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First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

English Language and Literature/English and Communicative English

Foundation Course – I

EN 1121/CG 1121.3 — WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours   Max. Marks : 80

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

1.   Who opined "Our planet is not balanced.... Too much turmoil.... Too much suffering"?

2.   Mention the countries where a distinct bias of 'boy preference' can be found.

3.   What was the only human rights intervention made by the League of Nations?

4.   Define Dopamine.

5.   What was the key concept that led to the development of the modern computer?

6.   Who is the author of *Ancient Indian Social History: Some Interpretations?*

7.   What great clairvoyance did American Dialect Society show in 2010?

8.   Why is it difficult for the policy makers to frame a pan India geriatric care?

9.   What will be the future of new fascism?

10.   Why do we say that human dignity and human rights are inalienable?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. What is corporate globalism?

12. Mention the scheme implemented by the Haryana Government to curb drug abuse.

13. What led to the need for having international instruments to protect human rights?

14. How does changing family structure jeopardize social and economic security of elderly people?

15. What helps to resolve New Year resolutions, according to Khyrunnisa?

16. How did Thapar prove 'the observance of law is strengthened when people understand its purpose'?

17. Why are elderly women in rural areas more vulnerable?

18. What is the pertinent question the Turing test has raised?

19. What caused steep fall in the fertility rate in Bangladesh?

20. Mention the initial attempts made at writing down the human rights in the form of a document.

21. Why did plague frighten the beautiful people?

22. A computer junkie, what are the physical ailments the author suffered?

23. What was the meaning of the term secular when it was first introduced?

24. How is a UTM different from a specific Turing machine?

25. How does dopamine in drugs affect brains?

26. What is natality discrimination?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

27. Privatization dominates our times. Comment.

28. What are the rights mentioned in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

29. How has women's literacy accounted for the sharp reduction of child bearing?

30. What are the do's and don'ts suggested to the author to avoid computer related health problems?

31. The ageing population is both a medical and sociological problem. How?

32. Mention the international treaties that tried to uphold human rights.

33. How is education important in developing independent thinking?

34. Narrate the smart phone experiences of Khyrunnisa's husband.

35. What data does the 2011 census provide on gender inequality?

36. Describe Searle's objection to Strong AI.

37. Comment on the relationship between religion and state.

38. What are the necessary actions to be adopted to address gender inequality?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two**, each in about **two** to **three** pages.

39. How far does "India's Women: The Mixed Truth" discuss the varied facts of gender inequality?

40. Sainath in "The Globalisation of Inequality" writes about the rising inequality across the globe. Elaborate.

41. Give an account on the fatal effects of drug abuse and the initiatives adopted to prevent it based on the essay you have studied.

42. "Living in the Planet of the Apps" examines how human beings have become addicted to computers and smartphones. Justify.

43. Explain Leah Levin's views on human rights and the formulation of a written body of human rights.

44. Write an essay on Thapar's views on the task of secularization in Indian society.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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