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B A DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION MARCH 2016

SEMESTER - 2: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE FOR BA, BSC)

COURSE: U2CCENG4 - MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES

(For Regular - 2015 Admission & Supplementary - 2014 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART-A

Answer **all** questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What according to Fritjof Capra are corporate executives supposed to leave outside before entering their board meetings?
2. What does Lawrence mean when he says that '*they will make me eat dirt*'?
3. What are the two aspects of the food and agrarian crisis in India according to Vandana Shiva?
4. Leah Levin states that the first international treaties concerning human rights were linked with the acceptance of
5. How does Martin Luther King describe the Emancipation Proclamation?
6. How does the landlady react when the caller announces that he is an African in *Telephone Conversation*?
7. How does democracy ensure empowerment according to Aruna Roy?
8. How did the *johri*/pond of *Dabbowali* get the name?
9. How does the fellow in the air-conditioned office treat his wife?
10. How many years did Mrs. Fitzgerald live in the East?

(1 x 10 = 10)

PART-B

Answer **any eight** of the following, each in two or three sentences.

Each question carries 2 marks.

11. The Uruguay Round while strengthening intellectual property rights of the developed West condemned individuals in developing countries to death. Substantiate.
12. Why does S. Joseph refer to each house as a village in his poem *For the Dispossessed*?
13. What is meant by 'Kalahandi is very close to us'?
14. What do we find in a particular cage in a zoo at Lusaka? What does it imply?
15. What were the arch remarks Arundhati Roy was subjected to when the Sydney Peace Prize was announced?
16. What does Soyinka mean with the expression 'the location was indifferent'?
17. How does Aruna Roy show that 'our 55 year old experiment with democracy has been a mixed bag'?

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18. What does Omprakash Valmiki mean when he says, “This was our no-win situation”?
19. What is the obvious contrast between the public and private behaviour of the employee in Taslima Nasrin’s poem?
20. What are the changes in her mother that astonish Doris?

(2 x 8 = 16)

PART-C

Answer **any five** of the following, each in 100 words each.

Each question carries 5 marks.

21. How does Joseph Stiglitz demonstrate that Foreign aid has brought benefits to millions?
22. Broadly classify the rights that come under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948.
23. Enumerate the signs of hope for a better world that Palkhivala sees.
24. ‘Terrorism is only the privatisation of war’. Explain Arundhati’s stand on war and terrorism.
25. How did Valmiki’s father win the battle to educate his son?
26. What is the code of conduct for wives when guests arrive? Do you agree with Judy Brady? If not enumerate your views.
27. What does the term ‘missing women’ imply? What is Amartya Sen’s rough estimate of the number of missing women?

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART-D

Answer **any two** of the following, each in **300** words each.

Each question carries 12 marks.

28. ‘*Mere size or reach need not entail quality.*’ What are Fritjof Capra’s views on the nature and role of multinational corporations with reference to the statement?
29. Describe the trials, tribulations and aspirations of the African Americans as pointed out by Martin Luther King. What is the dream King has?
30. How does Kalpana Jain delineate a serious social problem in the extract *Stigma, Shame and Silence*?
31. What is the transformation Mrs. Pearson succeeds in effecting in her family members?

(12 x 2 = 24)
