

SECOND SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2019

English (B.A./B.Sc.)

ENG 2A 04—READINGS ON SOCIETY

(2014 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions. Each question carries 1 mark :—

1 Orology is the scientific study of :

- (a) Earth's crust. (b) Mineral deposits.
(c) Underground water levels. (d) Growth of mountains.

2 Which is the poet mentioned by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in his essay ?

- (a) Gulzar. (b) Farooqi.
(c) Iqbal. (d) Javed.

3 According to Dr. Salim Ali ecology is the interdependence of :

- (a) Man and nature. (b) Flora and fauna.
(c) Man and animals. (d) Animals and nature.

4 The immortal principle that guides the Indians according to Dr. Rajendra Prasad is :

- (a) Unity in diversity. (b) Generosity and Compassion.
(c) Compassion and Welfare. (d) Truth and Ahimsa.

5 What is the agenda of the World Bank, IMF and WTO ?

- (a) Globalization. (b) Privatization.
(c) Liberalization. (d) All (a), (b) and (c).

6 What is STD ?

- (a) Sexually Transferred Disease.
(b) Sexually Transmitted Disease.
(c) Sexually Transmitted Disorder.
(d) Sexually Transmitted Disability.

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- 7 Kochu Rappai's brother Thobias is a :
- (a) Textile dealer. (b) Gold dealer.
(c) Farmer. (d) Planter.
- 8 According to Sen what is 'gainful' employment ?
- (a) Getting more employment.
(b) Making profit.
(c) Working outside home for a wage.
(d) Demanding employment.
- 9 Which of the following is an autobiographical work by Dr. Salim Ali :
- (a) The Fall of a Sparrow. (b) A Bird's Tale.
(c) The Tree of Ideas. (d) The Coming of Winter.
- 10 The narrative technique used in the story 'Widow' is :
- (a) Metafiction. (b) Interior monologue.
(c) Dramatic monologue. (d) Illustration.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer in a sentence or two any *ten* questions. Each question carries 2 marks :—

- 11 Why did the consumer price of wheat rise in India after economic globalization ?
- 12 What has been the result of aggressive egoism in the West ?
- 13 "Our culture is the very life of our nation". Explain.
- 14 What does Salim Ali call " another martyr to human irresponsibility ?
- 15 What led to the extinction of settlements in Greenland ?
- 16 How does Federov define climate ?
- 17 Why doesn't the widow wish to mother a girl child ?
- 18 How did the widow shield her annayya in their youth ?
- 19 How have improvements in communication and technology reacted to ecology ?
- 20 How did friends react to Ashok knowing of his HIV status ?

- 21 What according to Vandana Shiva is needed instead of seed replacement to boost wheat production ?
- 22 How did Kochu Rappai appear for his 60th birth anniversary ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* of 100 words. Each question carries 5 marks :—

- 23 What are the diversities discernable in the subcontinent ?
- 24 The role of international co-operation in solving global climatic problems.
- 25 Discuss briefly latitudinal changes in climate.
- 26 Why does Venkat Chalam compare the widow to Cinderella ?
- 27 How did Ouseph pave the way for the redemption of his 'gift of God' ?
- 28 Examine the causes and effects of the loss of productivity of the land ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. Each question carries 15 marks :—

- 29 Do you think that economic globalization has caused prionization of human culture ? If so, substantiate .
- 30 What are the causes of ecological imbalance on earth, and what are the strategies proposed by Dr. Salim Ali to overcome it ?
- 31 The realty of stigma, shame and resultant silence thrust upon HIV patients as portrayed by Kalpana Jain.
- 32 How does Amartya Sen differ from other sociologists on the question of gender parity or women-men ratio in countries across the world ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)