

4/ALTEA-12 Syllabus-2015

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(May-June)

ENGLISH

(Alternative English)

(Arts)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any five of the following questions :

7×5=35

- (a) How is fear presented in *Prayer Before Birth*?
- (b) What does MacNeice mean by "I am not yet born"? Why is it repeated frequently in the poem?
- (c) What is Owen's stand on war as reflected in Owen's *Anthem for Doomed Youth*?
- (d) Mention the kind of images of childhood suffering that the speaker enumerates in the poem, *London*.

(2)

- (e) How does the poet playfully describe the object of her affection in *A Sketch*?
- (f) What details does the astrologer give the stranger about his past?
- (g) How did the Duchess induce Oliver Bacon into buying the fake pearls?
- (h) Examine the character of Maxwell in the story, *The Romance of a Busy Broker*.
- (i) What is the interesting twist that occurs at the end of O' Henry's short story, *The Romance of a Busy Broker*?

2. Discuss the causes that led to the conflict between uncle James and Philip. 10

Or

Analyse the significance of the title of the play, *The Boy Comes Home*.

3. Discuss the theme in Louis MacNeice's *Prayer Before Birth*. 15

Or

Discuss the relationship between the Duchess and the jeweller.

(3)

4. Write an essay on any *one* of the following : 15

- (a) Popular culture
- (b) Rise of Artificial Intelligence
- (c) Responsibility of media in a democracy
- (d) Compassion is the basis of all morality

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper raising concern about the rising technology addiction among the youth.
