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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Date : 07/12/2017

Time : 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Paper : I

Full Marks : 25

1. Answer **any one** of the following : [1×5]
 - a) Briefly comment on Samnath's character.
 - b) Sketch the character of Samnath's mother.
2. Answer **any one** of the following : [1×2]
 - a) Why did Samnath's mother have no bangles to wear?
 - b) Why did Samnath's mother weep inconsolably when she prayed before the image of Lord Krishna?
3. Answer **any one** of the following : [1×6]
 - a) How would the poet, Thomas Hardy, like to be remembered after his death?
 - b) Give a substance of the poem 'Upon Westminster Bridge'.
4. Answer **any one** of the following : [1×2]
 - a) What was a 'familiar sight' to Hardy?
 - b) Why did Wordsworth feel "a Calm so deep"?
5. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :

Most of us would agree that it is admirable to be loyal — we approve of loyalty to our family, loyalty to our friends, and loyalty to our country, in fact to all those individuals and groups to whom we have reason to be grateful. And when we speak of 'loyalty', here we mean a readiness to help them when they are in difficulty or danger, and a constant interest in their well-being at all times. It is often very clear when a person is being disloyal – when he lets his parents suffer without showing any concern, for example, or when he fights in an army against his own country, killing his fellow countrymen indiscriminately. For such people most of us would feel disapproval. However, there often arise situations in which it is harder to decide if a person is being disloyal or not. A clever child may resist his parents' appeals to stop studying and begin to work in order to help them financially. He may believe that he will be able to repay his parents more fully in future if he continues his studies for a few years longer, whereas, if he stops studying now, his talents will be wasted and never serve anybody. Unimaginative people may sometimes condemn a boy or girl for making a decision like this : but often such a child, if he is conscientious and sensitive, may deserve help and encouragement rather than criticism. On the other hand, in certain circumstances– if for instance a boy's parents are in great poverty–it might be disloyal for him to refuse to help them by going out to work; and even if later in life he is successful, he may always regret his disloyalty as a boy.

 - a) Define 'loyalty'. [2]
 - b) On which decision unimaginative people may condemn a boy or a girl? [2]
 - c) Why may one regret for disloyalty as a boy? [2]
 - d) Give the noun form of 'resist'. [1]
 - e) Give the noun form of 'Condemn'. [1]
 - f) Give the adjective form of 'parent'. [1]
 - g) Give a synonym of the word 'distinct'. [1]