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B.COM DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION MARCH 2016
SEMESTER – 4: COMMON COURSE ENGLISH
COURSE: U4CCENG6C - REFLECTIONS ON VITAL ISSUES

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART A**Attempt the following questions in a word/ phrase or a sentence.**

1. Why does Fritjof Capra equate our economic and institutional structures to Dinosaurs?
2. How do people in the West regard the low-paying jobs at Nike?
3. What does Lawrence mean when he says that they will “make me eat dirt”?
4. What, according to Vandana Shiva, are the two aspects of the food and agrarian crisis in India?
5. Why does Vandana Shiva say that the “grow more wheat” package will deplete soil health?
6. What is the only sign of prosperity found among the poor in Kalahandi?
7. What is the vanishing act that Palkhivala writes about?
8. What is the ultimate measure to check whether a society is civilized?
9. King says that African Americans have come to cash a check. What does he mean?
10. Who wrote the poem “For the Dispossessed”? (1 x 10 = 10)

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

11. How is the policy of economic aid humorously defined by Fritjof Capra in “The Dark Side of Growth”?
12. What, according to D.H. Lawrence in the poem “Money Madness”, should be provided free of cost?
13. How is development likely to affect the jobs of the ordinary people in the poem, “For the Dispossessed” by S. Joseph?
14. What does Vandana Shiva mean by the prionization of culture?
15. When will the African Americans be satisfied, according to Martin Luther King?
16. What, according to Palkhivala, was the motivating slogan behind the American Civil War?
17. How does Martin Luther King regard the Emancipation Proclamation?
18. Why was Ashok angry with the Pune doctor who told him that he had AIDS?
19. Do you think the girl is attentive to what the old woman says? What evidence do you have to substantiate your argument?
20. How does the man in the air-conditioned office behave towards his wife? (2 x 8 = 16)

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PART C

Answer any five of the following, each in fifty words.

21. How does Capra elucidate today's world economy?
 22. How has globalization affected the Third World?
 23. Why does Lawrence say that "money is our madness"?
 24. What are the civil and political rights enshrined in the Universal declaration of Human Rights?
 25. Critically examine Palkhivala's statement that the world continues to be "less than half free"
 26. What are the dreams that King has for the black people of his country?
 27. How does Soyinka demonstrate the African's attitude towards the White lady?
- (5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

Answer any two, each in not less than 300 words

28. What are AmartyaSen's views on gender disparity in the world? What factors does he take into consideration to identify strong variations in the numbers across countries?
 29. How has Omprakash Valmiki portrayed caste discrimination in the villages? Examine "Joothan" as typical Dalit writing.
 30. Examine Palkhivala's evaluation of the current status of human rights in the world.
 31. What solutions do Aruna Roy recommend for the disadvantaged sections of the society?
- (12 x 2 = 24)
