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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, November 2022

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Foundation Course – I

EN 1121 & CG 1121.3 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(Common for B.A./B.Sc. & English & Communicative English)

(2021 Admission)

Special Examination

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a **word** or **sentence**.
1. What is considered to be the best way to deal with drug abuse?
2. Name the computer that had beaten chess champion Gary Kasparov?
3. What is 'secularising', according to Romila Thapar?
4. In which year did the UN adopt Universal Declaration of Human Rights?
5. What is 'natality discrimination'?
6. What, according to Amartya Sen is the most liberating factor in reducing gender discrimination?
7. What is corporate globalism?

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8. What is 'shock therapy'?
9. What is the major reason for drug abuse?
10. Why is Earth called today as 'planet of the apps'?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – B

- II. Attempt any **eight** questions in not more than **50** words.
11. How does popular media influence drug abuse?
12. What are some of the initiatives to fight against drug abuse?
13. What is Turing Test?
14. What was Roger Penrose's argument regarding AI?
15. What should be done if we want a secular society?
16. What was the singular meaning of the term 'secular' when first used in 1851?
17. Why was the author reluctant to use smart phone?
18. How did the author develop rotator cuff tear?
19. Why is human rights considered as universal?
20. What is the main purpose of the 1945 Charter of United Nations?
21. Give the reason for steep fall in Bangladesh's fertility rates?
22. What is the difference in girl-boy ratio in various parts of India?
23. How does lack of infrastructure affect old age care in India?



24. How is economic dependency related to geriatric care?
25. How did globalization impact Russia and China?
26. How did water consumption patterns in India change in the context of globalisation?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

SECTION – C

III. Answer any **six** questions in around **100** words.

27. The transformation from drug usage to drug abuse.
28. Initiatives taken by the Government of Haryana to deal with drug abuse.
29. Why does the author consider a man defeating machine is more important?
30. John Searle's objections against Strong AI.
31. The interrelation between religion and State.
32. Identify the concepts secular, secularism and secularising
33. Illustrate the examples given by the author to prove that smart phones are mischievous.
34. The changes that the author implemented to cure the pain in her arm.
35. The civil and political rights in the UN Declaration of Human Rights.
36. Importance of women's education according to Amartya Sen.
37. Various hindrances to the care of the elderly people in India.
38. The harmful impact of privatization

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)



SECTION – D

IV. Attempt any **two** in not less than **300** words.

39. Explain the reasons for drug abuse and the possible solutions.
40. Discuss how secularism turns out to be important in social order.
41. Consider the stages in the formulation of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
42. Describe Amartya Sen's arguments regarding gender inequality in India.
43. Illustrate the various problems faced by the elderly people in India.
44. "Inequality is worse in today's world than at any point since World War-II"-comment.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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