



MAR IVANIOS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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First Semester B.A. / B.Sc. Degree Examination, November 2016

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Foundation Course – I: English

AUEN121.1 /AUEN121.2: Writings on Contemporary Issues

(Common for **Regular** – 2016 Admn. and **Improvement** – 2015 Admn.)

Time: **3 Hours**

Max. Marks: **80**

SECTION – A

*Answer **ALL** questions each in a word or in a sentence.*

1. Expand SEWA.
2. From which book is the essay of Amit Bhaduri titled ‘Globalization and Education: Third World Experience’ taken from ?
3. Who was the Chinese Buddhist pilgrim who visited India during the 5th Century BC ?
4. What does the acronym FRBM Act stand for ?
5. Who broods over the world in the poem ‘God’s Grandeur’ by G.M. Hopkins ?
6. Identify the form of the poem ‘The World is too Much with Us’.
7. Who is the central character in the novel Untouchable by Mulk Raj Anand ?
8. In which year was, ‘The American Declaration of Independence’ adopted ?
9. In which collection did William Blake’s poem ‘London’ appear ?
10. Who is the author of Arthashastra ?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – B

*Answer any **EIGHT** questions, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.*

11. What is G-20 ?
12. What is the theme of the poem ‘Unending Love’ ?
13. Why did the ascetics exile themselves to forests ?

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14. Why does Wordsworth say, “we are out of tune” in the poem, ‘The World is too Much with Us’ ?
15. How does William Blake criticize the Church and Palace in his poem ‘London’ ?
16. Why did Appu quarrel with Kuttisankaran ?
17. Why does Gandhi want to be reborn as an ‘Untouchable’ ?
18. What is John Locke’s natural rights theory ?
19. How did patriarchy deny women their subjectivity ?
20. How is the forest depicted in Kalidasa’s writings ?
21. How has the role of the government changed after globalization ?
22. Define the concept of Human Rights.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

SECTION – C

Answer any SIX questions, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.

23. Analyze Hopkins’ optimism in the poem, ‘God’s Grandeur’.
24. Explain the dichotomy in the terms Prakriti and Sanskriti.
25. Narrate the myth of Prithu and comment on its significance.
26. Comment on the relationship between Appu and Valiamma.
27. How does Wordsworth lament on the loss of spirituality in the poem ‘The World is too Much with Us’?
28. What are the major challenges to Human Rights ?
29. How, according to the poet Iqbal Nath Sarshar, did the West misinterpret the Upanishads ?
30. Discuss the three different explanations of Gender.
31. How does the world system resemble the apartheid system ?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – D

Answer any TWO questions, each in about 300 words.

32. Elucidate the main arguments put forward by Avinash Jha in the essay ‘The Globalized World’.
33. Discuss the theme of gender discrimination in M.T. Vasudevan Nair’s ‘Oppol’.
34. “The World is too Much with Us’ unleashes a world absorbed in materialism and that which has distanced itself from nature” – Explain.
35. Briefly describe the different attitudes towards forests in Indian culture.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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