

**4/ALTEA-12 Syllabus-2015**

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( May-June )

**ENGLISH**

( Alternative English )

( Arts )

*Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

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

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

$7 \times 5 = 35$

- (a) How is fear presented in *Prayer Before Birth*?
- (b) What does MacNeice mean by "I am not yet born"? Why is it repeated frequently in the poem?
- (c) What is Owen's stand on war as reflected in Owen's *Anthem for Doomed Youth*?
- (d) Mention the kind of images of childhood suffering that the speaker enumerates in the poem, *London*.

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(e) How does the poet playfully describe the object of her affection in *A Sketch*?  
(f) What details does the astrologer give the stranger about his past?  
(g) How did the Duchess induce Oliver Bacon into buying the fake pearls?  
(h) Examine the character of Maxwell in the story, *The Romance of a Busy Broker*.  
(i) What is the interesting twist that occurs at the end of O' Henry's short story, *The Romance of a Busy Broker*?  
  
2. Discuss the causes that led to the conflict between uncle James and Philip. 10

Or

Analyse the significance of the title of the play, *The Boy Comes Home*.

3. Discuss the theme in Louis MacNeice's *Prayer Before Birth*. 15

Or

Discuss the relationship between the Duchess and the jeweller.

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4. Write an essay on any *one* of the following : 15  
(a) Popular culture  
(b) Rise of Artificial Intelligence  
(c) Responsibility of media in a democracy  
(d) Compassion is the basis of all morality

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper raising concern about the rising technology addiction among the youth.

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