368 (AENG)

[17-HRGPKAC-D1S]

BA/BMC 1st Semester Exam., 2017

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH—I

[BEA 01]

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer the following questions (each within *1* or *2* sentences) : 1×8=8

(a) What kind of a poet is William Wordsworth?

(b) "Or is it some more humble lay"
What is the meaning of 'lay'?

(c) Why has Shelley called the Skylark an 'unbodied joy'?

(d) What is a sonnet?

(e) Who was in Yeats' mind when he wrote the poem *When You Are Old* ?
How was he related to the person?

(f) Name three important works by Vikram Seth.

(g) Where does Act II of *Major Barbara* take place?

(h) What do you understand by a 'problem play'?

2. Answer the following questions (each within *50* words) : 2×8=16

(a) In what context does Wordsworth refer to the cuckoo in *The Solitary Reaper* ?

(b) In what way, is the Skylark similar to the 'star of heaven' in the broad daylight?

(c) What does Arnold mean when he says about Shakespeare *Thou Art Free* ?

(d) Briefly describe two main issues dealt with by Shaw in the play *Major Barbara*.

(e) Do you think that the poem *When You Are Old* is autobiographical?

(f) What is the meaning of 'symbol'?

(g) What made the nightingale appreciate the frog as a Mozart in disguise?

(h) What is ridiculed in Vikram Seth's poem *The Frog and the Nightingale* ?

3. Answer any *five* of the following questions (each within *100* words) : 4×5=20

(a) What does the poet want the Skylark to teach him and why?

(b) How does W. B. Yeats contract his love for Maud Gonne with the love of her host of admirers for her?

(c) Why has Shaw called the play *Major Barbara* a 'discussion in three long acts'?

(d) "I listened, motionless and still;
And as I mounted up the hill
The music in my heart I bore,
Long after it was heard no more."
Explain the lines.

(e) Why does Arnold consider Shakespeare virtuous?

(f) Make a list of the animals and explain their actions in Vikram Seth's poem.

4. Answer any *two* from the following questions (each within *300* words) : 8×2=16

(a) Discuss Wordsworth's *The Solitary Reaper* as a nature poem.

(b) "Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought." Explain in detail.

(c) What is a beast fable? Examine the poem *The Frog and the Nightingale* as a beast fable.

5. Answer any *two* from the following questions (each within *400* words) : 10×2=20

(a) Who do you think is a more powerful character—Major Barbara or Andrew Undershaft? Give a reasoned answer.

(b) Why does Arnold feel it to be necessary for his generation to acquire the virtues by which Shakespeare conducted himself?

(c) How has W. B. Yeats depicted old age in the poem *When You Are Old* ? Explain.

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