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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’.

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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 famished 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 advises 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)





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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)

