

B. Com. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017
(Supplementary /Improvement – 2014 Admission)
SEMESTER IV - COMMON COURSE (ENGLISH)
ENG4RVI - REFLECTIONS ON VITAL ISSUES

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A**I. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. What do multinational corporations search for on a global basis?
2. Whose interests does the intellectual property regime support?
3. Describe King's dream about his children's future?
4. What was the motivating slogan behind the American Civil War?
5. 'My God who wouldn't want a wife?' What does Brady mean by this?
6. What is striking about the suicide mentioned in the poem 'At the Back of Progress'?
7. Identify the dispossessed in the poem 'The Dispossessed'.
8. What does Lawrence mean when he says that 'they will make me eat dirt'?
9. What are the few business the African Americans own in America?
10. What are the changes in the mother's behaviour that astonish Doris?

(10x1=10)

PART B**II. Answer any eight questions. Each question carries 2 marks.**

11. According to Lawrence, what are the changes money has made in an individual?
12. What are the visible changes in the land caused by drought in Kalahandi?
13. How is the policy of economic aid humorously defined by Capra?
14. What are the most disturbing effects of being known as HIV positive?
15. What does Soyinka imply when he says that the lady was considerate?
16. Why does the author declare human rights cannot function in vaccum?
17. What was the only occasion when Valmiki's father lost his temper?
18. Why does the narrator want the wife to come along during the vacation?
19. Which are the two simplistic arguments raised to account for the neglect of women in India and elsewhere?
20. What advice does the old woman impart to the girl regarding medicines?
21. What does Mrs. Pearson say about the club that infuriates her husband?
22. How does Stiglitz define globalisation?

(8x2=16)

PART C**III. Answer any six questions. Each question carries 4 marks.**

23. How does Das portray the scene of abject poverty, misery and isolation of the poor millions of India?

24. Describe the benefits of foreign aid that Stiglitz acknowledges.
25. What are the civil and political rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of human Rights?
26. What progress have the African Americans made in a hundred years after the abolition of slavery?
27. How did the new kind of bondage called sharecropping happen in America?
28. What is the manner in which the man in the air-conditioned office behaves towards women?
29. How does the old woman instruct the girl about treating men?
30. How does Sen relate women's gainful employment to a visible change in their destiny?
31. What images used in the poem "For the Dispossessed" indicate the dangers of deforestation?

(6x4=24)

PART D

IV. Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks.

32. What are Capra's views on nature and the role of multinational corporations? How does he prove that mere size or reach need not entail quality?
33. How does Kalpana Jain delineate a serious problem in the extract 'Stigma, Shame and Silence'?
34. How does Valmiki portray the difficulties the lower caste people faced in obtaining education? Could these be attributed to a lack of sensitised education?
35. Through the essay 'Why I want a Wife', Judy Brady establishes the fact that a wife is looked upon as an instrument or tool for a husband. How is this done?

(2x15=30)