

2017/SEM/EVEN/ENGL-401/334

TDC Even Semester Exam., 2017

ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

(Pass)

(4th Semester)

Course No. : ENGL-401

(Composition, Short Story and
Non-Fictional Prose)

Full Marks : 50

Pass Marks : 17

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions

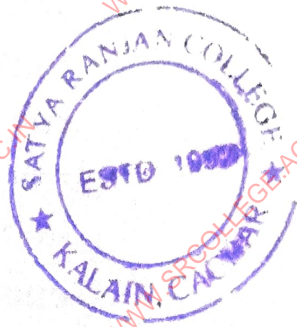
UNIT—I

(Marks : 25)

1. Give a précis of the following passage and
add a suitable title to it :

10

Now, to be properly enjoyed, a walking tour
should be gone upon alone. If you go in a
company, or even in pairs it is no longer a
walking tour in anything but name; it is
something else and more in the nature of a
picnic. Rightly viewed, freedom is the essence



of a walking tour; because you should be able to stop and go on and follow this way that, as the freak takes you; and because you must have your own pace, and neither trot alongside a champion walker nor mind in time with a girl. And then you must be open to all impressions and let your thoughts take colour from what you see. You should be as a pipe for any wind to play upon. "I cannot see the wit" says Hazlitt, "of walking and talking at the same time. When I am in the country I wish to vegetate like the country," which is the gist of all that can be said upon the matter. There should be no cackle of voices at our elbow, to jar on the meditative silence of the morning. And so long as a man is reasoning he cannot surrender himself to that fine intoxication that comes of much motion in the open air that begins in a sort of dazzle and sluggishness of the brain, and ends in peace that passes comprehension.

2. Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following topics :

- (a) Recent demonetization of 1000 and 500 rupee notes and its impact on Indian society

(3)

- (b) Global warming and greenhouse effect
- (c) Career-oriented education
- (d) Prospect of tourism in North-East India

UNIT—II

(Marks : 25)

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

10×2=20

- (a) Narrate the changes in Aksyonof's life after the arrival of Makar Semyonitch in the prison.
- (b) Discuss the contradictory statements made by the enemies of science about scientists.
- (c) Draw a character sketch of Raicharan as an affectionate father as has been reflected in *The Child's Return*.
- (d) Discuss the impact of human activities on the climatic changes in the natural environment.
- (e) Narrate the changes brought in the lives of the Loiseles at the loss of the necklace.

(Turn Over)

4. Answer any one of the following questions :

(a) Why are Jim and Della in O'Henry's story called the Magi?

(b) What are the long-term strategies suggested by E. K. Federov to save the environment?

(c) What prompted Raicharan to think that the lost child has been reborn in his house?

★ ★ ★