

B. A. / B. Sc. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2017
SEMESTER – 3: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE)
COURSE: 15U3CCENG5, REFLECTIONS ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

(For Regular - 2016 Admission and Supplementary / Improvement 2015 & 2014 Admission)

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 is the meaning of Nehru's assertion 'Gandhi has straightened our backs and stiffened our spines'?
2. What is a sustainable society according to Lester Brown?
3. What are philosophers noted for?
4. How did the carpenters make money after the death of Gauri?
5. Define Secularism.
6. What does Seattle say about the cities of the White man?
7. What does the poet see hanging from the lower jaw of the fish?
8. What was Roshan's response when Sakina Begum asked him not to bring food to the hospital?
9. What are the things which encourage the growth of fanaticism?
10. Describe the burial ground on the bank of the lake.

(1 x 10 = 10)

PART-B

Answer any Eight of the following questions in three/four sentences.

Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What is the role of conventions in a democracy?
12. What makes Gandhi healthy, happy and light hearted?
13. Name the animals haunting the forest kept by the poet?
14. What does Seattle want the white man to teach their children?
15. What is the poet's attitude to the Champak trees?
16. Comment on the behaviour of Roopchandji after the departure of Amma's family for Pakistan.
17. Bring out the comparison between Gandhiji and Harischandra.
18. What is the poet's attitude to religion and caste in the poem 'Can you make out'?
19. Why was old Koskoosh left alone while the others shifted to a new place?
20. What does a nation of 350 million require to achieve its goal?

(2 x 8 = 16)

PART-C

Answer any Five of the following questions in a paragraph.

Each question carries 5 marks

21. Describe the poet's experience of beatitude at the end of the poem?
22. How do the townsfolk respond to the carnage?
23. Comment on the ending of the story 'Smaller Gandhis'?
24. How according to Gandhiji can religious harmony be re-established in India?
25. Examine the attitude of the riders on the houseboat towards the dark human forms.
26. Write a short note on ecological ethics.
27. Describe the grievances of the snake regarding the way it is treated by human beings?

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART-D

Answer any Two of the following questions in essay form in about 300 words.

Each question carries 12 marks.

28. Give an account of Shashi Tharoor's views on the pluralism of Indian Society.
29. How did the people of the Himalayan Valleys protest against commercial forestry?
30. Attempt a character sketch of Brother Abdul Rahman.
31. Evaluate 'My Master' as a hymn to the father of the Nation. Does the poet succeed in bringing to light the unique qualities of his master?

(12 x 2 = 24)
