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EN 1121 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
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Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

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

1) What is NHRC ?
2) What are the two rays of hope regarding human rights in India ?
3) What, according to Dr. Madhava Menon, is the greatest threat to human dignity ?
4) In which poetic collection of William Blake does the poem 'The Little Black Boy' appear ?
5) Comment on the significance of the title 'The Goddess of Revenge'.
6) Which is the case cited by Gail Omvedt to show the link between violence and sexuality ?
7) What does the term 'comic dance' in Kamala Das' poem 'Nani' stand for ?
8) What, according to Joseph Stiglitz, is the role of the Less Economically Developed Countries in the world market ?
9) Why is localisation a process of decentralisation ?
10) What is pre-alcoholic phase ?

(10×1=10 Marks)

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

11) Why does India in 1999 seem a garbage dump to Justice Krishna Iyer ?
12) How, according to Dr. Madhava Menon, does globalisation open up new inequalities ?
13) How does the mother console the little black boy ?
14) How does the family become the greatest source of violence against an upper class woman ?

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15) Why does the narrator in 'The Goddess of Revenge' think that writing stories is not a pleasant task for women ?

16) How does the child register the death of the maid Nani ?

17) Examine the status of women in the context of globalisation.

18) What are the advantages of diversification in local markets ?

19) What are the questions regarding freedom that the disciple and the master discuss in Chullikkad's poem ?

20) What is 'binge-drinking' and what are the dangers associated with the same ?

21) How are the commonly misused drugs classified ?

22) What picture of the alcoholic does Jeet Thayil paint in 'The Alcoholic at Dawn ?'

(8×2=16 Marks)

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

23) What, according to V.R.Krishna Iyer, is the significance of PILs in our society ?

24) What picture do you get of the black boy's relationship with his white counterpart, from Blake's poem ?

25) What, according to Gail Omvedt, is the connection between violence and economic exploitation of women ?

26) What did the woman in 'Goddess of Revenge' do when she learnt that her husband was moving away from her ?

27) What is the underlying theme of the poem 'Nani' ?

28) Why does Stiglitz say that globalisation is a stark reality ?

29) What are the environmental and economic benefits of localisation ?

30) How is alcohol abuse different from alcohol dependence ?

31) How do stimulant drugs affect the brain ?

(6×4=24 Marks)

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

32) Dr. N.R. Madhava Menon insists that human rights issues are closely linked to socio-economic rights. Discuss.

33) Describe how a chaste and innocent woman became the goddess of revenge.

34) Discuss the philosophical content of the poem 'Freedom'.

35) What, according to Dr. Adithi, are the detrimental effects of alcoholism ?

(2×15=30 Marks)