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First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

Foundation Course – I

EN 1121 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(2016 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, **each** in a **word** or **sentence** :

- 1) What is an NGO ?
- 2) What was the first principle of the Rio Declaration of 1992 ?
- 3) Who was Roop Kunwar ?
- 4) Who is the young girl in the story "The Goddess of Revenge" ?
- 5) What is alcoholism ?
- 6) How do the words of his mother help the little black boy in the racist world ?
- 7) What are stimulants ?
- 8) Who is the narrator in the poem, "Nani" ?
- 9) What happened to the poet's friend in the poem, "Freedom" ?
- 10) Name an economic benefit of local food system. **(10×1=10 Marks)**

II. Answer **any eight**, **each** in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words :

- 11) What is the theme of the poem, "Freedom" ?
- 12) What is radical feminism ?
- 13) Name two instances where PILs helped to keep environmental pollution in check.
- 14) How does alcohol affect our nervous system ?
- 15) "The cloud will vanish and we shall hear his voice" – What does the little black boy mean by this ?
- 16) What is substance abuse ?
- 17) What led the protagonist of the story, "The Goddess of Revenge" down the path of revenge ?



- 18) Explain the concept of human dignity in the light of UDHR.
- 19) Trace the evolution of globalisation over the centuries.
- 20) What happened to the servant maid in the poem, "Nani" ?
- 21) What is the need the narrator realises from the rattling of the cup in the poem, "The Alcoholic at Dawn" ?
- 22) How does smaller-scale production reduce pollution ? (8×2=16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six, each** in a paragraph **not** exceeding **100** words.

- 23) What are the main concerns of Part IV of the Indian Constitution ?
- 24) Write a short note on the use of Christian images in the poem, "The Little Black Boy" by William Blake.
- 25) What are the benefits of globalisation ?
- 26) How does the violence against women within the family differ for upper and lower class women ?
- 27) Attempt a short note on how silences and fallacies bring out to light the truth about Nani in Kamala Das's poem.
- 28) Write a short note on the patriarchal oppression of Namboodiri women in the light of the story, "The Goddess of Revenge".
- 29) What is the significance of the Nari Mukti Sangarsh Sammelan of 1988 ?
- 30) Why does Helena Norberg-Hodge say that we need to abandon the blind pursuit of economic growth ?
- 31) How did 'Westoxication' make India a garbage dump according to Justice Krishna Iyer ? (6×4=24 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** less than **300** words :

- 32) Trace the evolution of women rights movements in India in the light of Gail Omvedt's views on "Violence against Women".
- 33) What are Justice Krishna Iyer's observations about the human rights scenario in contemporary India ?
- 34) Discuss the banes of alcoholism in the context of the poems of Balachandran Chulikkad and Jeet Tayil.
- 35) What are the advantages of 'going local' according to Helena Norberg-Hodge ? (15×2=30 Marks)