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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, February 2018

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Foundation Course – I

EN 1121 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(2013, 2014 and 2015 Admissions)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

- 1) What is meant by GNP ?
- 2) What does the acronym FRBM in FRBM Act stand for ?
- 3) Who is Fa-hien ?
- 4) Who does brood over the world, in the poem 'God's Grandeur' ?
- 5) In Greek Mythology, who are Proteus and Triton ?
- 6) Which are the two meanings of the word 'right' in common usage, as referred to in 'Thinking About Human Rights' ?
- 7) What does William Blake mean by "the mind – forg'd menacles" ?
- 8) What was the name of the scavenger boy who used to attend Gandhiji's house for cleaning the latrines ?
- 9) What does 'Patriarchy' stand for ?
- 10) What nickname did Kelumaster attribute to Kuttisankaran ? (10x1=10 Marks)

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

- 11) Write a note on "Second Enlightenment".
- 12) Comment on the experience of love in Tagore's 'Unending love'.
- 13) Cult of tree-worship in India.
- 14) What was the belief regarding the future of Buddha's teachings in the 5th Century CE ?
- 15) What similes does Hopkins use to describe the prevalence of God's Grandeur ?



- 16) What does Wordsworth mean by saying "we are out of tune" ?
 - 17) What is Locke's natural rights theory ?
 - 18) Whom does "the youthful harlot" curse and why ?
 - 19) How was Bakha affected by Gandhiji's praise of the Brahmin who did scavenging work ?
 - 20) What, as Gandhiji claims, are the two strongest desires that keep him alive ?
 - 21) The cultural oppression that India faced under British Raj.
 - 22) How did Appu's mind react when he came to know that Oppol had gone away ?
- (8x2=16 Marks)

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

- 23) Explain "home land" and why did the Black Liberation Movement reject the arrangement of homelands.
 - 24) What is the alternative to globalization suggested by Amit Bhanduri ?
 - 25) Explain the Tinnai concept in Tamil Sangham texts.
 - 26) A brief note on the myth of Prithu and its significance.
 - 27) Hopkin's spirituality and optimism as reflected in 'God's Grandeur'.
 - 28) How does the caste system affect the human rights principle in India ?
 - 29) What does the narrator in Blake's poem observe in the streets of London ?
 - 30) How did the West misinterpret the 'Upanishands', according to the poet Iqbal Nath Sarshar ?
 - 31) Why did Appu quarrel with Kuttisankaran ?
- (6x4=24 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two, each** in about **300 words** :

- 32) Write an essay on the negative aspects of globalization, as pointed out by Amit Bhanduri.
 - 33) Briefly narrate the different attitudes towards forests in Indian Culture.
 - 34) Discuss the three different explanations of gender, as explained by Sylvia Walby.
 - 35) Summarise the experience of Bakha during his angry wanderings. (2x15=30 Marks)
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