

**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, APRIL, 2015  
SECOND SEMESTER – COMMON COURSE (ENGLISH)  
ENG2MVI-MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Maximum: 80 Marks**

**Part A**

**Answer *all* the following questions in not more than a sentence.  
(Each question carries 1 mark.)**

1. What, according to Lawrence, should be provided free of cost?
2. What is the only sign of prosperity found among the poor in Kalahandi?
3. What was the motivating slogan behind the American Civil War?
4. What is King's dream about his children's future?
5. Where does Aruna Roy locate the beginning of the end of our freedom?
6. What was the only occasion when Valmiki's father lost his temper?
7. Name the author of the poem "Telephone Conversation".
8. What advice does the old woman impart to the girl regarding medicines?
9. How does the man in the air-conditioned office behave towards his wife?
10. How does Mrs. Pearson compare the work she does every day with what Doris does?

(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

**Part B**

**Answer *any eight* of the following each in two or three sentences.  
(Each question carries 2 marks.)**

11. How does corporate power impact higher education, according to Fritjof Capra?
12. How did Valmiki's classmates behave towards him?
13. Identify the dispossessed and explain their plight according to the poet.
14. Why does Shiva feel that there will be a production crisis for food grains in India?
15. Why do we say that the notion of human rights is universal?
16. What was the reason which prompted Ashok at first to believe that he could not have AIDS?

17. What peculiarity of autumn is highlighted by Wright in his essay?
18. How did the master treat the slave after he decided to stay there permanently?
19. What signs of acute poverty are depicted by Das in the domestic scene in “Kalahandi”?
20. What are the duties of a wife as regards the preparation and use of food?
21. Why is it that Mrs. Pearson tolerates all the indifference and lack of co-operation from her husband and children?
22. Why does Sen call work outside the homespace ‘educational’ for women?

(8 x 2 = 16 marks)

### **Part C**

**Answer *any six* of the following in a short paragraph of about 100 words.  
(Each question carries 4 marks)**

23. How does Capra trace the environmental destruction in Third World countries to the actions of multinational corporations?
24. List out the benefits of foreign aid that Stiglitz acknowledges?
25. According to Vandana Shiva, how has economic globalization hijacked culture?
26. What are the areas covered under the social, economic and cultural rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?
27. Why does Palkhivala say that the world continues to be ‘less than half free’?
28. How did the new kind of bondage called share cropping happen in America?
29. How does Jensen’s story demonstrate that a sense of belonging to a homeland is essential for keeping healthy and hopeful?
30. What are the reasons as to why the last man in Taslima Nasrin’s poem divorces his first three wives?
31. How does Amartya Sen relate women’s gainful employment to a visible change in their destiny?

(6x4=24 marks)

### **Part D**

**Answer *any two* of the following.  
(Each question carries 15 marks)**

32. How does Joseph Stiglitz assess the salient features and the effects of globalization?
33. “Telephone Conversation” is an example of prevailing racial prejudice. Show how the

poem presents the discriminatory and dehumanizing nature of racial prejudice.

34. How does Kalpana Jain delineate the serious social problem that AIDS is in her extract?

35. How does Judy Brady establish the fact that a wife is looked upon as a convenient instrument or tool for a husband?

(15x2=30marks)