

**B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2012****Second Semester****Common Course—English—MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES**

[Common for all Model I B.A./B.Sc. Programmes under C.B.C.S.S. and B.A. English Literature and Communication Studies (Double Main)]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A**

*Answer all questions from this part.*

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

Choose the correct answer from the following :

- I. 1 Which criminal activity, according to Fritjof Capra, is most widespread but least prosecuted these days ?
  - (a) Bribery.
  - (b) Crimes committed by the Government.
  - (c) Crimes committed by the private sector.
  - (d) Large-scale corporate crime.
- 2 According to Stiglitz, the intellectual property regime :
  - (a) Protects the interests of producers.
  - (b) Protects the interests of consumers.
  - (c) Does not distinguish between producers and consumers.
  - (d) Aims at ensuring equality.
- 3 What, in your view, is the condition of the village at the end of the poem "For the Dispossessed" ?
  - (a) It remains the same.
  - (b) It is considerably transformed.
  - (c) It has resisted the changes of development.
  - (d) It has suffered the evils of development.
- 4 What, according to Vandana Shiva, is the source of our identity ?
  - (a) The clothes we wear.
  - (b) The language we speak.
  - (c) The food we eat.
  - (d) All these, and more.
- II. 5 What was the philosophy behind slavery and other forms of discrimination ?
  - (a) Religious doctrines.
  - (b) Political doctrines.
  - (c) Cultural doctrines.
  - (d) Doctrines that justify inequality.

**Turn over**

6 What is the 'Vanishing Act' that Palkhivala writes about ?

- (a) The removal of poverty. (b) The disappearance of inequality.
- (c) The removal of discrimination. (d) The disappearance of dissenters.

7 How do the people in poor countries view human rights NGOs ?

- (a) With suspicion. (b) With apprehension.
- (c) With friendliness. (d) With great relief.

8 What was Ashok's response 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 quite calm.

III. 9 What is the speaker's attitude towards the landlady in "Telephone Conversation" ?

- (a) The speaker is arrogant. (b) The speaker is enraged.
- (c) The speaker is impatient. (d) The speaker is indifferent.

10 For Richard Wright, the term 'negro' is :

- (a) An incorrect term. (b) A mental state.
- (c) A term of humiliation. (d) A neural term.

11 What, according to Aruna Roy, is the primary requirement to achieve democracy ?

- (a) Intelligence. (b) Common sense.
- (c) Wisdom. (d) Knowledge.

12 What does the 'west' signify in the story "Lost Forests" ?

- (a) Longing. (b) Home.
- (c) Death. (d) Rebirth.

IV. 13 Why did Venkata Rao turn his face away when he saw the widow ?

- (a) Because he remembered the past.
- (b) Because he did not like her.
- (c) Because he hated her.
- (d) Because she was considered a bad omen.

14 What does Brady say about working women who need to spend a long time with their sick children ?

- (a) They are assisted by their husbands who do part of the job.
- (b) They get special leave for that period.
- (c) They have to manage it alone, without losing their jobs.
- (d) They can do that easily without leaving their job.

15 Why is Doris angry with her mother ?

- (a) Because her mother is smoking.
- (b) Because her tea is not ready.
- (c) Because her silk dress is not ironed.
- (d) Because her mother does not stir.



- 16 Which part of the world has the lowest proportion of women in the world ?  
 (a) The Sahara region of Africa. (b) Latin America.  
 (c) Sub-Saharan Africa. (d) Asia.

(4 × 1 = 4)

**Part B**

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

- 17 What do multinational corporations search for on a global basis ?  
 18 How does Stiglitz define globalization ?  
 19 How has economic globalization hijacked culture ?  
 20 Why do we say that the motion of human rights is universal ?  
 21 What was the motivating slogan behind the American Civil War ?  
 22 What, according to Aruna Roy, is the power of ordinary people ?  
 23 Describe Valmiki's childhood before he went to school.  
 24 Why does Sen call work outside the home space 'educational' for women ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

**Part C**

*Answer any four of the following questions, each in around 100 words.  
 Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 Why, according to Capra, do the workers undergo acute suffering in times of economic recession ?  
 26 Analyse the transformation of the Kalahandi market.  
 27 Enumerate the signs of hope for a better world in Palkhivala's view.  
 28 What is Arundhati Roy's exhortation to those interested in social activism ?  
 29 What does the widow say about the remarriage of widows ?  
 30 How does Amartya Sen relate women's gainful employment to a visible change in their destiny ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

**Part D**

*Answer any two of the following questions, each in around 300 words.  
 Each question carries a weight of 4.*

- 31 How does Vandana Shiva demonstrate that economic globalization has not been an unmixed blessing ?  
 32 Examine the intricacies of the master-slave relationship in the story "Lost Forests".  
 33 What transformation does Mrs. Pearson succeed in effecting in her family ?

(2 × 4 = 8)