

**THIRD SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. AFZAL-UL-ULAMA DEGREE EXAMINATION
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(CCSS)

English

A 05—LITERATURE AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

1. Answer the following bunch of questions

(A) 1 Vandana Shiva says that her work is deeply inspired by

- (a) The freedom movement. (b) The Green Revolution.
(c) The literacy movement. (d) The globalisation movement.

2 _____ is known as "white gold"

- (a) Sugar. (b) Cotton.
(c) Salt. (d) Silver.

3 Ramachandra Guha says that the Western world's attitude to India

- (a) Has changed. (b) Has remained the same.
(c) Is indifferent. (d) Was indifferent.

4 Green Revolution was meant to increase

- (a) Water table. (b) Milk production.
(c) Food production. (d) Deforestation.

(B) 5 What does the word "muzzle" in the poem "who are you?" represent

- (a) Cap. (b) Silencing.
(c) Scarf. (d) Blind folding.

6 The story "Disgrace" is about

- (a) The idea of gender divide.
(b) The idea of globalization.
(c) The idea of caste discrimination.
(d) Poverty.

7 _____ is the "holy man" referred to in the "Tree of violence"

- (a) Aurobindo. (b) Mahatma Gandhi.
(c) Rabindranath Tagore. (d) Jayaprakash Narayan.

8 Female foeticide refers to

- (a) Killing of small children.
- (b) Killing of the girl child before it is born.
- (c) Killing of infants.
- (d) Killing of female children.

(C) 9 What does the boss ask the mother to make for him in the story "Dinner for the boss" ?

- (a) A doll.
- (b) A piece of Phulkari.
- (c) A sweet dish.
- (d) A painting.

10 According to Shashi Deshpande, motherhood is not sacred but it is

- (a) Artificial.
- (b) Natural.
- (c) Despicable.
- (d) Holy.

11 In order to create an awareness among the public, Rajasthan has decided to celebrate the "Year of the Girl Child" as the year against

- (a) Female foeticide.
- (b) Child labour.
- (c) Child abuse.
- (d) Child marriages.

12 What, according to Rupa, happened to her husband ?

- (a) He left her and the children.
- (b) He fell ill.
- (c) He was killed in a train accident.
- (d) He was transferred to another city.

(3 x 1 = 3 weightage)

II. Answer the following in two *or* three sentences

13 Why did Vandana Shiva start the "Navdanya" movement ?

14 Why are the farmers of Vidarbha selling their land ?

15 What is globalisation ?

16 Why did the little girl throw away the rotis ?

17 What does the tree of violence represent ?

18 Explain the term "Child labour".

19 What are the difficulties that a woman writer faces

20 Why did Manas leave Rupa ?

21 Do you consider Kamala Das a confessional poet ? Why ?

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Answer any *five* of the following in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words each

22 What is the change in the Western attitude towards India, according to Ramachandra Guha ?

23 Why does Arundhati Roy say that economic globalisation encourages the expansion of terrorism and religious intolerance ?

24 How can the central government protect the cotton farmers of Vidarbha ?

25 What, according to Sundara Ramaswamy, are the factors that divide people ?

26 How did the people try to destroy the tree of violence ?

27 How did Arena rebuild her broken life ?

28 Why are child marriages still prevailing in India?

x 2 = 10 weightage)

N. Answer two of the following in not more than 300 words each

29 Substantiate your views of globalization with reference to the essays prescribed for your study.

30 What are the ideas expanded by Namdeo Dhasal in the poem 'The Tree of Violence' ?

31 Women in India are oppressed by various forms of gender divides. Explain with reference to the prescribed essays.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)