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First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

Foundation Course — I

EN 1121/CG 1121.3 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(Common for B.A./B.Sc./English and Communicative English)

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

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

1. Name two NGOs mentioned in the article on drug abuse.
2. Expand UTM and AI.
3. When was the term secular first used?
4. Which 'gizmo' is the author wary of?
5. Which organization was created to oversee changing labour and trade laws?
6. What is meant by selective abortion of fetuses?
7. What is the single most pressing challenge to the welfare of an older person in our country?
8. Mention one reason for religious fundamentalism in our country.
9. What do you mean by 'shock therapy'?
10. What was the League of Nations?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. What is one of the major reasons for drug abuse as stated by Mukherjee?

12. What is the basis of the argument made by the Physicist Roger Penrose?

13. What is the role of social laws and civil laws?

14. Mention the role of the authority in the practice of secularism.

15. Describe briefly the phantom cat incident.

16. Why do we say that the notion of human rights is universal?

17. List out the first attempts made at writing down human rights in the form of a document.

18. Explain the phrase "natality discrimination".

19. What is the focus of Adam Smith's discussion, in *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*?

20. How does the lack of social support affect old age care in India?

21. Explain corporate globalism.

22. How has privatization affected healthcare in India?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

23. How do drugs affect the communication system of the brain?

24. "That I think is more humbling". Explain the context.

25. Comment on the relationship between religion and state.

26. What does Khyrunnisa say about apps?

27. What are the civil and political rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

28. Explain the attempts made by China and South Korea to empower women.

29. What are the differences between caring for the elderly in a rural versus an urban setting?

30. Discuss Sainath's ideas on 'engineered inequality' in India.

31. According to Amartya Sen, what are the advantages of women's education?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

32. Elucidate the solutions offered by Samudranil Mukherjee to the threat of drug abuse and the various initiatives to fight it.

33. Explain Romila Thapar's views on the idea of Indian Secularism and how they differ from other notion of secularism.

34. Trace the development of international recognition for and formulation of a written body of human rights.

35. Discuss the social challenges faced by elderly people in India.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)