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(December)

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 : 4×5=20

(a) Explain Gandhi's opinion on cowardice and violence. 4

Or

Write a brief note on the Boer War.

(b) How does the caste system operate at various levels of Indian society? 4

Or

Explain, after Ambedkar, the negative side of education.

- (c) "I am a member of a committee established by the British Broadcasting Corporation" What committee is referred to here? Did it meet its objective? 2+2=4

Or

Elaborate Shaw's views on company manners and home manners. 4

- (d) How is Mass Culture utilized by power groups in the East and the West? 4

Or

Why does the author say that Mass Culture vulgarises High Culture?

- (e) Briefly explain the features of Greek Religion. 4

Or

Examine Dickinson's view that harmony was central to Greek institutions.

UNIT—II

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

- (a) How does the acquisition of land affect Pahom's personality? 4

Or

Who were the Bashkirs? Give a brief description of their way of life. $1+3=4$

- (b) Give a brief physical description of the astrologer and mention its effects on the people who saw him. 4

Or

How is coincidence an important element in Narayan's *An Astrologer's Day*? Discuss.

- (c) Give a brief description of Dulcie. What did she sell at the departmental store? $2+2=4$

Or

Comment on the ending of O. Henry's *An Unfinished Story*.

- (d) What were the similarities between the conditions of the Pakistani and Indian soldiers fighting the war described in the story, *The Dog of Tithwal*? 4

Or

How did corporal Harnam Singh greet the dog when it tried to return to the Indian side? How did the Pakistani side retaliate? $2+2=4$

(e) What were the 'new happenings' in Nagaland that were shaping people's lives in the late fifties?

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Or

Give a brief description of Boss.

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