

**B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2017****Second Semester**

Common Course—ENGLISH : MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES

(Common for all Model I B.A./B.Sc. Programmes and B.A. English Literature and Communication studies (Two Main))

[2013 Admission onwards]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

**Part A***Answer all the questions from this part.**Answer each of the following in a sentence or two.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. How does corporate power impact higher education, according to Fritj of Capra ?
2. Describe Valmiki's childhood before he went to school.
3. Identify the dispossessed and explain their plight in S. Joseph's poem.
4. Why was globalization pictured as a 'rising tide that will raise all boats' ?
5. What according to Lawrence should be provided free of cost ?
6. Why was Ashok admitted in the INHS hospital in Mumbai ?
7. What does King mean by the statement '1963 is not an end' ?
8. Why are the booth, the pillar box and the omnibus red in Soyinka's Poem ?
9. What is the true meaning of the word 'negro' as Richard Wright sees it ?
10. What is empowerment according to Aruna Roy ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

**Part B***Answer any eight of the following questions in a paragraph.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. What does Vandana Shiva mean by the Prionization of culture ?
12. What does Capra say about the effect of the existing legal framework on the corporate world ?  
What are the remedies he suggests ?

Turn over



13. Why does Amartya Sen say that the fate of women is quite different in Asia and North Africa compared to Europe and North America?
14. What signs of acute poverty are depicted by Das in the domestic scene?
15. What is the power of ordinary people in Aruna Roy's View?
16. What does Soyinka mean when he says that the location was indifferent?
17. What makes Valmiki say that he was in a no-win situation in school?
18. What are the few business the African American own in America?
19. Describe King's dream about his children's future.
20. What, according to Lawrence, are the changes money has made in each individual?
21. Why do we say that the notion of human rights is universal?
22. 'Kalahandi is very close to us'. Explain.

(8 × 2 = 16)

### Part C

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

23. How did the Asian crisis pose a threat to world economy, according to Joseph Stiglitz?
24. Examine, how Das contrasts the claims about progress and the grim social reality that Kalahandi is.
25. What are the sufferings of the African Americans listed by Martin Luther King?
26. How does the speaker describe his own complexion in Soyinka's poem?
27. How did Valmiki's father win his battle to educate his son?
28. What are the stages Levin identifies in the development of an international understanding of Human Rights?
29. What is the wife expected to do with regard to the education of the children?
30. What does the term 'missing women' imply? What is Amartya Sen's rough estimate of the number of missing women?
31. What according to Aruna Roy, has happened to our political system?

(6 × 4 = 24)

## Part D

Answer any **two** in about 300 words each.

Each question carries 15 marks.

32. Can we consider the poem 'For the Dispossessed' as an example of anti-development writing? What do you think about the changes mentioned or feared in the poem?
33. Examine the Iraq question as evaluated by Arundhati Roy. Are her arguments logical and rational? Do you differ from her in anything? Either way, try to provide reasons.
34. What are the specific duties of a wife that belittle her freedom or individuality as illustrated in Judy Brady's essay?
35. Analyse the advice that the old woman gives the girl. What does it tell you about the social codes in place that stipulate different rules for women?

(2 × 15 = 30)