

**(C.B.C.S.S.) DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2013****Third Semester**

Common Course—English

**REFLECTIONS ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT**

(Common for Model I B.A./B.Sc., Model II B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. and Model III  
B.A. English Literature and Communications Studies Programmes)

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. Who is the sage of Yogic Wisdom that Vallathol refers in his poem ?  
(a) Mahatma Gandhi. (b) Jesus Christ.  
(c) Lord Krishna. (d) The Buddha.
2. "One must eat to live, not live to eat". Whose words are these ?  
(a) Brother Abdul Rahman's. (b) A Persian proverb.  
(c) Mahatma Gandhi's. (d) Raja Rao's.
3. What does Mahatma Gandhi want to carry with him after the Round Table Conference ?  
(a) Truth. (b) Non-violence.  
(c) The hospitality. (d) Honesty.
4. What is awaiting burial on the bank ?  
(a) Dark human forms. (b) House boats.  
(c) Dead animals. (d) Boats.
- II. 5. Which of the following is true ?  
(a) The end of Gandhiji's struggles was to become a true ascetic.  
(b) The end of Gandhiji's struggles was to achieve freedom for the nation.  
(c) The end of Gandhiji's struggles was the creation of India and Pakistan.  
(d) The end of Gandhiji's struggles was to develop the Indian into a free man.

**Turn over**

6. Why was Sakin a Begum in despair over the condition of her son ?
- (a) He was in a state of coma.
  - (b) She was in dire need of money.
  - (c) The doctors did not show much interest in curing her son.
  - (d) There was a threat of another attack on him if he recovered.
7. What is the cause of the mother's tears ?
- (a) Abject poverty.
  - (b) She has heard about the killings.
  - (c) Her daughter has eloped with someone.
  - (d) Her daughter has been killed.
8. Who wrote : "If caste and language complicate the notion of Indian identity, ethnicity makes it worse" ?
- (a) Raja Rao.
  - (b) Shashi Tharoor.
  - (c) Mahatma Gandhi.
  - (d) None of these.

III. 9. Why did Amma refuse to go to Pakistan ?

- (a) She was worried about the uncertainty of settling.
  - (b) She did n't believe in the reports of cheapness of essential goods in Pakistan.
  - (c) She did n't want to leave her motherland.
  - (d) She was senile.
10. Why does smoke emerge with the poet's sighs ?
- (a) Because of her illness.
  - (b) It is symbolic of evil.
  - (c) Because she is exposed to smoke.
  - (d) She has smoked cigarettes.
11. Who coined the term 'transpersonal ecology' ?
- (a) Fritjof Capra.
  - (b) Joanna Macy.
  - (c) Warwick Fox.
  - (d) Theodore Roszak.
12. What does the snake want ?
- (a) To be fed properly.
  - (b) To be worshipped as a god.
  - (c) To be treated as a pet in the house.
  - (d) To be treated as a friend.



IV. 13. Who was the founder of the Chipko Movement ?

- (a) Ramachandra Guha. (b) Mahatma Gandhi.  
(c) Chandi Prasad Bhatt. (d) Sunderlal Bahuguna.

14. Which of the following is not true about times of plenty ?

- (a) People let meat get spoilt.  
(b) People became high-stomached and revived quarrels.  
(c) Even dogs were fat with overeating.  
(d) They saved enough for the hard times.

15. Why did not the fish fight ?

- (a) He was submissive to the poet.  
(b) He knew it was no use fighting.  
(c) He was merely bidding his time.  
(d) He was afraid.

16. Which of the following is true ?

- (a) The poet was scared by the ghosts.  
(b) The poet was pleased to have memories of the past.  
(c) The poet was curious about ghosts.  
(d) The poet was determined to exercise the ghosts.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

*Answer any five of the following each in a sentence or two.  
Weight 1 each.*

17. What is the poet's attitude to his master ?  
18. How does Joad define the power bestowed by physical force ?  
19. How did Mahatma Gandhi liberate India ?  
20. What harm did the English do before leaving India ?  
21. What is the poet's attitude to the snake ?  
22. What is the significance of the title 'The Law of Life' ?  
23. Why is oxygen described as terrible ?  
24. How does the Indian look upon water ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

**Turn over**

**Part C**

*Answer any four of the following each in about 100 words.  
Weight 2 each.*

25. Describe how the constitution of India came into being ?
26. How is Mahatma Gandhi indebted to Thoreau ?
27. What will never be effaced from Mahatma Gandhi's memory ?
28. Why did the poet decide to release the fish ?
29. Comment on the statement, 'The earth does not belong to man ; man belongs to the earth'.
30. Why is the poet critical of the urban mode of life ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

**Part D**

*Answer any two of the following each in about 200 words.  
Weight 4 each.*

31. Evaluate Louis Fischer's tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.
32. Summarise Gandhiji's arguments at the Round Table Conference.
33. Write a critical appreciation of the poet's first meeting with the king cobra.

(2 × 4 = 8)