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**SECOND SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ was described as 'a rising tide that will raise all boats'.
  - (a) Globalisation.
  - (b) Liberalisation.
  - (c) Privatisation.
  - (d) None of these.
- 2 Who inscribed this 'If paradise be on earth, it is here, it is here'?
  - (a) Akbar.
  - (b) Shah Jahan.
  - (c) Rajendra Prasad.
  - (d) None of these.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary reason for the disappearance of our wild life.
  - (a) Habitat destruction.
  - (b) Population increase.
  - (c) Hunting.
  - (d) Decrease in rainfall.
- 4 What does Salim Ali call 'another martyr to human irresponsibility'?
  - (a) Over population.
  - (b) Deforestation.
  - (c) Killing of animals.
  - (d) Decrease in rainfall.
- 5 Who is Mangamma to the narrator of the story 'Widow'?
  - (a) Sister.
  - (b) Friend.
  - (c) Sister-in-law.
  - (d) None of these.
- 6 How did the husband of the widow die?
  - (a) In a fight
  - (b) In an accident.
  - (c) Sick and died
  - (d) None of these.

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- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ is very important in improving the condition of women.
- (a) Child bearing. (b) Marriage.  
(c) Employment. (d) None of these.
- 8 In the opening of "Stigma Shame and Silence" the protagonist stands on a \_\_\_\_\_ and recalls his childhood.
- (a) School ground. (b) Ship deck.  
(c) Riverside. (d) Market.
- 9 "You know you are positive": who said to Ashok so ?
- (a) His wife. (b) His doctor.  
(c) His mother. (d) His daughter.
- 10 Who acts as the fulcrum of an opulent family of gold ornament manufacturers in Ollur ?
- (a) Thobias. (b) Ouseph.  
(c) Rappai. (d) James.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

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

- 11 What are the two aspects of food and agrarian crisis in India ?
- 12 Why does the foreign traveler wonder at India ?
- 13 How can India remain free from the conflicts between the possessive individuals and social responsibilities ?
- 14 What causes the extinction of Lions in India ?
- 15 Trace the negative impact of human interventions upon nature, mentioned by Salim Ali ?
- 16 What is Federov's definition of climate ?
- 17 According to Karma theory, what is the crime committed by the widow in the previous birth ?
- 18 What does research prove about women's longevity of life ?
- 19 What are the specific instances of bias against women that the US and Japan display ?
- 20 How does Ashok realise the syndrome first ?
- 21 How was Rappai treated in the family ?
- 22 What does the article, "Yes I am Happy ! Don't You Believe ?" deal with ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 Impact of Globalization on Culture.
- 24 How does the progress in communication and technology affect the ecological balance ?
- 25 What are the consequences the widow has to face once her pregnancy is revealed ?
- 26 How does Santhosh John Thooval highlights the family's empathy towards Rappai ?
- 27 What does the term 'Missing Women' imply ? What is Amartya Sen's estimate of the number of missing women ?
- 28 What are the two kinds of factors that cause the climate to change over long periods of time ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

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

- 29 According to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, how can Indian consciousness resolve the conflicts of European culture ?
- 30 How does E.K. Federov present the problem of climatic change as a major challenge to human life on Earth ?
- 31 How can women's deal be improved especially in the Third World countries as proposed by Dr. Amartya Sen ?
- 32 How does Kalpana Jain delineate a serious social problem in the extract, "Stigma, Shame and Silence" ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)