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REFLECTIONS ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

[For Model I B.A./B.Sc, Model II B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. and Model III B.A. English Literature and Communication Studies Programmes]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Part A

Answer all questions from this part.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

Choose the correct answer from the following.

- I. 1 Who wrote that "We have a tendency to blame others for everything that goes wrong and not to introspect and try to see if we have any share in it or not".
- (a) Mahatma Gandhi. (b) C.E.M. Joad.
(c) Raja Rao. (d) Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
- 2 The amusing spectacle mentioned in the poem "Exciting News".
- (a) Sight of the boats. (b) Beauty of backwaters.
(c) Calm night. (d) Humans bathing and excreting in the waters.
- 3 The roots of the Indian Federation can be traced to :
- (a) The British colonial regime.
(b) The diversity of culture.
(c) The first war of Indian Independence.
(d) The different dynasties.
- 4 Who is the master that Vallathol refers in his poem ?
- (a) Mahatma Gandhi. (b) Jesus Christ.
(c) Lord Krishna. (d) The Buddha.
- II. 5 What did Mahatma Gandhi prescribe for mental health ?
- (a) Non-violence. (b) Non-co-operation.
(c) Truth. (d) Meditation.

Turn over

6 What is the central evil of the modern world ?

- (a) Break through in science. (b) Materialism.
(c) Immorality of the people. (d) Nationalism.

7 When did Gauri come to the Master ?

- (a) Daily. (b) Every Tuesday evening.
(c) Every Tuesday morning. (d) Every Friday evening.

8 What is the occupation of the dead man with bread in the coffin-box ?

- (a) He is a politician. (b) He is a clerk.
(c) He is a rickshaw-puller. (d) He is a weaver.

III. 9 The most characteristic quality of human beings, according to Aristotle, is found in :

- (a) Moral virtue. (b) Godliness.
(c) Courage. (d) Reason.

10 The reasonable man, according to Joad, is :

- (a) Detached. (b) Attached.
(c) Quiet. (d) Self-sacrificing.

11 What is usual about the behaviour of victims of accidents according to Sakina Begum ?

- (a) They are violent. (b) They prefer death to pain.
(c) They are calm. (d) They are indifferent to how they are treated.

12 Indian nationalism is based on :

- (a) Languages. (b) Ethnicity.
(c) Religion. (d) Many things and one thing at the same time.

IV. 13 Why is the poet angry with the champak trees ?

- (a) They burst into flowers.
(b) They gave mother migraine.
(c) They filled the surroundings with fragrance.
(d) They attracted snakes to the house.

14 What was Chandi Prasad Bhatt against ?

- (a) Use of scientific knowledge. (b) Development.
(c) Construction of large dams. (d) Politicians.

15 How did old Koshooosh view nature ?

- (a) Nature was kind to the individual
(b) Nature didn't care for the individual.
(c) Nature didn't mind if a whole species was wiped out.
(d) Nature didn't bother about life at all.

16 'The Last Conservative' is :

- (a) An autobiographical poem. (b) A ballad.
(c) A sonnet. (d) An elegy.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Part B

Answer any five of the following each in a sentence or two.

- 17 What are the *two* regrets that Dr. Rajendra Prasad refers in his speech ?
18 What is meant by *imaginaire* ?
19 What is *civil-disobedience* ?
20 How did Mahatma Gandhi liberate India ?
21 What are philosophers noted for ?
22 What is the message of the poem 'Can You Make Out' ?
23 What was the trick played by Chabban Mian ?
24 Where did the poet and his wife build the house ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

Answer any four of the following each in about 100 words.

- 25 What is your impression about Brother Abdul Rahman ?
26 Describe Joad's concept of humanity.
27 How is Mahatma Gandhi a moral genius ?
28 What is the role of Rohan in 'Smaller Gandhis' ?
29 Describe the significance of the wall-paper image.
30 Comment on Shashi Tharoor's view of Indian nationalism.

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

Answer any two of the following each in about 200 words.

- 31 Evaluate Vallathol Narayana Menon's tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.
32 How does the story 'Root' glorify love in the face of communal passions ?
33 Describe the features of an ecological view of the world.

(2 × 4 = 8)