

B.Com. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017**Fourth Semester****Common Course—English****REFLECTION ON VITAL ISSUES****(2013 Admission onwards)****Time : Three Hours****Maximum Marks : 80****Part A***Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. What is the major highlight in 'I Have a Dream' ?
2. What does Vandana Shiva mean by prioritization of culture ?
3. Which fear can become a delirium, according to D.H. Lawrence ?
4. Martin Luther King says that the African Americans have come to cash a check. What does this mean ?
5. The girl asks an unexpected question at the end of the poem, "Girl". How does the other take it ?
6. What is the first duty the speaker wants her wife to undertake, in "Why I want a wife" ?
7. Why does Frijit Capra equate our economic and industrial structures to dinosaurs ?
8. What do you think is the condition of the village at the end of 'For the Disposed' ?
9. How does J.P. Das criticise the apathy shown by the academic community towards poverty and misery ?
10. What are the most disturbing effects of being known as HIV positive ?

(10 × 1 = 10)**Part B***Answer any eight of the following questions in 2 - 3 sentences.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. List out two simplistic arguments raised by Amartya Sen to account for the neglect of Women in India and elsewhere.
12. What conclusions can you draw from the handkerchief incident in the poem 'At the Back of Progress' ?

Turn over

13. What is the justification given for the argument that totalitarian Government respect human rights ?
14. What is meant by "Khalihandi is very close to us" ?
15. What according to D.H. Lawrence should be provided for free ?
16. How is a responsible wife expected to deal with a sick child ?
17. What does Stiglitz say about the growing divide between the haves and the have-nots ?
18. Why was Valmiki taken home by his father during school holidays ?
19. Why does Palkivala declare that human rights can not function in a Vacuum ?
20. What was the motivating slogan behind the American Civil War ?
21. What advice does the old woman impart to the girl regarding medicines in "Girl" ?
22. What is the obvious contrast between the public and private behaviour of the employees in Taslima Nazrin's poem ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

*Answer any six of the following in about 100 words.
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. How did the Asian pose a threat to world economy ?
24. How does Amartya Sen related women's gainful employment to variable change in their destiny ?
25. How does Vandana Shiva prove that the predictions of the free Trade propagandists have gone wrong ?
26. What signs of caste discrimination are portrayed in Joothan ?
27. How does Fritjof Capra trace the environmental destruction in third world countries to the actions of multinational Corporations.
28. How do the speaker in Soyinka's poem describe his own complexion ? Can you infer the listener's reactions from the speaker's description of the event ?
29. Why does D.H. Lawrence say that the present attitude towards money is all wrong ? What are the changes he wants to see in society ?
30. What are the dreams Martin Luther King has for the black people of his country ?
31. What are the responsibilities of a wife has towards her husband as implied in 'Why I want a wife'. How would you assess this attitude from the point of view of fairness ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

Answer any two questions in about 300 words.

Each question carries 15 marks.

32. Examine Omprakash Valmiki's description of caste discrimination in the village. Do you think the situation is same in a city environment ?
33. Consider "At the back of progress" a passionate tirade against the denial of equality and natural justice to women.
34. Evaluate 'For the Dispossessed' as a nature poem. What difference do you notice between this poem and other typical nature poems you have read ?
35. How does Kalpana Jain ? Illustrate a serious social problem in her article.

(2 × 15 = 30)