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REFLECTIONS ON VITAL ISSUES

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Maximum Weight : 25

**Instructions :** *This question paper contains two sections. Answer Section I questions in the answer book provided. Section II Internal Examination questions must be answered in the questionpaper itself. Follow the detailed instructions in Section II.*

**Section I**

**Part A (Objective Type Questions)**

*Answer all questions in this part.*

*Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

Choose the correct answer from the following :

- I. 1 Why does Fritj of Capra equate our economic and institutional structure to dinosaurs ?
  - (a) Because they are likely to find deadly enemies.
  - (b) Because they are too big to survive.
  - (c) Because they fail to adapt to environmental changes.
  - (d) Because they are weak inspite of their size.
  
- 2 According to stiglitz, the supporters of globalisation are :
  - (a) Balanced and well informed.
  - (b) More rational than its opponents.
  - (c) More unbalanced than its opponents.
  - (d) More boastful than its opponents.

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- 3 What does D.H. Lawrence mean when he says that money has got us down ?
- (a) That it has ruined us.
  - (b) That it has made us tremulous.
  - (c) That it has made us greedy.
  - (d) That it has made us cruel.
- 4 How is the brood in the tree trunk denied the piece of sky it used piece of sky it used to enjoy ?
- (a) The tree is dead.
  - (b) The tree is cut down.
  - (c) The view is blocked by buildings.
  - (d) The brood is killed.
- II. 5 Why didn't the Indian farmers gain by the increase in the domestic price of wheat ?
- (a) Because they produced low quality wheat.
  - (b) Because most of the wheat was imported.
  - (c) Because the farmers would always be given only a fixed price.
  - (d) Because the differences went to the corporations.
- 6 Which line tells you that drought has ruined all agriculture ?
- (a) 'The God of rain, turned away his face'.
  - (b) Cracked ground, drab river sand.
  - (c) There was not one green leaf.
  - (d) The poverty line receded further.
- 7 The primary idea of human rights involves :
- (a) Rights of the Government.
  - (b) Rights for the Government.
  - (c) Rights formulated by the Government.
  - (d) Rights to operate against the Government.





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- 8 King reminds the African Americans that unearned suffering is redemptive. What do you think he means ?
- (a) That they will be compensated for their suffering.
  - (b) That they will have to suffer long and hard.
  - (c) That their suffering will soon come to an end.
  - (d) That they should take inspiration from the conviction that their suffering is noble.
- III. 9 What angered Ashok the most ?
- (a) The indifference of people.
  - (b) The moral superiority with which people judged him.
  - (c) The anger of people.
  - (d) The fear with which people looked upon him.
- 10 Which of the following words from the poem 'Telephone Conversation' present a facade of respectability in the lady ?
- (a) Lipstick coated.
  - (b) Gold-rolled cigarette holder.
  - (c) Good-breeding.
  - (d) All of these.
- 11 The Headmaster asked Valmiki to sweep the school compound because :
- (a) It was his turn to sweep.
  - (b) It was his punishment for wrong doing.
  - (c) He had to be taught a lesson.
  - (d) He didn't want him to be educated.
- 12 What is the old woman's response to the girl's first sentence in the piece 'Girl' ?
- (a) She does not seem to hear it at all.
  - (b) She is angry about it.
  - (c) She is very happy about it.
  - (d) She dislikes it.

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- IV. 13 'And returns to writing people's character references'. What is the significance of these words ?
- (a) That Mr. Big doesn't have the power to do so.
  - (b) That Mr. Big does it unwillingly.
  - (c) That Mr. Big does it freely.
  - (d) That Mr. Big is not worthy of doing so.
- 14 'My God, who would not want a wife ? What does Judy Brady mean ?
- (a) If having a wife means all this, then no sensible man will want one.
  - (b) That it is not worth having a wife.
  - (c) That very few men would like to have a wife.
  - (d) If a wife does all these things, then everyone would like to have a wife.
- 15 Cyril calls Mrs. Fitzgerald an 'old bag'. What does he mean ?
- (a) That she is an unpleasant woman.
  - (b) That she is an ugly old woman.
  - (c) That she is a careless woman.
  - (d) That she is a miserly old woman.
- 16 Given the fact that both men and women get the same nutritional and medical attention.
- (a) Men live longer than women.
  - (b) Women live longer than men.
  - (c) Both men and women live to similar ages.
  - (d) Both illness and death affect women more easily.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

Answer any **five** of the following each in sentence **or** two.

Each question carries a weight of 1.

17. What is Capra's opinion as regards the quantity of jobs created by corporate giants and by small-scale enterprises ?
18. What does Stiglitz say about the effects of agricultural subsidies given in the developed countries ?





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19. What, according to Shiva, was the negative side of the first ten years of trade liberalisation in India ?
20. What, according to Paul Sieghart, is the test of whether a country honours human rights ?
21. What is the warning that Martin Luther King gives to the African Americans ?
22. What was the reason which prompted Ashok at first to believe that he could not have AIDS ?
23. What makes Valmiki say that he was in a no-win situation in school ?
24. When did the thought of having a wife occur to Judy Brady ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

### Part C

Answer any **four** of the following each in about 100 words.

Each question carries a weight of 2.

25. Why according to Capra, do the workers undergo acute suffering in times of economic recession ?
26. Analyse the transformation that has happened to the market in Kalahandi.
27. What are the most disturbing effects of being known a HIV positive ?
28. How did Valmiki's father win his battle to educate his son ?
29. What are reasons as to why the last man in the poem 'At the Back of Progress' divorces his first three wives ?
30. How do her husband and children treat Mrs Pearson in the beginning ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

### Part D

Answer any **two** of the following in about 300 words.

Each question carries a weight of 4.

31. Attempt a critical appreciation to the poem 'Kalahandi'.
32. What are Amartya Sen's views on gender disparity in the world ? Discuss.
33. How does Kalpana Jain delineate a serious social problem in the extract 'Stigma, Shame and Silence'.

(2 × 4 = 8)

