B A/BSC DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2015 SEMESTER - 3: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE FOR BA & BSC) COURSE: U3CCENG5 – REFLECTIONS ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART-A

Answer **all** questions, in not more than two/three sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What, according to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, is special about the choice of the official language?
- 2. How does K. D. Sebastian depict the unhygienic living conditions of the poor folk in *'Exciting Views'*?
- 3. Why does Vallathol compare Gandhi to a lamp of smokeless flame?
- 4. What is strange about Deve Gowda's Independence Day address to the Nation?
- 5. What was the only decoration in Gandhi's mud-walled hut?
- 6. How did the carpenters make money after the death of Gauri?
- 7. Why, according to Gandhiji, is he treated as a great friend of the 'real English man'?
- 8. What is a sustainable society according to Lester Brown?
- 9. What happened to the rabbit in old age?
- 10. What does Seattle say about the cities of the white man? $(1 \times 10 = 10)$

PART-B

Answer any **eight** of the following, each in three / four sentences. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Describe the occupations of the people butchered in the violence in 'Can You Make Out?'
- 12. What did the liveried peon ask Abdul Rahman to do before entering the court?
- 13. How did Sadiq die?
- 14. What does Padma Sachdev see on the ancient steps leading to the river?
- 15. Why does A. K. Ramanujan come home in a rage?
- 16. What does the snake say about the snake-charmers making it perform in public places?
- 17. What is the significance of the rainbow in '*The Fish*'?
- 18. What does Robinson Jeffers mean by saying that the place was 'maiden'?
- 19. How does the journalist Ramesh Pahari describe Chandi Prasad Bhatt?
- 20. What, according to Seattle, would happen if all the beasts were gone? $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

PART-C

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

Each question carries 5 marks.

- 21. What is the difference between heterodoxy in art and heterodoxy in politics or morals?
- 22. Why was Amma determined to stay back while the whole family set out for Pakistan?
- 23. Describe the end of old Koskoosh.
- 24. What is the link between ecology and psychology?
- 25. What is the attitude of Dr. Rajendra Prasad to the village folk in India?
- 26. How did the people respond to the mysterious appearance of Gauri?
- 27. How does Shashi Tharoor argue that there is no archetypal Indian?

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

PART-D

Answer **any two** of the following, each in **300** words each. Each question carries 12 marks.

- 28. What were the difficulties faced by the framers of the constitution? How did they overcome them?
- 29. Which aspects of the Mahatma's personality does Raja Rao highlight through the image of the divine cow?
- 30. Attempt a character sketch of Sakina Begum.
- 31. What law of life is illustrated by the story of old Koshkoosh's life?

(2 x 12 = 24)

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