

**B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MAY 2015****Second Semester**

Common Course—English

**MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES**

[Common for all Model-I B.A./B.Sc. Programmes and B.A. English Literature and Communication Studies (Two Main)]

[2013 Admission onwards]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

Answer each of the following in a sentence or *two*. Each question carries 1 mark. Answer all questions from this section.

1. What are the changes money has made in each individual ?
2. How has economic globalisation hijacked culture ?
3. What is meant by 'Kalahandi is very close to us' ?
4. What was the motivating slogan behind the American Civil War ?
5. What was King's dream about his children's future ?
6. What has been the attitude of the whites regarding the rights of the African Americans ?
7. Why were the upper caste people totally against providing education to the dalits ?
8. What advice does the old woman impart to the girl regarding medicine ?
9. Why does the widow feel that she needs an explanation from God ?
10. Why does Mrs. Pearson decide that the experiment has gone too far ?

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

**Part B**

Answer any *eight* of the following each in a paragraph. Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What is Stiglitz's stand regarding the criticism that the developed West has been hypocritical ?
12. How does Leah Levin show that the provisions of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are legally binding ?
13. When will the African Americans be satisfied, according to Martin Luther King ?
14. How does Roy account for the increase in instances of violation of human rights ?
15. What do you think was the attitude of the doctor to HIV positive people ?

**Turn over**

16. What is the attitude of the African poet towards the white lady at the beginning ? How does this change towards the end of the poem ?
17. Describe the picture of the American South drawn up by Richard Wright.
18. What, according to Aruna Roy, has happened to our political system ?
19. What is the wife expected to do with regard to the education of the children ?
20. What is the manner in which the man in the air-conditioned office behaves towards women ?
21. Evaluate Mrs. Pearson's attitudes to her family before Mrs. Fitzgerald effects the transformation in her family.
22. How does Amartya Sen relate women's gainful employment to a visible change in their destiny ?

(8 × 2 = 16 marks)

### Part C

Answer any *six* of the following each in about 100 words. Each question carries 4 marks.

23. Examine the dark side of growth that Capra traces in his essay.
24. How does Joseph Stiglitz assess the salient features and the effects of globalisation ?
25. Why are human rights a pertinent issue today ?
26. Examine Palkhivala's evaluation of the current status of human rights in the world.
27. What are the ways in which the African Americans were subjugated ?
28. Examine Aruna Roy's evaluation of the life of the poor, the depressed and the underprivileged in India.
29. What do you think the 'forests' symbolise in the story 'Lost Forests'.
30. How does Valmiki portray the difficulties the lower-caste people faced in obtaining education ?
31. Enumerate all the advice the old woman gives to the young girl.

(6 × 4 = 24 marks)

### Part D

Answer any *two* of the following each in about 300 words. Each question carries 15 marks.

32. How does Amartya Sen show that gender discrimination is a matter of life and death for women ?
33. What is the transformation Mrs. Pearson succeeds in effecting in her family members ?
34. How far does Roy succeed in proving that she is the worst person to be awarded an International Peace Prize ?
35. Do you think that Shiva's analysis of economic globalisation is objective and impartial ? Substantiate.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)