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Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

Choose the correct answer from the following :

- I. 1 What is the corporate leaders' attitude towards the role of an ethical order in the corporate world, according to Fritjof Capra ?
- (a) It must obey the moral order.
  - (b) It must disobey the moral order.
  - (c) It must ignore the moral order.
  - (d) It is beyond the moral order.
- 2 Stiglitz says that the supporters of globalisation are :
- (a) Balanced and well-informed.
  - (b) More rational than its opponents.
  - (c) More unbalanced than its opponents.
  - (d) More boastful than its opponents.
- 3 Lawrence agrees that we must have a little money. Why do we need it ?
- (a) In order to buy food.
  - (b) In order to seek shelter.
  - (c) In order to provide for fuel.
  - (d) None of the above.
- 4 "For the Dispossessed" is a warning against :
- (a) Nature conservation.
  - (b) Globalisation and privatisation.
  - (c) Possession of property.
  - (d) None of the above.

**Turn over**

- II. 5 Why didn't the Indian farmers gain by the increase in the domestic price of wheat ?
- (a) Because they produced low quality wheat.
  - (b) Because most of the wheat was imported.
  - (c) Because the farmers would always be given only a fixed price.
  - (d) Because the difference went to the corporations.
- 6 "Kalahandi" has become synonymous with :
- (a) Hunger and Suffering.
  - (b) Helicopters.
  - (c) Prosperity.
  - (d) Bloodshed.
- 7 What is the vanishing act Palkhivala writes about ?
- (a) The removal of poverty.
  - (b) The disappearance of inequality.
  - (c) The removal of discrimination.
  - (d) The disappearance of dissenters.
- 8 Martin Luther King reminds the African Americans that unearned suffering is redemptive. What do you think he means ?
- (a) That they will be compensated for their suffering.
  - (b) That they will have to suffer long and hard.
  - (c) That their suffering will soon come to an end.
  - (d) That they should take inspiration from the conviction that their suffering is noble.
- III. 9 What was the response of Ashok when the Pune doctor told him that he was suffering from AIDS ?
- (a) He fainted.
  - (b) He broke down.
  - (c) He was suspicious.
  - (d) He was very calm.
- 10 Why are the booth, the pillar box and the omnibus red in the Soyinka poem ?
- (a) That is the most striking colour.
  - (b) They are of that colour in England.
  - (c) They represent the anger of the speaker in the poem.
  - (d) They are indicate of the taste of the speaker in the poem.
- 11 According to Valmiki the view that the caste system is an ideal social arrangement is :
- (a) Fully correct.
  - (b) Partly correct.
  - (c) Totally wrong.
  - (d) Partly wrong.



12 How many people are speaking in "Girl" ?

- (a) Three.
- (b) Four.
- (c) One.
- (d) Two.

IV. 13 What is the significance of the statement that the last man in the poem "At the back of progress" now has a wife to beat up over a "handful of rice" ?

- (a) It means that she is beaten up for bad cooking.
- (b) It means that she is punished for a trifle.
- (c) It means that she is a careless wife.
- (d) It means that she is treated unjustly.

14 "My God, who wouldn't want a wife." What does Brady mean by this ?

- (a) If having a wife means all this, then no sensible man will want one.
- (b) That it is not worth having a wife.
- (c) That very few men would like to have a wife.
- (d) If a wife does all these things, then everyone would like to have a wife.

15 George thinks Mrs. Fitzgerald is slightly drunk. Why ?

- (a) Because she talks nonsensically.
- (b) Because she can't walk properly.
- (c) Because she has lost control of herself.
- (d) Because she talks loudly to herself.

16 Given the fact that both men and women get the same nutritional and medical attention it is noticed that :

- (a) Men live longer than women.
- (b) Women live longer than men.
- (c) Both men and women live to similar ages.
- (d) Both illness and death affect women more easily.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

*Answer any five of the following each in a sentence or two.  
Each question carries a weight of 1.*

- 17 How does corporate power impact higher education, according to Fritjof Capra ?
- 18 In what way has money come to determine the value of everything ?
- 19 What does Vandana Shiva mean by the prionization of culture ?

**Turn over**



- 20 What are the visible changes in the land caused by drought in "Kalahandi" ?
- 21 What was the reason which prompted Ashok at first to believe that he could not have AIDS ?
- 22 What does Soyinka imply when he says that the lady was considerate ?
- 23 What is striking about the suicide mentioned in "At the Back of Progress" ?
- 24 Why does Mrs. Pearson decide that the experiment has gone too far ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

### Part C

*Answer any four of the following each in about 100 words.*

*Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 According to Stiglitz how did the Asian crisis pose a threat to world economy.
- 26 How is development likely to affect the jobs of the ordinary people in the poem, "For the Dispossessed" ?
- 27 How does Palkhivala explain why even human rights violators claim to be the apostles of human rights and democratic principles ?
- 28 When will the African Americans be satisfied, according to Martin Luther King ?
- 29 Mrs. Fitzgerald advises Mrs. Pearson not to be soft on her family. How does she prove her point ?
- 30 What does the term "missing women" imply ? What is Amartya Sen's rough estimate of the number of missing women ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

### Part D

*Answer any two of the following in about 300 words.*

*Each question carries a weight of 4.*

- 31 Examine Vandana Shiva's analysis of the effects of globalisation on Indian farmers. How does she relate poverty and farmers' suicides to the inhuman profit motive of corporations ?
- 32 How does the poem "Telephone Conversation" present the discriminatory and dehumanising nature of racial prejudice.
- 33 "Mother's Day" calls into question the very notion of work itself, the differences between paid and unpaid labour and how society at large values only labour that has a monetary value attached to it. Discuss.

(2 × 4 = 8)