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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, February 2018
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Foundation Course – I
EN 1121 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
(2016 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

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

1) What is an NGO ?
2) What was the first principle of the Rio Declaration of 1992 ?
3) Who was Roop Kunwar ?
4) Who is the young girl in the story "The Goddess of Revenge" ?
5) What is alcoholism ?
6) How do the words of his mother help the little black boy in the racist world ?
7) What are stimulants ?
8) Who is the narrator in the poem, "Nani" ?
9) What happened to the poet's friend in the poem, "Freedom" ?
10) Name an economic benefit of local food system. **(10×1=10 Marks)**

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

11) What is the theme of the poem, "Freedom" ?
12) What is radical feminism ?
13) Name two instances where PILs helped to keep environmental pollution in check.
14) How does alcohol affect our nervous system ?
15) "The cloud will vanish and we shall hear his voice" – What does the little black boy mean by this ?
16) What is substance abuse ?
17) What led the protagonist of the story, "The Goddess of Revenge" down the path of revenge ?

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18) Explain the concept of human dignity in the light of UDHR.

19) Trace the evolution of globalisation over the centuries.

20) What happened to the servant maid in the poem, "Nani" ?

21) What is the need the narrator realises from the rattling of the cup in the poem, "The Alcoholic at Dawn" ?

22) How does smaller-scale production reduce pollution ? **(8×2=16 Marks)**

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

23) What are the main concerns of Part IV of the Indian Constitution ?

24) Write a short note on the use of Christian images in the poem, "The Little Black Boy" by William Blake.

25) What are the benefits of globalisation ?

26) How does the violence against women within the family differ for upper and lower class women ?

27) Attempt a short note on how silences and fallacies bring out to light the truth about Nani in Kamala Das's poem.

28) Write a short note on the patriarchal oppression of Namboodiri women in the light of the story, "The Goddess of Revenge".

29) What is the significance of the Nari Mukti Sangarsh Sammelan of 1988 ?

30) Why does Helena Norberg-Hodge say that we need to abandon the blind pursuit of economic growth ?

31) How did 'Westoxication' make India a garbage dump according to Justice Krishna Iyer ? **(6×4=24 Marks)**

IV. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** less than **300** words :

32) Trace the evolution of women rights movements in India in the light of Gail Omvedt's views on "Violence against Women".

33) What are Justice Krishna Iyer's observations about the human rights scenario in contemporary India ?

34) Discuss the banes of alcoholism in the context of the poems of Balachandran Chullikkad and Jeet Tayil.

35) What are the advantages of 'going local' according to Helena Norberg-Hodge ? **(15×2=30 Marks)**

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