

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2018
English
Semester-I
Language Course (AE) - Alternative English
(For Back Candidates only)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin
Answer all questions

Group-A

1. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics: 10
 - a) Bauls of Birbhum
 - b) The autobiography of a palace
 - c) Your favourite writer of detective stories

2. a) Write a letter to the branch manager of a bank in your locality, suggesting the need for a separate counter/helpdesk for senior citizens. 10

Or

 - b) Write a letter to the Principal of your Bhavana, seeking permission to organize a poetry festival with student and teacher participants from the entire university.

Group-B

1. Answer **any two** from the following questions: 10×2=20
 - a) Examine the battle of wits between the narrator and the girl in the story 'The Eyes are not Here'.
 - b) Analyse the mother's character in the story 'A Snake in the Grass'.
 - c) The encounter with the old woman has an eye-opening effect upon the urban tourist in Kolatkar's poem. — Discuss.
 - d) The concepts of death and rebirth blend beautifully in Larkin's poem "The Trees". — Do you agree? Justify your answer.
 - e) In spite of the scorpion's bite, in Ezekiel's poem it becomes "Night of the Mother". — Comment critically.
 - f) Examine the function of poets as described by Keats in "Ode on the Poets".
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