

SECOND SEMESTER B.A/ B.Sc./ B.Com/ B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION
May 2010

(CCSS Programme)

English—Common Course

A 04. READINGS ON INDIAN CONSTITUTION, SECULARISM AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weightage : 30

I Answer the following bunches of questions :-

A. 1. The Draft Constitution in the final form consisted of _____ articles.

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| (a) 315. | (b) 395. |
| (c) 300. | (d) 100. |

2. Nizamuddin Awliya was a :

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| (a) Sufi saint. | (b) Minister. |
| (c) Sultan. | (d) None of the above. |

3. 'A Dialogue on Democracy' is written by

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| (a) A.S. Hornby | (b) L.M. Singhvi. |
| (c) J.B. Kripalani. | (d) Jawaharlal Nehru. |

4. Who is called the Chief Draftsman of the Constitution by Ambedkar ?

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| (a) S.N.Mukherjee | (b) Mr.Kamath |
| (c) Prof. K.T. Shah. | (d) Prof. Saksena. |

B. 5. Which is not a book of Dr Fritjof Capra ?

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| (a) The Tao of Physics | (b) Small is Beautiful. |
| (c) The web of Life. | (d) Uncommon Wisdom. |

6. Who is the author of the book *The Cost of Living*

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| (a) Arundhati Roy. | (b) Romila Thapar. |
| (c) Medha Patkar. | (d) Krishna Kumar. |

7. Who is closely associated with the National Alliance of People's Movement ?

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| (a) Medha Patkar. | (b) Sunder Lal Bahuguna. |
| (c) Baba Amte. | (d) Vandana Siva. |

8. Which region of India forms the setting for the novel *The Hungry Tide* ?

- (a) Sunderbans. (b) The Himalayas.
(c) The North-East. (d) The Kashmir Valley.

C. 9. Who was the first Chief Justice of the Federal Court of India ?

10. 'Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely.' Who said this ?
11. Name the Tamil texts that recognized the significance of ecozones.
12. Every part of this earth is sacred to my people :Who said this ?

(Weightage 3 × = 3)

II Answer the following in *two* or *three* sentences each :-

13. Give an instance for the religious tolerance of Akbar.
14. Why is the executive held in low esteem by the people ?
15. What is the meaning of secularism in the Western countries ?
16. Whom does Kripalani call a public danger and a public enemy ?
17. What has been the impact of the New Economic policy in our country ?
18. What did Rajendra Singh do to the drought hit village of Gopalpura ?
19. What is sustainable development ?
20. What is the difference in approach between the native Red Indians and the White towards Mother Earth ?
21. What did Ashok Jain ask his editor to do ?

(Weightage 9 x 1 = 9)

III Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words each :-

22. What was the attitude of the Sufis to the Sultans ? Give an example.
23. Give two examples for the problems faced by the Dalits in power in the panchayat ?
24. Kripalani's story about the corrupt railway clerks.
25. What do you understand about Medha Patkar's concept of a different kind of development ?
26. Colonial attitude to forests.
27. Earth-centric world view of Seattle.
28. What are the characteristics of Shallow Ecology ?

(Weightage x 2 = 10)

IV Answer two of the following questions in 300 words each :-

29. Write an essay on the special features of the Constitution of India that upholds federal principles and ensures uniformity in all basic matters.
30. What do you learn from 'A Dialogue on Democracy' ?
31. Discuss Arundhati Roy's critique of Indian nuclear policy.

(Weightage 4 x 2 = 8)