

2025

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(2nd Semester)

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH-I

(AECC)

Paper No: ALTE-I

Full Marks: 37.5

Pass Marks: 40%

Time : 2 hours

(PART: B - DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

The questions are of equal value

Answer the any *five* following questions

5X5=25

1. Write a short note on the influence of English on Indian literature.
2. How does modern Indian literature portray the impact of caste, religion, and community on individual identity?
3. Analyse "An Introduction" as a confessional poem.

4. How does "The Old Storyteller" emphasise the importance of oral tradition in preserving cultural heritage?
5. Briefly analyse the childhood experiences described by Nissim Ezekiel in "Background, Casually."
6. Discuss how the theme of courage, teamwork, and determination is reflected through the main characters in "The Kaziranga Trail."
7. Discuss the role of Makhoni in "The Kaziranga Trail."
8. How are the issues of poaching and wildlife conservation presented in "The Kaziranga Trail"?

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SECTION-I

(Marks: 12½)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

A. Choose the correct answer and put a Tick (✓) mark against the brackets provided: (½ x 15 = 7½)

1. The introduction of English in India was primarily justified by the British as a means to:

- (a) preserve Indian traditions ()
- (b) train a class of interpreters between the British and the Indians ()
- (c) replace all Indian languages ()
- (d) promote regional literature ()

2. In modern Indian literature, resistance is often depicted through:
- (a) political struggles ()
 - (b) social and cultural movements ()
 - (c) personal rebellion against oppression ()
 - (d) All the above ()
3. Which place is mentioned in the poem by Kamala Das as her birthplace?
- (a) Madras ()
 - (b) Malabar ()
 - (c) Maldives ()
 - (d) Calcutta ()
4. Which illness is mentioned in the poem "An Introduction" by Kamala Das?
- (a) Fever ()
 - (b) Schizophrenia ()
 - (c) Alzheimer ()
 - (d) Parkinson ()
5. "Background, Casually" by Nissim Ezekiel appeared in the volume of poems entitled
- (a) Hymns in Light (1976) ()
 - (b) Hymns in Darkness (1976) ()
 - (c) Hymns in Faithfulness (1976) ()
 - (d) Hymns of Experience (1976) ()

6. Nissim Ezekeil claims he was —
- (a) A withdrawn boy who avoided fun activities. ()
 - (b) A boy interested in memorizing bible verses. ()
 - (c) A boy with good appetite. ()
 - (d) A curious boy who loved observing people. ()
7. What does the speaker in "*The Old Storyteller*" consider their proud legacy?
- (a) Singing folk songs ()
 - (b) Storytelling ()
 - (c) Writing poetry ()
 - (d) Farming ()
8. How do the speaker's grandsons view the old stories?
- (a) As valuable traditions ()
 - (b) As interesting lessons ()
 - (c) As outdated and unnecessary ()
 - (d) As essential for education ()
9. Whom do the boys report the poaching incident to?
- (a) The village headman ()
 - (b) The police ()
 - (c) A local journalist ()
 - (d) Mr. Neog, the District Forest Officer ()

10. Why were the three boys made honorary game-watchers?

(a) To spy on the poachers

(b) To set up traps for rhinos

(c) To track down lost tourists

(d) To assist with forest patrol

11. Why did Phukan decide that the boys needed to be silenced?

(a) He did not want to be seen as a coward

(b) They had insulted him earlier

(c) He feared that they would expose his involvement with the poachers

(d) He wanted to capture the poachers himself

12. Why was Mrs. Neog unable to contact her husband, Mr. Neog directly?

(a) He was in a remote jungle searching for the poachers

(b) He was attending a family function

(c) He was in Dispur for urgent consultations

(d) His phone was switched off

13. Where did Jonti, Bubul and Dhanai meet before heading to the haunted bungalow?

(a) At the police outpost

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(b) Under a banyan tree

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(c) In Mr. Neog's place

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(d) Near the village gate

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14. What action did Phukan's gang take when they reached Mr. Neog's house?

(a) They attack his wife

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(b) They broke into the house

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(c) They surrendered to the police

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(d) They decided to cut the telephone wires

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15. In modern Indian literature, the theme of caste is often explored to highlight:

(a) Economic prosperity

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(b) Social discrimination and oppression

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(c) Technological advancement

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(d) Political neutrality

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SECTION-II

B. Give short answers (any five) :

1x5=5

1. Which government initiative aims at improving the status of the girl child in India?

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2. What does the line "I am sinner, I am saint" signify?

3. What do the "six stones" symbolize in the Ao-Naga origin myth mentioned in the poem "*The Old Storyteller*"?

4. What does the speaker's grandfather warn about forgetting the stories?

5. What kind of treatment did Ezekiel's family receive from their neighbours?

6. Why was Phukan involved in the poaching operation?

7. What happened to Bose after consuming the food in the tourist lodge?

8. How did Dhanai treat Makoni's wound while escaping from the poachers?
