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( CBCS )

( 3rd Semester )

**MIL (ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH)**

*Full Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

**( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )**

( Marks : 25 )

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

**SECTION—A**

( Marks : 10 )

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. *The Chimney Sweeper* is a poem that tells about

- (a) the importance of sweeping chimneys (    )
- (b) power of money (    )
- (c) exploitation of children (    )
- (d) the joy of childhood (    )

2. Tom Dacre cried because

- (a) his curly hair was shaved (    )
- (b) his mother died at a very young age (    )
- (c) they rose in the dark when it was very cold (    )
- (d) he was hungry (    )

3. "We paused before a House that seemed  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the Ground."

- (a) A Lump (    )
- (b) A Bump (    )
- (c) A Swelling (    )
- (d) A Hump (    )

4. "The ancient pulse of germ and birth  
Was shrunken \_\_\_\_."
- (a) hard and fast ( )  
 (b) hard and dry ( )  
 (c) cold and dry ( )  
 (d) cold and hard ( )
5. Ten hours of steady rain had driven the scorpion
- (a) to cast diabolic shadows on the wall ( )  
 (b) to attack the villagers ( )  
 (c) to crawl behind a door ( )  
 (d) to crawl beneath a sack of rice ( )
6. The stranger gave the astrologer
- (a) silver coins ( )  
 (b) twelve and a half annas ( )  
 (c) two gold coins ( )  
 (d) nothing ( )
7. Chaudhuri liked the English for their devotion to
- (a) spending ( )  
 (b) family ( )  
 (c) healthy food ( )  
 (d) saving ( )
8. According to Nirad C. Chaudhuri, "India has become \_\_\_\_ for every kind of  
economist from every part of the world."
- (a) a Super-power ( )  
 (b) a Utopia ( )  
 (c) an El Dorado ( )  
 (d) a Dystopia ( )
9. The Sialton official came to be known as
- (a) preacher of Zolawn ( )  
 (b) teacher of Zolawn ( )  
 (c) officer of Zolawn ( )  
 (d) author of Zolawn ( )

**10.** The incident that caused lifelong misery and tears to the Sialton official occurred on

- (a) a dismal October night ( )
- (b) a disastrous October night ( )
- (c) a lonely November night ( )
- (d) on Christmas Eve ( )

SECTION—B

( Marks : 15 )

Answer the following questions in brief :

3×5=15

**1.** (a) What was the role of the angel in *The Chimney Sweeper*?

**OR**

(b) How did the poet personify Death in the poem, *Because I could not stop for Death*?

**2.** (a) What is the significance of the Thrush's song in *The Darkling Thrush*?

**OR**

(b) Briefly describe the poet's father in *Night of the Scorpion*.

**3.** (a) Describe the appearance of the astrologer in *An Astrologer's Day*.

**OR**

(b) Give a brief description of the place where the astrologer transacted his business.

**4.** (a) Why do the middle-class people in England feel embarrassed to go into the Bond Street shops?

**OR**

(b) Why is it difficult to estimate a man's exact degree of attachment to money in the West?

**5.** (a) What caught the eye of the narrator of *Sialton Official* when he read the 'Shillong Times'?

**OR**

(b) How did the fire affect the life of the Sialton official?

**( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )**

( Marks : 50 )

*The questions are of equal value*

1. (a) Comment on the theme of the poem, *The Chimney Sweeper*.

**OR**

- (b) How does Emily Dickinson present the religious theme in her poem, *Because I could not stop for Death*?

2. (a) Discuss the significance of imageries in *The Darkling Thrush*.

**OR**

- (b) Describe the various reactions of the villagers when the poet's mother was stung by a scorpion in the poem, *Night of the Scorpion*.

3. (a) Who was Guru Nayak? Discuss his relationship with the astrologer.

**OR**

- (b) Describe a typical day in the life of the astrologer before he met Guru Nayak.

4. (a) How does Chaudhuri bring out the contrast between the Indian and the Englishmen in their attitude towards money?

**OR**

- (b) Why does England appear to 'be a country of easy money in the moralist sense of the term' according to Nirad C. Chaudhuri?

5. (a) Give an account of the love story between Dorothy and the narrator in *Sialton Official*.

**OR**

- (b) "They were dead and I was alive...alive to regret the fact that I had not been with them in death." Describe the events that led the narrator to make the statement.

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