

UG DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2015**Third Semester**

Common Course—English—REFLECTIONS ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

(For Model I B.A./B.Sc. and Model II B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. and Model III B.A. English Literature and Communication Studies Programmes)

[2013 Admission onwards]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A

*Answer the following questions in a sentence or two.
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. How did the British retain their control over the territories ruled by the Princes ?
2. What was the Magistrate guilty of, according to Abdul Rahman ?
3. What are the similarities between Gandhiji and Harischandra ?
4. What is the meaning of Nehru's assertion 'Gandhi has straightened our backs and stiffened our spines' ?
5. What does the author say about the snake and the rat playing under the master's bed ?
6. What has happened to the resources of India according to the experts from the federation of commerce and industry ?
7. Why is Gandhiji's experiment with civil disobedience significant for the contemporary west ?
8. What was Roshan's response when Sakina Begum asked him not to bring food to the hospital ?
9. What can a person do instead of thinking about caste and creed when innocent people are butchered ?
10. What does Shashi Tharoor mean when he says that in India one can be many things and one thing ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any eight of the following questions in about 60 words each.

Each question carries 2 marks.

11. Comment on the behaviour of Roopchandji after the departure of Amma's family for Pakistan.
12. How do the townsfolk respond to the carnage ?

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13. Write a short note on ecological ethics.
14. What does the poet say about the fragrance of the champak trees ?
15. Describe the grievances of the snake regarding the way it is treated by human beings.
16. How does Ramesh Pahari summarize the work of Bhatt and DGSM ?
17. Describe the preparation of Koskoosh's family for the journey to the new place.
18. Describe the significance of the wall-paper image in 'The Fish'.
19. Write a short note on the implications of the statement 'The Earth does not belong to man'.
20. Which are the animals mentioned in the poem 'The Last Conservative' ?
21. What is the attitude of Dr. Rajendra Prasad to the village folk in India ?
22. Examine the attitude of the riders on the houseboat towards the dark human forms.

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

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

23. Consider Abdul Rahman as a wandering Fakir.
24. What does the poet say about the impact of Gandhiji's utterances ?
25. Describe Gandhi's view of health.
26. How did the people respond to the mysterious appearance of Gauri ?
27. What does a nation of 350 millions require to achieve its goal ?
28. What instances does C.E.M. Joad cite as evidences of the politician in Gandhi ?
29. Discuss the optimism in 'Smaller Gandhis'.
30. How does Shashi Tharoor argue that there is no archetypal Indian ?
31. Write a short note on the ending of the short story 'Roots' ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

*Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words each.
Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. Write an essay on the salient features of the Indian Constitution.
33. Attempt a character sketch of Brother Abdul Rahman.
34. Describe the changes that are coming in our outlook on the world.
35. Write a critical appreciation to the poem 'The Last Conservative'.

(2 × 15 = 30)