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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Date : 09/12/2016

Time : 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Paper : I

Full Marks : 25

1. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 5)
 - a) Give a description of the city of London as narrated by Wordsworth in his sonnet 'Composed upon Westminster Bridge'.
 - b) How would Hardy like to be remembered after his death?
2. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 2)
 - a) Who would be 'dull' 'of soul' to Wordsworth?
 - b) What was a 'familiar sight' to the poet Hardy?
3. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 6)
 - a) Why did Shamnath's mother have no bangles to wear? How did Shamnath react to this?
 - b) Why did Shamnath's mother want to spend the rest of her life in Hardwar? What was Shamnath's reaction?
4. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 2)
 - a) "Wanted to keep up appearance before your friends." How did Shamnath keep up appearance before his friends?
 - b) Why was Samnath's mother reluctant to make a phulkari for the boss?
5. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

The President of India asked U.S.A and Russia to ban atomic weapons to preserve world peace. Deviating from the prepared text of his address to the Indian Science Congress, which he inaugurated, he said the advanced countries had major role to play in maintaining peace.

He urged the American and Russian Presidents to take steps in this direction soon, so that the fears in the minds of millions of mothers and children could be allayed. The President of India said, 'The task before science and scientists is not to assist the evil forces of destruction, but to use it constructively in the development of humanity. It is an unfortunate fact that human wisdom has not grown in proportion to the increase in scientific knowledge and technological power. Humanity has reached a stage where it lives in perpetual fear of universal destruction hanging over it like a dark cloud. The fear is growing daily with ever increasing nuclear armaments. It is here that help is needed for men to free themselves from the tyranny of their own nature.'

 - a) i) What did the President say in addition to his prepared text of his address to the Indian Science Congress? (2)

- ii) Why is fear growing daily among men? (2)
- b) Find out the words from the passage meaning: (4 × 1)
- i) to prohibit
 - ii) turning away
 - iii) to request earnestly
 - iv) never ending
- c) i) Give the antonym of 'perpetual' (1)
- ii) Give the synonym of 'advanced'. (1)

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