

**BAMANPUKUR HUMAYUN KABIR MAHAVIDYALAYA**

B.A. Programme, 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester-2021

**ENGMCOR01T-Alternative English (MIL)**

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***Assignment/Suggestive Questions***

**End Semester Exam**

Full Marks- 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

1. Comprehension:

People moan about poverty as a great evil; and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. But, as a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more obtained from life in the humble cottage of the poor than in the places of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughters of rich men, who are attached by servants. It is because I know how sweet and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from care and social envies and jealousies, how loving and united its members are in the common interest of supporting the family—that I congratulate the poor man's son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong, eminent, self-reliant man have always sprung and must spring.

It seems to be a matter of universal desire that poverty should be abolished. But to abolish honest, industrious, self-denying poverty would be to destroy the soil upon which mankind produces the virtues that will enable our race to reach a still higher civilization that it now possesses.

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| (a) What do people generally think about poverty?                    | 3 |
| (b) Why does the author prefer poverty to riches?                    | 3 |
| (c) Find the words in that mean:                                     | 5 |
| (i) Authentic, (ii) Trust, (iii) Wealthy, (iv) Sincere, (v) Demolish |   |
| (d) What is the adjective form of 'poverty'?                         | 1 |
| (e) What is the noun form of 'happy'?                                | 1 |
| (f) What is the antonym of 'common'?                                 | 1 |
| (g) Make a sentence with the noun form of 'strong'.                  | 1 |

2. Write a letter to the principal of your college requesting to include some important reference books in the library for students to help their studies. 15

3. Write a précis of the passage below and add a suitable title. 10

Indian civilisation has been like a big tree which, though very old, has still green leaves, bears fruit and gives shelter to many people. Historians tell us that many influences have gone to the making of this civilization. The people who lived at Mohenjodaro contributed something to it. Then came the Aryans who perfected it after the Dravidians had made their own contribution. The Persians, the Greeks, the Moguls added something to it. The English brought with them their own culture, the traces of which we find everywhere in India today. Many influences in this way from within and without have had an effect upon Indian civilisation, but it has always retained and will ever retain certain fundamental characteristics.

4. (a) Write a short story entitled 'My Favourite Pet'. 10

OR

- (b) Write a newspaper report on the devastation of Yaas Cyclone in your locality. 10

### ***Assignment***

**Internal Exam** Full Marks- 20 (+5 on attendance)

5. Write an essay on any ***one*** of the following topics: (within 650 words) 20x1=20
- (a) Corona Pandemic and the New Normal
  - (b) Adaptation of technology in modern education
  - (c) Autobiography of a coin.
  - (d) Politics and student-life.