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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, February 2018
First Degree Programme under CBCSS
English Language and Literature
Foundation Course – I
EN 1121 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
(2013, 2014 and 2015 Admissions)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

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

1) What is meant by GNP ?
2) What does the acronym FRBM in FRBM Act stand for ?
3) Who is Fa-hien ?
4) Who does brood over the world, in the poem 'God's Grandeur' ?
5) In Greek Mythology, who are Proteus and Triton ?
6) Which are the two meanings of the word 'right' in common usage, as referred to in 'Thinking About Human Rights' ?
7) What does William Blake mean by "the mind – forg'd menacles" ?
8) What was the name of the scavenger boy who used to attend Gandhiji's house for cleaning the latrines ?
9) What does 'Patriarchy' stand for ?
10) What nickname did Kelumaster attribute to Kuttisankaran ? **(10×1=10 Marks)**

II. Answer **any eight, each** in a short paragraph, **not** exceeding **50** words :

11) Write a note on "Second Enlightenment".
12) Comment on the experience of love in Tagore's 'Unending love'.
13) Cult of tree-worship in India.
14) What was the belief regarding the future of Buddha's teachings in the 5th Century CE ?
15) What similes does Hopkins use to describe the prevalence of God's Grandeur ?

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16) What does Wordsworth mean by saying "we are out of tune" ?

17) What is Locke's natural rights theory ?

18) Whom does "the youthful harlot" curse and why ?

19) How was Bakha affected by Gandhiji's praise of the Brahmin who did scavenging work ?

20) What, as Gandhiji claims, are the two strongest desires that keep him alive ?

21) The cultural oppression that India faced under British Raj.

22) How did Appu's mind react when he came to know that Oppol had gone away ?

(8×2=16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six each** in paragraph, **not** exceeding **100** words :

23) Explain "home land" and why did the Black Liberation Movement reject the arrangement of homelands.

24) What is the alternative to globalization suggested by Amit Bhanduri ?

25) Explain the Tinnai concept in Tamil Sangham texts.

26) A brief note on the myth of Prithu and its significance.

27) Hopkin's spirituality and optimism as reflected in 'God's Grandeur'.

28) How does the caste system affect the human rights principle in India ?

29) What does the narrator in Blake's poem observe in the streets of London ?

30) How did the West misinterpret the 'Upanishands', according to the poet Iqbal Nath Sarshar ?

31) Why did Appu quarrel with Kuttisankaran ?

(6×4=24 Marks)

IV. Answer **any two**, **each** in about **300** words :

32) Write an essay on the negative aspects of globalization, as pointed out by Amit Bhanduri.

33) Briefly narrate the different attitudes towards forests in Indian Culture.

34) Discuss the three different explanations of gender, as explained by Sylvia Walby.

35) Summarise the experience of Bakha during his angry wanderings. **(2×15=30 Marks)**

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