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# B.COM DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION : NOVEMBER 2023 SEMESTER 3 : ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE) COURSE : 19U3CCENG5C : INDIA RETOLD: READING ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND

SUSTAINABILITY (For Regular - 2022 Admission and Improvement/Supplementary - 2021/2020/2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

## PART A Answer All (1 mark each)

- 1. Explain how Nehru establishes that both imperialist and fascist forces are responsible for bringing cold war nearer.
- 2. What is charlatanism?
- 3. Who is the first non-European to win Nobel prize in literature?
- 4. Why, according to Gandhi, are Christ and Buddha right in preaching forgiveness?
- 5. Identify the real quality of India that was born in 1947, as mentioned by Tharoor in "The Idea of India".
- 6. What should be the Indian approach to fascism according to Nehru?
- 7. Describe why children were given forced holiday from school.
- 8. State one historical happening which provides opportunities for corruption.
- 9. Name the Muslim friend who visits Bishan Singh.
- 10. What was the 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment of the Indian constitution about?

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$ 

### PART B Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

- 11. Elucidate why is it difficult to get a definition of the term democracy?
- 12. State the difference between the faiths of a Karnataka Brahmin and a Bihari Kurmi from the perspective of Shashi Tharoor.
- 13. Cite the contribution of the articles 14 to 21 and 25 of our Constitution.
- 14. Explain the difference between Indian federation and American federation.
- 15. What are the comparisons Tagore make to speak of reason and dead habits?
- 16. Under what circumstance does Roshan discontinue from school?
- 17. State why Amma was mute when others praised Chabban Mian as a crusader?
- 18. What was Brother Abdul Rahman's attitude to religion?
- 19. State the method employed by Gandhiji to deal with corruption in high places.
- 20. Explain any one quality of a reasonable man.

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$ 

#### PART C

#### Answer any 5 (5 marks each)

- 21. Assess the structure of the poem "Can You Make Out".
- 22. Explain the fundamental difference between Indian constitution and Australian constitution?
- 23. Attempt a character sketch of Bishan Singh.
- 24. Observe how the British succeeded in sowing the seeds of religious hatred in India.

- 25. Discuss the context that prompted Tagore to write the poem Gitanjai 35.
- 26. Explain why did Nehru say that India has to design a new foreign policy and link that to national struggles.
- 27. Justify the statement: "India is secular and pluralistic in nature... politically divisive forces create communal pressure".

(5 x 5 = 25)

# PART D

#### Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

- 28. Analyse the reaction of the lunatics to the exchange. How is it a commentary on the Partition?
- 29. Explain the choice before India that Nehru suggests in the essay 'The Choice Before Us'.
- 30. ExplainTharoor's ideas about tolerance of plurality, questions of language and ethnicity.
- 31. Do you think the prayer of Tagore in Gitanjali 35 has come true in the post independent India?

(12 x 2 = 24)