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ENGLISH

(Ability Enhancement Course)

Paper Name: Alternative English

Paper Code: **ENG-AEC-A-141**

Full Marks: 60

Time: Two and Half Hours

(The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions)

Answer in English

1. Answer the following questions : 1x7=7
- (a) Which force, according to Shakespeare, destroys the beauty and youth of his friend ?
 - (b) Did the poet understand the song of the solitary reaper ?
 - (c) Who is the poet of the poem “No Second Troy” ?
 - (d) What do the Oak trees symbolize in the poem “So Many Oaks”?
 - (e) What was the Bhishma pratigya of Prafulla ?
 - (f) Where did Jagan have his shop of sweets ?
 - (g) What is the name of the inspector in the play *An Inspector Calls*?
2. Answer any four of the following questions : 2x4=8
- (a) What does the solitary reaper sing about ?
 - (b) How does the poet want to preserve the beauty and youth of his friend ?

- (c) Why did Bassanio want to borrow money from Antonio ?
- (d) Why did the liftman throw the passenger out of the lift ?
- (e) Who is Mali and when did he marry ?

3. Answer any three of the following questions : 5x3=15

- (a) What was the effect of the solitary reaper's song on the poet?
- (b) Give a character sketch of Eva Smith.
- (c) "Please and thank you are the small changes with which we pay our way as social beings". Explain.
- (d) Give, after Charles and Marry, a character sketch of Portia.
- (e) Explain the theme of Colonialism in the poem 'So Many Oaks' .?

4. Answer any three of the following questions : 10x3=30

- (a) Write a critical appreciation of "Sonnet 65".
- (b) Discuss the significance of the title "No Second Troy".
- (c) Who is responsible for Eva Smith's death? Explain.
- (d) Discuss the themes of the story 'Audition' by Mahim Bora.
- (e) Discuss the major themes of *The Vendor of Sweets*.
