

**B. A. /B. Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2025**  
**(2016 and 2017 Admission Supplementary)**  
**SEMESTER II - COMMON COURSE (ENGLISH)**  
**EN2A04B - MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES**  
**(Except AFD, BHA, CE & CA)**

**Time: Three Hours****Maximum Marks: 80****PART A****I. Answer all the questions. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. How did others treat Ashok after he went back to his ship after having been tested HIV positive?
2. What advice does the old woman impart to the girl regarding medicines?
3. How is the policy of economic aid humorously defined by Capra?
4. Describe King's dream about his children's future
5. How does the man in the air conditioned office behave towards women?
6. How does Stiglitz define globalisation?

**(6x1=6)****PART B****II. Answer any seven questions. Each question carries 2 marks.**

7. What is Capra's opinion as regards the quantity of jobs created by corporate giants and by small-scale enterprises?
8. What according to Lawrence, should be provided free of cost?
9. Why was Ashok admitted in the INHS hospital in Mumbai?
10. State the chief cause of fear in the speaker's mind in 'Money Madness'?
11. What is meant by "Kalahandi" is very close to us"?
12. Why do we say that the notion of human rights is universal?
13. Describe Valmiki's childhood before he went to school.
14. Why was Ashok admitted in the INHS hospital in Mumbai?
15. Pick out the statements in Judy Brady's essay which reveals that a wife isn't expected to interfere in her husband's activities.
16. What are the reasons as to why the last man in the poem, "At the Back of Progress" divorces his first three wives?

**(7x2=14)****PART C****III. Answer any five questions. Each question carries 6 marks.**

17. How did Valmiki's classmates behave towards him?
18. How does the old woman instruct the girl about treating men?
19. Why does Lawrence say that the present attitude towards money is all wrong? What are the changes he wants to see in society?
20. Describe the benefits of foreign aid that Stiglitz acknowledges.
21. Describe the village pond in Valmiki's village.

22. How does Capra trace the environmental destruction in the Third World countries to the actions of multinational corporations?
23. How does the speaker in the poem 'Telephone Conversation' describe his own complexion?
24. What signs of caste discrimination are portayed in *Joothan*?

**(5x6=30)**

**PART D**

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

25. Describe the trials, tribulations and aspirations of the African Americans as pointed out by Martin Luther King.
26. How does Jagannath Prasad Das portray the scene of abject poverty, misery and isolation of the poor millions of India?
27. "Telephone Conversation is an example of prevailing racial prejudice". Evaluate.
28. How does Joseph Stilglitz assess the salient features and the effects of globalization?

**(2x15=30)**