

SECOND SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course

ENG 2A 04—READINGS ON SOCIETY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the questions by choosing the right options given below :

1 Which among the following is a result of rapid, unthinking liberalization ?

- (a) Illiteracy. (b) Increase in malnutrition.
(c) Corruption. (d) None of these.

2 Name the book written by Amy Chua :

- (a) *White Tiger*. (b) *World on Fire*.
(c) *The Fall of a Sparrow*. (d) *The Serpent and the Rope*.

3 According to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, our culture is rooted in the principle of _____.

- (a) Feudalism. (b) Anarchy.
(c) Egotism. (d) Non-violence.

4 Who considers the widow as a 'Kalagni' in the story ?

- (a) Venkata Rao. (b) Lakshmikantan.
(c) Mangamma. (d) Annayya.

5 Which of the following is considered as the cradle of civilization ?

- (a) South Africa. (b) Eastern Europe.
(c) West Asia. (d) North America.

6 What led to the extinction of the human settlements in Green Land ?

- (a) Fall in temperature. (b) Colonialism.
(c) Constant threats of war. (d) Epidemics.

7 What happened to the husband of the protagonist in the story 'Widow' ?

- (a) Remarried. (b) Died.
(c) Divorced. (d) None of these.

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- 8 The ratio of women to men is higher in _____.
- (a) South Asia. (b) China.
(c) West Asia. (d) North America.
- 9 What was the disease tested in Ashok ?
- (a) Ulcer. (b) AIDS.
(c) Hepatitis. (d) Lukemia.
- 10 What was the happy occasion for Kochu Rappai and other family members in September 2013 ?
- (a) Wedding Anniversary. (b) Visit to the amusement Park.
(c) 60th Birthday celebration. (d) Opening of the new shop.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer in a sentence or two any *ten* questions :

- 11 Mention some of the concrete contexts of culture.
- 12 Define 'seed replacement' ?
- 13 What maintains unity in India according to Dr. Rajendra Prasad ?
- 14 Explain the direct outcome of deforestation.
- 15 What do you mean by ecological balance ?
- 16 How does Federov define climate ?
- 17 How can we avoid the adverse consequences of climatic change ?
- 18 What is the predicament of the widow in the story ?
- 19 Explicate the title "More than 100 Million Women Are Missing".
- 20 Mention at least two honours that Dr. Amartya Sen has received.
- 21 Why was Ashok referred to a psychiatrist ?
- 22 What is special about Kochu Rappai ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words :

- 23 The elements of Trade Liberalization Package.
- 24 In what context does M. S. Randhawa cite the example of the Mathura region ?

- 25 Describe the internal factors responsible for climatic change.
- 26 What are the grounds for the revolt of the widow ?
- 27 The reasons for the neglect of women.
- 28 How does Kochu Rappai become a star at home ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words :

- 29 Examine how economic globalization has caused prionization of culture.
- 30 The extinction of wildlife in India.
- 31 Make a critical assessment of the protagonist in the story 'Widow'.
- 32 Give an account of the hospital experience of Ashok.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)