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(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Date : 12/12/2018

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 beauty of the London city as narrated by Wordsworth in the poem "Composed upon Westminster Bridge".
 - b) 'He was a man who used to notice such things'. Who is referred to here? What were the things that he used to notice?
2. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 2)
 - a) How does a dewfall hawk alight?
 - b) "This city now doth, like a garment wear"— Explain the line.
3. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 6)
 - a) Briefly comment on Shamnath's mother.
 - b) Why was Shamnath's mother reluctant to make a phulkari for the boss? Why was Shamnath suddenly very happy with his mother after the boss's departure?
4. Answer **any one** question of the following: (1 × 2)
 - a) Why did Shamnath's mother have no bangles to wear?
 - b) "Her complexion started changing" When did her complexion start changing?
5. Read the following passage and answer in your own words the questions given at the end :

When Alexis and Peter were but half a mile from home a great gaunt wolf sprang out of the trees bordering the road, and with great strides came leaping after the sledge. "Drive on fast", shouted Alexis, seizing his gun and taking aim at the wolf who was now no more than a few yards from the back of the sledge. Alexis pulled the trigger. There was a click but no report: the powder was damp. Dropping the useless gun Alexis fumbled for his knife, for the wolf was almost upon him. But it was too late to draw the knife. With a fierce snarling howl the wolf sprang into the air and hurled himself upon Alexis. As the great gaunt body shot through the air, Alexis flung his thick sheepskin up over his head, and catching the wolf in its clinging folds hugged the astonished beast to his breast with his

mighty arms. The wolf struggled and bit into the sheepskin. The frightened horses sped onward like the wind. "Drive on, drive like fury!" roared Alexis, tightening the grid of his iron arms about the heaving, twisting, body of the wolf. Swaying and rocking from side to side the sledge burst into the village with the horses smothered with foam and Peter shouting and cracking his whip, while Alexis, not tiring from his efforts, roared, "A wolf ! Help! Stop the horses!".

i) Give the meaning of the following: (1 × 3)

- a) fumbled
- b) clinging
- c) grid

ii) Answer the following questions:

- a) How far were Alexis and Peter from the village? (1)
- b) What did they see? (1)
- c) What surprised the wolf ? (2)
- d) Why did Alexis want Peter to drive fast? (2)
- e) Describe what the villagers saw. (1)

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