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BPP One Year (Old) Exam., 2018

(MIL) ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

(Poetry, Prose and Composition)

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

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

(a) From which poem of William Blake is the poem titled *A Robin Redbreast in a Cage* taken?

(b) What is the aim of 'Introduction' in an essay?

(c) In which year was Tennyson's poem, *In Memorium* published? To whom did he dedicate this poem? ½+½=1

(d) What is the pseudonym of A. G. Gardiner?

2. Answer the following questions (each within *50* words) : 2×5=10

(a) Explain any two techniques that are required to write a story.

(b) Where is the astrologer's office located? What does his office equipment consist of? 1+1=2

(c) State briefly the central idea of the poem, *A Robin Redbreast in a Cage*.

(d) How did the fight over the open window finally end as described by A. G. Gardiner?

(e) What is a story?

3. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each within *150* words) : 4×3=12

(a) Define the term 'essay'. What are some of the steps involved while writing an essay? 1+3=4

(b) Explain with reference to the context :

"Rose a nurse of ninety years,
Set his child upon her knee—
Like summer tempest came her tears—
Sweet my child, I live for thee."

(c) Describe in your own words the fortune-telling scene between Guru Nayak and the astrologer as evident in *An Astrologer's Day* by R. K. Narayan.

(d) What message does William Blake aim to convey by depicting the acts of cruelty in the poem, *A Robin Redbreast in a Cage*?

4. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each within *400* words) : 8×3=24

(a) Develop the outlines into a story and add a suitable title to it :

A grandmother celebrates the birthday of her 4-year-old grandson who is far away in America with his parents—host of guests and relatives arrive—merriment—grandson rings up with his father—grandmother greets happy birthday—guests depart—grandmother breaks down in loneliness.

(b) What does the essay, *The Open Window* by A. G. Gardiner deal with? Discuss.

(c) Write a detailed summary of the poem, *Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead* by Lord Alfred Tennyson.

(d) Narrate, in your own words, the story of *An Astrologer's Day*.

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