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

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature / English and Communicative English

Foundation Course – I

EN 1121 & CG 1121.3 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(2020 Admission Regular)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 8

PART – I

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 function 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?

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

PART – II

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

11. State section 64 of NDPS Act.

12. The stock market crash of 2010.

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

14. What made the author wary of the smart phone?

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

16. What is natality discrimination?

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

18. What is corporate globalism?

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

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

21. Role of social laws.

22. Describe briefly the phantom cat incident.

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

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

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

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

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

PART – III

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

27. How does drug usage become drug addiction?

28. What is the solution to drug abuse?

29. Difference between weak AI and strong AI.

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

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

32. What does the author say about apps?

33. How did the author's husband lose some of his friends?

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

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

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

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

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

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

PART – IV

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

39. Attempt an essay on P. Sainath's views on Globalisation.

40. Discuss the social challenges faced by the elderly in India.

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

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

43. Explain Romila Thapar's views on secularism.

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

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
