

**B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – APRIL/JULY 2021****SEMESTER - 2: ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE)****COURSE: 15U2CCENG4: MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES***(Common for Supplementary 2018/2017/2016 /2015/2014 Admissions)*

Time: Three Hours

Maximum 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. Which part of the world has the lowest proportion of women in the world?
3. What are the two aspects of the food and agrarian crisis in India according to Vandana Shiva?
4. What was the motivating slogan behind the American Civil war?
5. What does King mean by the statement “1963 is not an end”?
6. Why did Korra examine the teeth of the slave?
7. How does the landlady react when the caller announces that he is an African in “Telephone Conversation”?
8. Why did the headmaster ask Valmiki to sweep the school compound?
9. What is Stiglitz’s opinion about the haves and the have-nots?
10. What according to Aruna Roy is the biggest horror of any individual? (1 x 10 =10)

**PART B***Answer **any eight** of the following, each in two **or** three sentences.**Each question carries **2** marks.*

11. What are the images used by S Joseph to indicate the dangers of deforestation?
12. What do we find in a particular cage in a zoo at Lusaka? What does it imply?
13. Comment on Mrs. Pearson’s attitude to her family before Mrs Fitzgerald interfered.
14. Justify the title “Money Madness.”
15. Write a note on the hypocrisy that you see in “Kalahandi.”
16. What are Capra’s opinions on the existing legal framework of the corporate world?
17. What does Soyinka mean by the expression “the location was indifferent”?
18. What is King’s dream about the future of his children?
19. What does the 'west' signify in the story “Lost Forests”?
20. What does Aruna Roy say about the power of the ordinary people? (2 x 8 = 16)

**PART C**

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

Each question carries **5** marks.

21. Write a note on the advice of the old woman to the young girl in Jamaica Kincaid's piece.
22. Do you think that anger is a logical reaction in Ashok? What are the experiences that made him angry?
23. Enumerate the signs of hope for a better world that Palkhivala sees.
24. Briefly explain the satirical touch in Nasrin's portrayal of the employee.
25. Mrs. Fitzgerald advises Mrs. Pearson not to be soft on her family. How does she prove her point?
26. What is the code of conduct for wives when guests arrive? Do you agree with Judy Brady? Enumerate your views.
27. Evaluate "For the Dispossessed" as a nature poem. (5 x 5 = 25)

**PART D**

Answer **any two** of the following in about **300** words.

Each question carries **12** marks.

28. Write an essay on the main arguments raised by Stiglitz in "Globalisation".
29. How does Amartya Sen substantiate his argument that "more than 100 million women are missing"?
30. How does Kalpana Jain delineate a serious social problem in the extract "Stigma, Shame and Silence"?
31. Attempt an evaluation of J B Priestley's "Mother's Day". (12 x 2 = 24)

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