brief answers to *any five* of the following : 1×5=5
- (a) Who is the poet of the poem 'Sita' ? 1
- (b) How many children were listening to the story of Sita ? 1
- (c) How many hills does the brook run past ? 1
- (d) Name the birds that fly above the brook. 1
- (e) Who is Ozymandias ? 1
- (f) What is the meaning of the word "visage" ? 1
- (g) What kind of a poem 'Ozymandias of Egypt' is ? 1
- (h) Where did the knight see a lily ? 1
- (i) Where did the lady take the knight ? 1
- (j) Whose song lures the maiden ? 1
6. Answer *any four* of the following : 2×4=8
- (a) Why are the children weeping in the poem 'Sita' ? 2
- (b) What is meant by "shingly bars" ? 2
- (c) What were the words that were inscribed on the pedestal of the statue of Ozymandias ? 2
- (d) What did the knight see in his dream on the hillside ? 2
- (e) What will the maiden's mother and brother do if she is late in reaching home ? 2



7. Answer *any three* of the following : 4×3=12

(a) Explain how the poem 'Sita' reflects the poet's deep love for nature. 4

(b) What is the refrain in the poem 'The Brook'? Bring out the profundity in it. 4

(c) With what are 'the shadows of evening' compared in the poem 'Village Song'? 4

(d) What did the traveller from the antique land tell the poet? 4

(e) What is the appearance of the lady? 4

8. Explain with reference to the context, *any one* of the following excerpts : 5×1=5

(a) It is an old, old story, and the lay  
Which has evoked sad Sita from the past  
Is by a mother sung... 'Tis hushed at last  
And melts the picture from their sight away.

(b) I chatter, chatter, as I flow  
To join the brimming river,  
For men may come and men may go,  
But I go on forever.

(c) She found me roots of relish sweet,  
And honey wild, and manna-dew,  
And sure in language strange she said—  
"I love thee true".



GROUP - B

(OLD & NEW SYLLABUS)

9. Change *any five* of the sentences given below as per instruction given, without changing their meaning : 1×5=5

(a) None but Anita can do the sum. (Change into affirmative)  
1

(b) All of them welcomed the suggestion enthusiastically.  
(Change into passive)  
1

(c) Doesn't he live with his parents ? (Change into assertive)  
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(d) The strawberry pie was eaten by me. (Change into active)  
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(e) As soon as he saw me, he began to weep.  
(Change into negative)  
1

(f) This is not the correct way of answering the question.  
(Change into interrogative)  
1

(g) Everybody must admit that she is a good singer.  
(Change into negative)  
1

(h) Let the game be finished. (Change into active)  
1



10. Add appropriate questions tag to *any five* of the following :

1×5=5

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| (a) Everything has gone wrong today.        | 1 |
| (b) You are coming to school.               | 1 |
| (c) Close the door.                         | 1 |
| (d) You like a lot of sugar in your milk.   | 1 |
| (e) Don't go there.                         | 1 |
| (f) Sachin shouldn't have played that shot. | 1 |
| (g) The house needs immediate renovation.   | 1 |
| (h) No man is immortal.                     | 1 |

11. Fill *any five* of the following blanks with suitable prepositions :

1×5=5

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| (a) I can see the boat _____ the picture. | 1 |
| (b) The woman is sitting _____ the rug.   | 1 |
| (c) The cup is _____ her hand.            | 1 |
| (d) I am anxious _____ the result.        | 1 |
| (e) Be true _____ your word.              | 1 |
| (f) I am waiting _____ the bus stop.      | 1 |



(g) Rini has recovered \_\_\_\_\_ her illness. 1

(h) You may rely \_\_\_\_\_ my word. 1

12. Rewrite *any five* of the following sentences using the verbs given in brackets in their correct forms : 1×5=5

(a) Ice (float) on water. 1

(b) He (go) home when he met him. 1

(c) I want to go for a walk, but I (not finish) my work yet. 1

(d) Perhaps it (rain) yesterday. 1

(e) All the students (leave) when I reached the school. 1

(f) You (sleep) for three hours now. 1

(g) I asked if she (see) him before. 1

(h) We (work) on a new project. 1

13. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Green tea has been credited for centuries with significant medicinal properties. Recent studies have confirmed its many benefits, and have attested to the importance of this ancient plant in the longevity of those who drink it often.

Originally from China, where it has been consumed for millennia, green tea didn't make its way to the rest of the world until just a few centuries ago. Unlike other teas, and as a result of being air-dried