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Fourth Semester

Common Course—ENGLISH : REFLECTIONS ON VITAL ISSUES

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

Answer all the questions.

Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Why does Firjof Capra quote Henderson's comment. 'they tell us about the sparkling dishes and clothes, but forget to mention the loss of those sparkling rivers and lakes'?
2. What was it that made millions of Asians better off in the recent past?
3. How has economic globalisation hijacked culture?
4. Why do we believe that the human rights movement started the world over in 1961?
5. What is the major highlight in "I Have a Dream"?
6. Why was Ashok admitted in the INHS hospital in Mumbai?
7. What is the first response of the white woman when the African reveals his identity?
8. Why were the upper caste people totally against providing education to the dalits?
9. Which are the specific instances of bias against women that the United States and Japan display?
10. What does Vandana Shiva mean by prionization of culture?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any eight of the following questions in 2-3 sentence each.

Each question carries 2 marks.

11. How is the policy of economic and humorously defined by Capra?
12. What does Stiglitz say about the effects of agricultural subsidies given in the developed countries?
13. State the chief cause of fear in the speaker's mind in "Money Madness".
14. What is meant by "Kalahandi is very close to us"?
15. What, according to Paul Sieghart, is the test of whether a country honours human rights?
16. What are King's dreams about his children's future?

Turn over

17. How does Soyinka make the ending of the poem "Telephone Conversation" striking and effective?
18. What is the obvious contrast between the public and the private behaviour of the employee in Taslima Nasrin's poem?
19. How is a "responsible" wife expected to deal with a sick child?
20. Describe Valmiki's childhood before he went to school.
21. What was the motivating slogan behind the American Civil War?
22. How does Stiglitz define globalisation?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

Answer any six of the following in about 100 words each.

Each question carries 4 marks.

23. How does Amartya Sen relate women's gainful employment to a visible change in their destiny?
24. What are the responsibilities a wife has towards her husband as implied in "Why I want a wife"? How would you assess the attitude from the point of view of fairness?
25. Do you think that anger to a logical reaction in Ashok? What are the experiences that made him angry?
26. Critically examine Palkhivala's statement that "it is better for a man to go wrong in freedom rather than go right in chains".
27. Analyse the transformation that has happened to the market in Kalahandi. What are the things about and sold there?
28. How does Vandana Shiva prove that the predictions of the free trade Propagandists have gone wrong?
29. Why, according to Capra, do the workers undergo acute suffering in times of economic recession?
30. What signs of caste discrimination are portrayed in "Joothan"?
31. Lawrence concludes the poem "Money Madness" with the line, "It's one thing or the other" what are the alternatives he refer to? Do they seem feasible.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

Answer any two in about 300 words each.

Each question carries 15 marks.

32. Can we regard the poem "For the Dispossessed" as a piece of anti-development writing? What do you think about the changes mentioned or feared in the poem?
33. Describe the trials tribulations and aspirations of the African Americans as pointed out by Martin Luther King. Do you think they have been solved completely?
34. Through the essay "Why I want a wife", Judy Brady establishes the fact that a wife is looked upon as a convenient instrument or tool for a husband. How is this done?
35. Examine Taslima Nasrin's picture of the cruel treatment women are invariably subjected to both by their husbands and by others as well.

(2 × 15 = 30)