

B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2013**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))

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 Why does Fritjof Capra equate our economic and institutional structures to dinosaurs ?
(a) Because they are likely to meet deadly enemies.
(b) Because they are too big to survive.
(c) Because they fail to adapt to changes.
(d) Because they are weak in spite of their size.
- 2 Stiglitz says that the supporters of globalization are :
(a) Balanced and well-informed.
(b) More rational than the opponents of globalization.
(c) More unbalanced than the opponents of globalization.
(d) More boastful than the opponents of globalization.
- 3 What does Lawrence mean when he says that money 'has got us down' ?
(a) That it has ruined us. (b) That it has made us fearful.
(c) That it has made us greedy. (d) That it has made us cruel.
- 4 Why was globalization pictured as "a rising tide that will raise all boats" ?
(a) It was expected to provide more water for drinking and irrigation.
(b) It was hoped that globalization would lead to equality.
(c) It was expected to increase transportation facilities.
(d) It was believed that the benefits of globalization would trickle down to all.
- II. 5 What, according to Jagannath Prasad Das, is a mark of 'exclusive prosperity' among the poor in Kalahandi ?
(a) The possession of utensils. (b) The possession of two earthen pots.
(c) Thatched roofs. (d) Huts to live in.

Turn over

6 What was the only human rights intervention made by the League of Nations ?

- (a) The protection of minorities. (b) The protection of refugees.
- (c) The protection of slaves. (d) The protection of prisoners.

7 The primary idea of human rights involves :

- (a) Rights of the government.
- (b) Rights to work for the government.
- (c) Rights formulated by the government.
- (d) Rights to oppose the government.

8 What does King mean by the statement "1963 is not an end" ?

- (a) African Americans will not withdraw without getting their due.
- (b) The rally will be held every year.
- (c) Newer strategies will be tried in future years.
- (d) African Americans will always have new demands.

III. 9 What term does Arundhati Roy use to refer to precision bombing ?

- (a) Destruction. (b) Extermination.
- (c) Elimination. (d) Butchering.

10 What angered Ashok the most ?

- (a) The indifference of people.
- (b) The moral superiority with which people judged him.
- (c) The anger of people.
- (d) The fear with which people looked on him.

11 Why weren't African Americans permitted to grow vegetables ?

- (a) It was to keep them dependent.
- (b) It was to keep them underfed.
- (c) It was because they had no land of their own.
- (d) It would reduce the land available for growing cotton.

12 What, according to Aruna Roy, is 'empowerment' ?

- (a) Learning to ignore problems.
- (b) Dealing with problems.
- (c) Hoping that problems would disappear.
- (d) Preventing problems.

IV. 13 Why does the widow feel that she needs an explanation from God ?

- (a) Because God had failed to protect her.
- (b) Because she feels that God wanted to punish her alone.
- (c) Because God had ignored her prayers.
- (d) Because God had taken her husband away from her.

14 How does the fellow in the air-conditioned office treat his wife ?

- (a) He ignores her.
- (b) He divorces her.
- (c) He treats her as a sex object.
- (d) He beats her for trifles.

15 How do Mrs. Pearson's children explain her altered behaviour ?

- (a) She is only pretending.
- (b) She is slightly mad.
- (c) She is playing a trick.
- (d) She is ill.

16 As regards inborn resistance to diseases.

- (a) Both men and women are equally placed.
- (b) Men are more resistant.
- (c) Women are more resistant.
- (d) We cannot say who is more resistant.

(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 How is the policy of economic aid humorously defined by Capra ?
- 18 What, according to Lawrence, should be provided free of cost ?
- 19 What does Vandana Shiva mean by the prioritization of culture ?
- 20 What is the fundamental objective of the United Nations according to the 1945 Charter ?
- 21 Describe King's dream about his children's future.
- 22 What does Arundhati Roy say about the philosophy of terrorists ?
- 23 Why was Valmiki taken home by his father during school hours ?
- 24 How is a 'responsible' wife expected to deal with a sick child ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Turn over

Part C

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

- 25 How did the Asian crisis pose a threat to the world economy ?
- 26 How does Shiva illustrate that poverty and malnutrition have been on the rise in India ?
- 27 Why does Palkhivala say that the world continues to be "less than half free" ?
- 28 How does Arundhati Roy account for the increase in instances of violation of human rights ?
- 29 How does Kalpana Jain reveal the inhuman treatment of HIV positive people ?
- 30 How did Valmiki's father win the battle to educate his son ?

(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 Examine Capra's views on the dark side of growth, and comment on their relevance in the Indian context.
- 32 Examine the provisions that exist at present to protect human rights. How far are these effective ?
- 33 How does "Telephone Conversation" present the dehumanizing nature of racial prejudice ?

(2 × 4 = 8)