

# Pre-Test Examination, 2024

## H.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Year

### Sub: Alternative English

**Total Marks : 100**

**Time : 3 hrs**

1. Answer any five of the following questions:- 1 x 5 = 5
  - a) Who is the suitor in the story?
  - b) Who is the author of 'Life and Learning'?
  - c) Who is the "White Sadhu"?
  - d) Whom does Gardiner 'feature' in his essay as a perfect example of polite social behavior?
  - e) What did Stanley die of in the story 'How it Happened'?
  - f) Who is the author of the story "The Captive"?
2. Answer any five of the following : 2 x 5 = 10
  - a) Where did the narrator meet Stanley a few years prior to the incident?
  - b) Why did the young lift man in the city office throw the passenger out of his lift?
  - c) What is the food offered to the captive in the headman's house?
  - d) How did the tiger kill its first victim?
  - e) Why did Kondrashkin call Pyotr dishonest?
  - f) Where and how did the car crash in the story "How it Happened"?

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3. Answer any three of the following:  $4 \times 3 = 12$

- What did the narrator and Perkins do when they realized that the open gate lay in front of them?
- What is the nature of the relationship between the captive and the young man?
- Describe the episode involving the sportsman from the time of his arrival at the machan to his departure.
- Why did Pyotr get so disturbed by the rumours of his marriage? What did he try to do to get rid of the disturbing situation?

4. Answer any five of the following:-  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- Who is exiled from their song in autumn?
- What did the caged bird do inside the cage?
- Who is the poet of the poem "Lines Written in Early Spring"?
- Which of the virtues has human face according to the poem "The Divine Image"?
- To what does the poet compare his friends in the poem "The Light of Other Days"?
- What does the word "slumber" mean?

5. Answer any four of the following:-  $2 \times 4 = 8$

- Why are the cheerful hearts now broken in the poem "The Light of Other Days"?
- What is meant by the expression "ere slumber's chain has bound me" in the poem?
- With what does the poet compare the yellow leaves?
- What is a trade wind?
- Name the different human forms represented by "virtues of delight"?

6. Answer any four of the following:  $5 \times 4 = 20$

- What human form must all man love?
- What does the free bird symbolize?
- What is the impact of autumn on the trees?
- What does Wordsworth mean when he says, "What man has made of man"?
- What is Wordsworth's belief regarding Nature's holy plan?

7. How did Mr. Birling deal with the issue of the pay hike demanded by the employees?  $10$

8. Write a précis of the given passage adding a suitable title to it.  $8$

Diet plays an important role in the prevention of many chronic diseases. Eating a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein can help reduce the risk of conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and certain cancers. On the other hand, a diet high in processed and unhealthy foods can increase the risk of these diseases. It is important to be aware of the types of food we eat and try to include nutrient-dense options in our diet.

9. Frame sentences to illustrate the difference in meaning between the following Pairs of Words:  $2 \times 5 = 10$

- Eligible, Illegible
- Accept, Except
- Cite, Site
- Fare, Fair
- Refuse, Refuge

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10. Fill in the blanks in any seven of the following sentences using the verbs in the brackets in their appropriate forms :

$$1 \times 7 = 7$$

- a) My mother \_\_\_\_\_ sixty years old next Monday. (be)
  - b) No one \_\_\_\_\_ from him for the past six months.  
(hear)
  - c) We saw him while he \_\_\_\_\_ the road. ( cross)
  - d) When we set out early this morning, the sun \_\_\_\_\_  
brightly. ( shine)
  - e) Some birds \_\_\_\_\_ every year. ( migrate )
  - f) Iron \_\_\_\_\_ at a high temperature. ( melt )
  - g) The game \_\_\_\_\_ before we reached the field. ( start )
  - h) Nature \_\_\_\_\_ an excellent arrangement between trees  
and men. ( make)
11. Identify five nouns and five adjectives in the sentences below:

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A little boy once stole a book and brought it to his mother. The mother sold the book for ten rupees and gave him two rupees as a reward. The boy was happy. But for this conduct of his mother, the boy became a thief when he grew up.

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