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First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, November 2018

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Foundation Course – I

EN 1121 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(2016 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, **each** in a **word** or **sentence**.

- 1) What is NHRC ?
 - 2) What are the two rays of hope regarding human rights in India ?
 - 3) What, according to Dr. Madhava Menon, is the greatest threat to human dignity ?
 - 4) In which poetic collection of William Blake does the poem 'The Little Black Boy' appear ?
 - 5) Comment on the significance of the title 'The Goddess of Revenge'.
 - 6) Which is the case cited by Gail Omvedt to show the link between violence and sexuality ?
 - 7) What does the term 'comic dance' in Kamala Das' poem 'Nani' stand for ?
 - 8) What, according to Joseph Stiglitz, is the role of the Less Economically Developed Countries in the world market ?
 - 9) Why is localisation a process of decentralisation ?
 - 10) What is pre-alcoholic phase ?
- (10×1=10 Marks)**

II. Answer **any eight**, **each** in a short paragraph **not** exceeding **50** words.

- 11) Why does India in 1999 seem a garbage dump to Justice Krishna Iyer ?
- 12) How, according to Dr. Madhava Menon, does globalisation open up new inequalities ?
- 13) How does the mother console the little black boy ?
- 14) How does the family become the greatest source of violence against an upper class woman ?

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- 15) Why does the narrator in 'The Goddess of Revenge' think that writing stories is not a pleasant task for women ?
- 16) How does the child register the death of the maid Nani ?
- 17) Examine the status of women in the context of globalisation.
- 18) What are the advantages of diversification in local markets ?
- 19) What are the questions regarding freedom that the disciple and the master discuss in Chullikkad's poem ?
- 20) What is 'binge-drinking' and what are the dangers associated with the same ?
- 21) How are the commonly misused drugs classified ?
- 22) What picture of the alcoholic does Jeet Thayil paint in 'The Alcoholic at Dawn ?' **(8×2=16 Marks)**

III. Answer **any six, each** in a paragraph **not** exceeding **100** words.

- 23) What, according to V.R.Krishna Iyer, is the significance of PILs in our society ?
- 24) What picture do you get of the black boy's relationship with his white counterpart, from Blake's poem ?
- 25) What, according to Gail Omvedt, is the connection between violence and economic exploitation of women ?
- 26) What did the woman in 'Goddess of Revenge' do when she learnt that her husband was moving away from her ?
- 27) What is the underlying theme of the poem 'Nani' ?
- 28) Why does Stiglitz say that globalisation is a stark reality ?
- 29) What are the environmental and economic benefits of localisation ?
- 30) How is alcohol abuse different from alcohol dependence ?
- 31) How do stimulant drugs affect the brain ? **(6×4=24 Marks)**

IV. Answer **any two, each** in about **300** words :

- 32) Dr. N.R. Madhava Menon insists that human rights issues are closely linked to socio-economic rights. Discuss.
- 33) Describe how a chaste and innocent woman became the goddess of revenge.
- 34) Discuss the philosophical content of the poem 'Freedom'.
- 35) What, according to Dr. Adithi, are the detrimental effects of alcoholism ? **(2×15=30 Marks)**