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# ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Total marks: 80

#### **General instructions**:

- *i)* Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers
- *ii)* The question paper consists of 21 main questions. All questions are compulsory.
- *iii)* Internal choice has been provided in some questions.

*iv)* Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.

*N.B:* Check that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.

#### Unit – I (Reading)

## 1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Mr. Phileas Fogg lived in 1872, at No. 7, Saville Row, in Burlington Gardens. He was one of the most noticeable members of the Reform Club, about whom, little was known, except that he was a polished Englishman. He talked very little. His sole pastimes were reading the papers and playing whist. He often won at this game. Phileas Fogg lived alone in his house at Saville Row. A single domestic suffices to serve him. He breakfasted and dined at the club, in the same room, at the same table, and went home at exactly midnight, only to retire at once to bed. A rap at exactly half-past eleven sounded on the door of the apartment and the dismissed servant, appeared. "The new servant," said he. A young man of thirty advanced and bowed. "You are a Frenchman, I believe," asked Phileas Fogg, "and your name is John?" "Jean," replied the newcomer, "Jean Passepartout, I've had several trades in England." "Passepartout suits me," responded Mr. Fogg. "You know my conditions?" "Yes," said Passepartout. "Now from this moment, twenty-nine minutes after eleven, a.m., this Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, you are in my service." Phileas Fogg got up took his hat and went off. It was his new master going out. Passepartout remained alone in the house in Saville Row.

a.	Who was Phileas Fogg?	1
b.	Where did he live?	1
c.	What was the name of the newcomer?	1
d.	What did Phileas Fogg say to Passepartout?	1
e.	Who remained alone in the house in Saville?	1

#### 2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:

I wish I had a dragon With diamond studded scales, With claws like silver sabers, And fangs like silver nails, A dragon fierce and faithful, Always ready by my side, A dragon to defend me Time: 3 hours

Or take me for a ride.	
I wish I had a dragon	
With eyes of shining gold,	
Who breathed a plume of fire	
Whenever it was told,	
A dragon so ferocious	
It might frighten Frankenstein,	
But not a lazy dragon	
Who sleeps all daylike mine! (Shel Silverstein)	
On the basis of your reading of the poem, complete the sentences that follow:	
a. The poet wishes to have a dragon that is fierce and	
b. The poet wants the dragon to take him for a	
c. The poet wants a fire-breathing dragon. We know this from the line, '	,
Write true or false:	
d. The poet wishes for a lazy dragon.	
e. The poet wishes for a dragon with diamond studded scales.	
f. The poet wishes for a dragon that can fly.	

g. The dragon's eyes should be shining silver.

### **Unit – II (Writing and Applied Grammar)**

3. a. 'Plant more trees to reduce pollution'. Write an article in about 150-200 words on the topic given above for your school magazine.

Or

**b**. Develop a short story in about 100-150 words beginning with the lines given below: It was Akali's first day at a new school. She was feeling very nervous. She stood in a corner and watched the students who were laughing and talking excitedly. Suddenly she saw four seniors advancing towards her, she was......

4. Script a dialogue in about 100-150 words between two mothers about how helpful their children have been around the house.

5. Choose the correct conjunction:					
a. Do you p	orefer tea coffee	?			
i) or	ii) nor	iii) because	iv) and		
b. The train	was late I had	plenty of time to get a	a newspaper.		
i) but	ii) before	iii) so	iv) unless		

# 6. Identify the degrees of comparison used in the following sentences: 2x1=2

a. This is the <u>oldest</u> building in this town.

b. The cake is just as <u>sweet</u> as the ice cream.

# 7. Choose the correct preposition:2x1=2

a. The winner is \_\_\_\_\_ (on /in /at) the victory stand.

b. I	Potatoes grow (above /ove	er / under) the ground.	
a. 7 <i>i</i> b. I	ncorrect conjunction with the corr	s <u>unless</u> she was the Principal. (Replace th	
C		III (Literature)	
	oose the correct answer from the	8	10x1=10
1. The a. c.		b. Sacrifice by water d. Sacrifice by fire	
a.	hat created a sensation among Tosh Chugging of trains The passing of motor cycles	b. The passing of a vehicle	
а. b.	Death is a relief from the problem Death is a good friend of the old Because the old folks want to die	folks. as soon as possible.	
	hat does the word ' <i>perforated</i> ' mea Filled with hope	an in the chapter, ' <i>In Celebration of Being</i> b. Filled with suffering	g Alive'?

Filled with holes d. Filled with loss c.

v. Who was Louis Pasteur?

c.

c. Margot

- a. An African cardiologist b. A Naga Author c. An American neurologist d. A French microbiologist
- vi. What is Rabindranath Tagore experiencing in the poem, 'Closed Path'?
  - Doubts about his faith b. Writer's block a.
    - Midlife crisis d. The end of a journey

vii. What was the name of Harry Silberberg's girlfriend? (The Diary of a Young Girl)

- a. Fanny b. Miep
  - d. Anne Frank

viii. Severn mentioned in her Speech about the privileged life in her country. Which country is she talking about?

- Brazil b. India a.
- c. Canada d. Somalia

ix. What shouldn't be shed according to Lhusi Haralu in the poem, 'Prayer of the Meek'?

- Water b. Blood a.
- Leaves d. Skin c.

x. What did Wordsworth pict	ure as he lay in bed?	
a. A flock of geese	b. A flock of birds	
c. A flock of sheep	d. The fall of rivers	
Answer the following questions	in about 20-25 words:	5x2=10
	ey put to use? (In Celebration of Being Alive)	
11. Why did the residents of the <i>Girl</i> )	Annex decide to divide butter? ( <i>The Diary of a</i>	Young
12. Why are 'fresh thoughts' imp	portant to Wordsworth as a poet? (To Sleep)	
13. Where did the strength of Go	d lead Tagore? (Closed Path)	
14. How important is a radio to the	he people in Holland? (The Diary of a Young G	irl)
Answer the following questions	in about 40-45 words:	5x4=20
15. What appeal does Severn Suz	zuki make in her speech?	
16. 'When he opened the bookca.	se and stepped inside, Mr. Dussel was amazed.'	1
a. Why was Mr. Dussel amaz	ed?	(2)
<b>b.</b> What was handed over to M	Ar. Dussel after his arrival?	(2)
should have died out." Write 18. <b>a.</b> ' <i>He remembered, when he</i> i. Why was everyone afraid	on our childhood days, in all probability, our sp any four reasons why Toshi Langu made this st was a child, a mad wolf used to live near his ho d of the 'mad wolf'? to stop the infection from a bite? Or	atement.
poem, 'To Sleep'?	nsider sleep as important? How is sleep personif	fied in the $(2+2=4)$
• •	omeland, 'broken land'? (Prayer of the Meek)	
<b>Read the lines and answer the</b> 20. <i>'When old folks laugh, they c</i>	-	
of dear painless death, and ge	*	
forgive life for happening to t	•	
a. What makes the old people		2
b. Why do they think about d	eath?	1
	does the poet talk about in these lines? e. I'm continually being scolded for talking too	2 much.'
a. Who is 'I' here?		1
b. What is Mrs. van Daan's i	new trick?	3
c. Who is stuck with cleaning	g all the pots and pans?	1

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