

**TDC Odd Semester Exam., 2020
held in July, 2021**

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

(3rd Semester)

Course No. : ENGL-301

(Poetry and One-Act Play)

Full Marks : 50
Pass Marks : 17

Time : 2 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) Assess the appropriateness of the title of the poem, *Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T. S.*
- (b) What is the central theme of the poem, *The Unknown Citizen?*
- (c) Discuss the central idea of the poem, *Prayer Before Birth.*
- (d) Discuss T. S. Eliot's *Preludes* as a modern poem.

2. Explain, with reference to the context, any *two* of the following excerpts : 5×2=10

(a) That I could think there trembled through
His happy good-night air
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew
And I was unaware.

(b) That he held the proper opinions
for the time of year;
When there was peace, he was for peace :
when there was war, he went.

(c) The morning comes to consciousness
Of faint stale smells of beer
From the sawdust-trampled street
With all its muddy feet that press
To early coffee-stands.

3. Answer any *one* of the following : 15

- (a) Attempt a character sketch of Lomov as you find in the play, *A Marriage Proposal.*
- (b) Justify the title of Chekhov's play, *A Marriage Proposal.*

(3)

4. Answer, in short, any *one* of the following : 5

(a) How does the topic of dogs bring about exchange of heated arguments between Lomov and Natalya?

(b) How does Natalya express her feeling for Lomov at the end of the play?

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