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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, August 2021

First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Foundation Course – I

EN 1121 & CG 1121.3 — WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(Common for English Language and Literature and English and Communicative English)

(2019 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

I. Answer **all** questions each in a word or a sentence.

1. Expand PARI.
2. What is nomophobia?
3. What is gangster capitalism?
4. What is the functions of IMF?
5. Why are elderly in rural India less vulnerable?
6. What shows little sign of going away in India according to Sen?
7. What causes rotator cuff tear?

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8. When was the UN formed?

9. Who wrote *Ashoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*?

10. Who proposed the Turing test?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – B

II. Answer **any eight** in not more than **50** words.

11. What is the role of authority in the practice of secularism?

12. Why do we say that the notion of Human Rights is universal?'

13. How does lack of infrastructure affect old age care in India?

14. What is corporate globalism?

15. What do studies on the street children of Delhi reveal?

16. What is Roger Penrose's argument based upon?

17. Role of social laws.

18. Describe briefly the phantom cat incident.

19. Explain why the author mentions that the internet was the bane of doctors.

20. What is the fundamental objective of the U.N.?

21. The sharp regional divide that Sen notices in India.

22. How does lack of social support affect old-age care in India?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

SECTION – C

III. Answer **any six** questions in around **100** words.

23. What is the solution to drug abuse?

24. Difference between weak AI and strong AI.

25. What are the primary concerns of a secular society?

26. Discuss the importance of education in relation to independent thinking.

27. What are the stages in the development of an International understanding of Human Rights?

28. What are the advantages of women's education according to Sen?

29. How does changing family structure affect senior citizens in India?

30. How has the government responded to an increase in the aging population?

31. Discuss the author's idea of "engineered inequality" in India.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – D

IV. Attempt **any two** questions in not less than **300** words.

32. Why does Sen believe that education will empower women in India?

33. How does Khyrunissa use humour in her article to substantiate her arguments against using smart phones?

34. Explain Romila Thapar's views on secularism.

35. Trace the evolution of Human Rights in the global context.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
