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THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2024

English (B.A./B.Sc.)

ENG 3A 05—READINGS ON INDIAN LITERATURE

(2022—2023 Admissions)

Time: Two Hours and a Half Hour

Maximum: 80 Marks

Answer the following questions in two **or** three sentences each.

(2 marks each).

- 1. What are the examples given by Meghnath Saha to suggest that the world is fast becoming one economic unit?
- 2. What was the attitude of the people of Utopia towards gold and silver?
- 3. Why do Kondhs give offerings to their dead ancestors?
- 4. What happened to Ruskin Bond during one of his journeys to Dehra?
- 5. In '(Other) Worldly Folk Tale' why was the seed reluctant to grow?
- 6. What did NabirShalla do for a living?
- 7. What happened to Prita's parents?
- 8. According to Omprakash Yalmiki how are Dalit women tamed in the name of religion?
- 9. "It is not civilised. It is not how we live where we live." What is the 'uncivilised' act that frightens the speaker in 'Dream: Midnight'?
- 10. How does Kanva plan to take care of Madhavi?
- 11. According to Bhupesh Gupta what is the first thing to ensure before setting up a new university?
- 12. What is the important observation that Wittgenstein made about language?
- 13. In Two in the Next World, why did the narrator and his family decide to replace the doctor?

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- 14. Explain the line "The river has a soul" in the poem 'Small Towns and the River'.
- 15. What is the theme of the short film *That Day after Everyday*?

(Ceiling - 25 marks)

Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words each.

(5 marks each).

- 16. Write a note on the Kondh and Munda tribe.
- 17. Sketch the character of NabirShalla.
- 18. Comment on the role of train in *The Night Train at Deoli*.
- 19. Sakuntala's departure from the Holy Grove.
- 20. Saha's idea on co-operative construction among nations.
- 21. Write a note on the surviving tribes in Andaman.
- 22. Explain the title The Two in the Next World.
- 23. How do you relate the theme of the poem '(Other) Worldly Folk Tale' with human life?

(Ceiling 35 marks)

Answer any two of the following questions in about 200 words each.

- 24. Discuss the poem 'What Would You Do' as a rebellion against the age-old inequalities experienced by Dalits.
- 25. Caste is a social evil. Explain with reference to *Scorn*.
- 26. Bhupesh Gupta's observations and critique of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Bill.
- 27. Discuss the play *Beyond the Land of Hattamala* as a satire on contemporary society.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$