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B.Com. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2024

Fourth Semester

Common Course – English

REFLECTIONS ON VITAL ISSUES

(2013–2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

Answer **all** *the questions.*
Each question carries 1 *mark.*

1. How does Capra assess the impact of corporate power on Third World countries ?
2. How does Stiglitz define globalization ?
3. What according to Lawrence, should be provided free of cost ?
4. How is development likely to affect the jobs of the ordinary people in the poem for the Dispossessed ?
5. Why was globalisation pictured as 'a rising tide that will raise all boats' ?
6. Which line in the poem 'Kalahandi' tells you that draught has ruined all agriculture ?
7. What is the vanishing act Palkhivala writes about ?
8. King says that the African Americans have come to cash a cheque. What does this mean ?
9. Cyril calls Mrs. Fitzgerald on 'old bag'. What does he mean ?
10. 'and returns to writing people's character references'. What is the significance of these words ?

(10 × 1 = 10)

Part B

Answer any **eight** *of the following questions, each in about 50 words.*
Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What is Capra's opinion as regards the quantity of jobs created by corporate giants and by small-scale enterprises ?
12. What, according to stiglitz, are the three advantages poor countries received through globalisation ?
13. State the chief cause of fear in the speaker's mind in the poem 'Money Madness'.

Turn over

14. What does the poet mean when he says that each house is a village ?
15. What according to Shiva, was the negative side of the first ten years of trade liberalisation in India ?
16. What is meant by 'Kalahandi' is very close to us ?
17. What, according to Paul Sieghart, is the test of whether a country honours human rights ?
18. How does Martin Luther king regard the Emancipation Proclamation ?
19. Why was Ashok admitted in the INHS hospital in Mumbai ?
20. What does Soyinka imply when he says that the lady was considerate ?
21. Why was Valmiki taken home by his father during school hours ?
22. What conclusions can you draw from the 'handkerchief' incident in the poem 'At the back of progress' ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C

Answer any **six** *of the following in about 100 words each.*
Each question carries 4 marks.

23. Why, according to Capra, do the workers undergo acute sufferings in times of economic recession ?
24. In what way does the poet profess the doctrine of nature conservation through the poem 'for the Dispossessed' ?
25. How does Das prove that different categories of people are hypocritical in their attitude towards faminished destitutes ?
26. Why does Palkhivala say that the world continues to be 'less than half free' ?
27. What are the dreams king has for the black people of his country ?
28. How does Kalpana Jain attempt to reveal the inhuman treatment HIV positive people are put through ?
29. Do you think that the African in the poem is a well-educated man ? Substantiate your answer with reasons and examples from the poem.
30. Mrs. Fitzgerald advices Mrs. Pearson not to be soft on her family. How does she prove her point ?
31. What is the manner in which the man in air-conditioned office behaves towards women ?

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

Answer any **two** *in about 300 words.*
Each question carries 15 marks.

32. How does Vandana Shiva demonstrate that economic globalisation has not been an unmixed blessing ?

33. 'Telephonic conversation' is an example of prevailing racial prejudice. Discuss.

34. What is the transformation Mrs. Pearson succeeds in effecting in her family members ?

35. What are Amartya Sen's views on gender disparity in the world ?

(2 × 15 = 30)