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EN 1211.5 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. What is the NGO Charitar Nirman Sewadar Trust engaged in?
 2. What is the key concept that led to the development of the modern computer?
 3. Why is it said that social laws are the spine of a society?
 4. What, according to Khyrunissa, reappears faithfully every year?
 5. What was the League of Nations?
 6. What does the first article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights express?
 7. What is meant by selective abortion of fetuses?
 8. Who wrote The Theory of Moral Sentiments?
 9. Why is addressing geriatric care a herculean task for policy makers in India?
 10. What is SARS?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Attempt **any eight** in not more than **50** words.

11. What does Section 64 of the NDPS Act provide?
12. What does the author mean by 'sustained treatment for drug abuse'?
13. What is Universal Turing Machine?
14. What is the physicist Roger Penrose's argument based on?
15. What did the term 'secular' imply when it was first used?
16. What is the role of religious authority in a secular system?
17. Why does Khyrunissa believe that her husband's smart phone has a mischievous mind of its own?
18. What makes the author say It's not always smart to use the smart phone?
19. What do we mean by the term 'natural law'?
20. Name some of the first attempts at writing down human rights in the form of a document.
21. What connection does Amartya Sen draw between women's literacy and the reduction of fertility?
22. How are the ratios of girls to boys at birth calculated in India?
23. How does the lack of infrastructure affect old age care in India?
24. Write a note on the treatment of elderly people in the traditional family structure.
25. How does hunger affect women harder than men in certain Indian households?
26. How has privatization affected healthcare in India?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)



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

27. What is the scheme implemented by the Haryana Government to curb the menace of drug abuse?
28. What does Southwell say about the intelligence of computers?
29. What, according to Romila Thapar, are the primary concerns of a secular society?
30. How are social laws significant to society?
31. What makes Khyrunnisa say that 'the internet was the bane of doctors'?
32. Trace the formulation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
33. What, according to Amartya Sen, are the advantages of women's education?
34. What are Amartya Sen's views on regional differences in male-female ratio?
35. What makes elder care management more difficult these days?
36. How does caring for the elderly in a rural setting differ from the same in an urban background?
37. How has privatisation caused distress in the current times?
38. How, according to Sainath, does global inequality express itself in the military sphere?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

39. What, according to Samudranil Mukherjee, are the different initiatives taken by the governments and NGOs to fight drug abuse?
40. What are the philosophical questions addressed by Gareth Southwell in the essay 'Artificial Intelligence'?
41. Elaborate on P. Sainath's views on globalisation.



42. How does Khyrunnisa use satire to substantiate her reasons for not using a smart phone?
43. What are Amartya Sen's views on gender discrimination existing in various degrees across India.
44. What, according to Abhay B. Mane, are some of the challenges faced by elderly people in India?

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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