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B.COM. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2024**SEMESTER 3 : ENGLISH (COMMON COURSE)****COURSE : 19U3CCENG5C : INDIA RETOLD: READING ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND SUSTAINABILITY***(For Regular 2023 Admission and Improvement/Supplementary 2022/2021/2020/2019 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, according to Joad, is Gandhi's supreme claim to our gratitude?
3. Why, according to Gandhi, are Christ and Buddha right in preaching forgiveness?
4. Deduce why Amma refused to go to Pakistan.
5. Define Secularism.
6. Who was the first Law minister of Independent India?
7. Identify the real quality of India that was born in 1947, as mentioned by Tharoor in "The Idea of India"
8. In which year did Tagore receive Nobel Prize for literature?
9. Why is it said that American President is more powerful than anybody else in the country?
10. Through which popular BBC radio programme did CEM Joad become a celebrity?
(1 x 10 = 10)

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

11. Indicate who, according to Kumar Vikal, are the victims of the widespread communal violence.
12. Why does Bishan Singh say that the man called 'God' did not answer his prayer?
13. What was Brother Abdul Rahman's attitude to religion?
14. Explain Amma's worry about the saplings that she used to nurse?
15. What, according to Kumar Vikal, can a person do instead of thinking about caste and creed when innocent people are butchered?
16. Explain the similarities between Indian federation and the American Federation.
17. Why was the magistrate angry with Brother Abdul Rahman ?
18. How, in Joad's view, does one generate the most distinctive virtue of humanity?
19. Explain why Kumar Vikal says that he is not able to find the inner meanings of the cries of the people
20. What did the peon ask Abdul Rahman to do before entering the court?
(2 x 8 = 16)

PART C

Answer any 5 (5 marks each)

21. Evaluate Gandhi's belief that "religious superstition is harmless compared to that of modern civilization."
22. Explain why does Hornby argue that any attempt to define democracy is a futile effort.
23. Identify the impact of the John Company in systematizing and sanctioning administrative corruption
24. Explain the fundamental difference between Indian constitution and British constitution.
25. Describe Indian Pluralism and its context in the post-independent scenario
26. Appraise the ending of the short story 'Roots'.
27. Critique Indian response to imperialism that Nehru envisages in the essay 'The Choice Before Us'?

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

28. Assess how the story "Roots" throws light on questions of nationality.
29. Explain the challenges faced by Tamilnadu Panchayat Act of 1994 with examples from the essay "Signs of Change"
30. Analyse the reaction of the lunatics to the exchange. How is it a commentary on the Partition?
31. "Into that heaven of freedom, my father let my country awake"- Analyse and comment on the "heaven of freedom that Tagore dreamt for India.

(12 x 2 = 24)