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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, January 2024

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Foundation Course — I

EN 1121/CG 1121.3 — WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(Common for B.A./B.Sc. English and Communicative English)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. Name two NGO's mentioned in the article.
 2. Expand UTM and AI.
 3. Which 'gizmo' is the author wary of?
 4. What has the wide use of new techniques such as sonograms led to?
 5. What is the full form of IMF?
 6. What is geriatric?
 7. What is nomophobia?
 8. What is ergonomic mouse?
 9. Expand SARS.
 10. What is gangster capitalism?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer **any eight** questions in not more than **50** words.

11. What changes are now seen in the purpose for which water is used?
12. How does the lack of social support affect old age care in India?
13. What is the sharp regional divide that Sen notices in India?
14. What is the fundamental objective of the United Nations according to 1945 Charter?
15. Describe briefly phantom cat incident.
16. What is the role of authority in the practice of secularism?
17. What is the physicist Roger Penroses's argument based on?
18. What do studies on street children in Delhi reveal?
19. Why does the author believe that her husband's smart phone has a mischievous mind of its own?
20. In India, how are the ratios of girls to boys at birth calculated?
21. How does hunger affect women harder than men in Indian household?
22. Explain the phrase "natality discrimination".

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six** questions in around **100** words.

23. How does privatization dominate our times?
24. How does increased elderly population affect the resources of a country?
25. List some of the "necessary actions" that are mentioned in the concluding section of Sen's essay.
26. Explain why the author mentions that 'the internet was the bane of doctors'.

27. How are social laws significant to society?

28. What are the objections raised against strong AI?

29. What is the best treatment for a drug user?

30. What does Khyrunnisa say about apps?

31. What are the attempts by China and South Korea to empower women?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two** questions in not less than **300** words.

32. Discuss the social challenges faced by elderly people in India.

33. Has your life changed due to the use of Smartphones? Explain with examples.

34. How does Southwell outline his philosophical arguments to explain how the notion of artificial has changed what it means to be human?

35. Explain what Samudranil Mukherjee describes in his article about the prevalence of and effects of drug abuse.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)