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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, December 2016
(First Degree Programme Under CBCSS)
Foundation Course – I
EN 1121 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
(2013, 2014 and 2015 Admissions)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, **each** in a **word** or **sentence**.

- 1) What is meant by multi-credit ?
- 2) Expand the acronym IMF.
- 3) Who is John Locke ?
- 4) Name the Chinese Buddhist pilgrim who visited India during fifth century BC ?
- 5) From which collection is William Blake's poem 'London' taken from ?
- 6) Expand UDHR.
- 7) Write the names of the young poet and the barrister-at-law in the crowd who defended and denounced Gandhiji.
- 8) Which theory of gender is a response to biological theories that argue that gender differences are attributes of nature ?
- 9) Which place was Oppol married off to ?
- 10) What sight makes the poet less forlorn ? **(10x1=10 Marks)**

II. Answer **any eight**, **each** in a short paragraph, **not** exceeding **50** words.

- 11) A note on Apartheid system.
- 12) What is meant by Bretton Woods system and mention a Bretton Woods institution.
- 13) What attitude of the Indians is reflected in Arthasastra ?
- 14) Why is historical study of the Indus region and Gujarat important ?
- 15) Why can't men feel the grandeur of God ?

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- 16) What does the phrase "Sordid boon" imply ?
- 17) What is the basic difference between human rights and citizenship rights ?
- 18) Comment on the use of the adjective "chartered" with the river Thames.
- 19) Why did Bakha not rush into the crowd ?
- 20) How will flush system remove untouchability, according to the poet Iqbal Nath Sarshar ?
- 21) What role does "symbolic hegemony" play in the caste system in India ?
- 22) What changes does Appu observe in the behaviour of Valiyamma after the departure of Oppol ? **(8x2=16 Marks)**

III. Answer **any six each** in paragraph, **not exceeding 100 words**.

- 23) How is the current phase of globalization different from the previous phases ?
- 24) A note on Tagore's internationalism as opposed to the current ideology of globalisation.
- 25) Impact of colonialism and introduction of railway system on the forests of India.
- 26) What is Romila Thappar's opinion regarding technological innovation ?
- 27) What are manifestations of the God's grandeur as observed by Hopkins ?
- 28) A note on the romantic traits in Wordsworth's poem.
- 29) "William Blake's poem 'London' is a powerful indictment of capitalism". Write a note on this.
- 30) What are Gandhiji's views on untouchability and what advice does he give to the untouchables ?
- 31) How does Appu react when he comes to know that his Oppol has gone away ? **(6x4=24 Marks)**

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

- 32) Write an essay on the globalised world, bringing out the points put forward by Avinash Jha.
 - 33) Summarise the views of Romila Thappar on forests and settlements.
 - 34) Discuss the definition of human rights and its relevance to the people in general and marginalized groups in particular.
 - 35) How far did M.T. Vasudevan Nair succeed in evoking a world of emotional loss, deprivation and suffering in his 'Elder Sister : Oppol' ? **(2x15=30 Marks)**
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FOUNDATION COURSE - I
EN 1121 : Writings on Contemporary Issues
(2016 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer all questions, each in a word or sentence :

- 1) What are the favourable trends in society regarding human rights issues in the 20th century ?
- 2) What is the significance of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action ?
- 3) How does the little black boy see himself ?
- 4) Identify the twin aspects of the resolution of the Nari Mukti Sangharsh Sammelan.
- 5) What information did the woman in 'The Goddess of Revenge' hide from the men who were attracted towards her ?
- 6) What is the grandmother's response to the child's question in 'Nani' ?
- 7) What is the sociological impact of globalisation ?
- 8) What is the solution to the worldwide environmental and social breakdown ?
- 9) What impact does alcohol have on an adolescent's brain ?
- 10) Name the two contemporary approaches to college-based prevention of substance use.

(10×1=10 Marks)

II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words :

- 11) What does Justice Krishna Iyer think of the 'Westoxicated' champions of the New World Order ?
- 12) How did socio-economic rights come to be the exclusive domain of the executive and the legislature ?



- 13) What picture do you get of racism in 'The Little Black Boy' ?
- 14) Why does Gail say that violence against women and their economic exploitation are in a circular relationship ?
- 15) What prompted the woman in 'The Goddess of Revenge' to think that all men are monsters ?
- 16) How does the child in the poem 'Nani' register the death of the maid ?
- 17) Trace the evolution of globalisation over the centuries.
- 18) How is the local produce better than global food products ?
- 19) Identify the images in the poem 'Freedom' that represent liberation for the common man.
- 20) What are the three stages which an alcoholic person passes through ?
- 21) What are the acute effects of alcohol abuse ?
- 22) What is the 'blue smoke' referred to in the poem 'The Alcoholic at Dawn' ?

(8×2=16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six, each** in a paragraph **not** exceeding **100** words :

- 23) What is Justice Krishna Iyer's opinion of the Supreme Court verdict in the FACT ammonia storage tank case in Kerala ?
- 24) What is the role of the Supreme Court of India in human rights jurisprudence in our country ?
- 25) How can Indian women fall back on their tradition and culture to cope with violence ?
- 26) What was the condition of the woman's own house, in the story 'The Goddess of Revenge' when she left her husband's home ?
- 27) What is the underlying theme of the poem 'Nani' ?
- 28) What does Stiglitz say about pro-globalization policies worldwide ?
- 29) Identify the biblical overtones of the poem 'Freedom'.
- 30) Discuss the effects of addictive process in brain structures.
- 31) What is alcohol abuse and how does it differ from alcohol dependence ?

(6×4=24 Marks)



IV. Answer any two of the following in not less than 300 words :

32) How does Justice Krishna Iyer look back at India at the close of the millennium and what are his hopes for the future ?

33) How does Gail Omvedt present the victimisation of women in India ?

34) Outline the measures required at the national level to leverage out the gains associated with internationalization of business and trade.

35) Discuss the detrimental effects of alcoholism.

(2×15=30 Marks)

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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, January 2016
(First Degree Programme Under CBCSS)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
Foundation Course – I
EN 1121 : Writings on Contemporary Issues
(2013 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, **each** in a **word** or **sentence** :

- 1) What is the metaphor Tagore uses to signify the flow of time ?
- 2) Who wrote the book *Gendering caste: Through a Feminist Lens* ?
- 3) What does Hopkins contrast with the beauty of nature ?
- 4) Expand UDHR.
- 5) _____ is an Ancient Indian treatise that discusses the importance of forest wealth.
- 6) What is the FRBM Act ?
- 7) According to Wordsworth, how do people lay waste their powers.
- 8) Who is the Englishwoman Bakha sees with the Mahatma ?
- 9) What does Blake mean by the phrase "mind-forg'd manacles" ?
- 10) Why does Appu refuse to believe Janu's dream about God ?

(10×1=10 Marks)

II. Answer **any eight**, **each** in a short paragraph **not** exceeding **50** words :

- 11) What is the theme of Tagore's poem ?
- 12) What is the "sordid boon" in Wordsworth's "The World is too much with Us" ?
- 13) What is Romila Thapar's attitude to technological innovations ?
- 14) G-20.
- 15) What does the poet see and hear in the "charter'd" streets of London ?
- 16) What signs of modernity do you find in the village life featured in "Oppol" ?



- 17) "And all is seared with trade". What does Hopkins critique here ?
- 18) Explain Locke's conception of natural rights.
- 19) How does Laura Mulvey theories male gaze ?
- 20) What is the feeling the Mahatma's story about Uka evokes in Bakha ?
- 21) What is the major difference Amit Bhaduri perceives between the economies of India and China ?
- 22) Bakha's feelings on seeing the Mahatma. **(8x2=16 Marks)**

III. Answer **any six, each** in a paragraph **not exceeding 100 words** :

- 23) Thematic parallels in the poems of Wordsworth and Hopkins prescribed for study.
- 24) Examine Blake's attitude towards the city as expressed in his poem "London".
- 25) The politics of globalization, according to Amit Bhaduri.
- 26) The eternal character of love in Tagore's poem.
- 27) Caste discrimination as a human rights condition.
- 28) The importance of eco zones in Tamil Sangham literature.
- 29) The free market principle of globalization.
- 30) The impact of the Mahatma's speech on Bakha.
- 31) Gender socialization. **(6x4=24 Marks)**

IV. Answer **any two, each** in about **three hundred words** :

- 32) How does the innocence of the child narrator accentuate the pathos of the story "Oppol" ?
 - 33) Summarise the key arguments of Avinash Jha in "The Globalized World".
 - 34) Examine the concept of human rights, the context of its evolution and its contemporary relevance.
 - 35) Critically examine various theoretical approaches to Gendered subjectivity, discussed in the essay "Gender, Culture and History". **(2x15=30 Marks)**
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