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**Common Course—English**

**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)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A**

I. Answer *all* questions from this part. Each bunch of *four* questions carries a weight of 1. Choose the correct answer from the following :—

- 1 What was the problem with the Princely states ?
  - (a) Together they represented one third of the territory of India.
  - (b) They became independent with the treaties and engagements the British had with them lapsing.
  - (c) They had different traditions of rule.
  - (d) They had to be handsomely paid for according to the Union.
- 2 Why is a federal system of government suitable for a pluralistic society ?
  - (a) It ensures the participation of each group in the political process.
  - (b) It gives scope for the domination of one group over the others.
  - (c) The diverse groups in the society will have absolute freedom.
  - (d) The states have the freedom to secede from the Union.
- 3 Gandhiji said that if he was given a choice between cowardice and violence, he would opt for violence. This statement implies that :
  - (a) Fear makes man small and makes him incapable of defending freedom.
  - (b) He was prepared to use physical force if that would serve his purpose.
  - (c) Gandhiji was defending himself against the change of cowardice.
  - (d) None of these.
- 4 What should the British government learn from history according to Gandhiji ?
  - (a) The rebellion of the people for legitimate demand is short-lived.
  - (b) The government cannot oppose the rebellion of the people for legitimate demands.

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- (c) Being aware that no government can tolerate open rebellion, Gandhiji gives his consent to the British government to use force.
- (d) Gandhiji expresses his regret of having instigated the Civil Disobedience Movement.

II. 5 Why can Gandhiji sleep at will even at a moment's notice ?

- (a) because he is too tired with his restless work.
- (b) Because he was effected the separation of the body from the true self
- (c) because of the weakness caused by his frequent fastings.
- (d) because of the enormous moral support he gets from people.

6 Why did Sakina Begum's family move to Hakim Chiranji Lal's house during the riots ?

- (a) The area where the house was located was quiet.
- (b) Hakim Chiranji Lal's grandfather was a famous man.
- (c) Hakim Chiranji Lal insisted on their shifting to his house.
- (d) They would be safe in Hakim Chiranji Lal's house.

7 What is the significance of the image of "thali" ?

- (a) Indians are gluttons.
- (b) India provides a variety of cuisines.
- (c) Indians are fond of different kinds of dishes.
- (d) India pluralism can be compared to nice, tasty dishes complementing one another.

8 The family which left for Pakistan came back because :

- (a) Amma was alone in her house.
- (b) There was a fresh out-break of violence on the way.
- (c) They were forcibly sent back by rioters.
- (d) It was Roopchandji's persuasion through love that made them come back.

III. 1. The post wants the moon :

- (a) to cleanse the town.
- (b) to vanish from sight.
- (c) to tell her which door she should knock at.
- (d) to help the ruffians destroy the town.

2. Which of the following is not true about deep ecology?

- (a) It has ecological awareness of the individual.
- (b) It puts man at the centre of the world.
- (c) It recognises the interdependence of all things.
- (d) It is a global movement founded by Arne Naess.

- 11 Why is the poet angry with the champak-trees ?
- (a) because they burst into flowers.
  - (b) because they caused migrane.
  - (c) because they filled the surroundings with fragrance.
  - (d) because they attracted snakes into the house.

- 12 What does the snake in "The first Meeting" want ?
- (a) to be fed properly.
  - (b) to be worshipped as a God.
  - (c) to be treated as a pet in the house.
  - (d) to be treated as a friend.

IV. 13 What is Chandi Prasad Bhatt against ?

- (a) he is against the use of scientific knowledge.
- (b) he is against the construction of large dams.
- (c) he is against the development.
- (d) he is against the politicians espousing the cause of environment.

14 How did old Kos Koosh 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.

15 The comparison of the skin of the fish with ancient wall papers shows that :

- (a) it is an old fish.
- (b) it retains, even in this battered state, something of its original beauty as ancient wall papers do.
- (c) the fish is repulsive.
- (d) the skin of the fish is not hard enough.

16 What does Seattle mean when he says that the earth does not belong to man ; man belongs to the earth ?

- (a) he means that man has control over the earth.
- (b) he means that the earth is his property and he can do whatever he likes with it.
- (c) he means that man should respect the earth and all the things that live on it.
- (d) he means that the earth has been created to make man happy.

(16 × ¼ = 4 weightage)

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**Part B**

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

- 17 What is the difference between the British monarch and the Indian President?
- 18 Why are economic and military factors not important today in the context of the creation of a federation?
- 19 How did the carpenters make money after the death of Gauri?
- 20 What was the impact of the news of the assassination of Gandhiji on Sadiq?
- 21 In what sense was India born in 1947 a new creation?
- 22 What are the things which encourage the growth of fanaticism?
- 23 Comment on the anti-ecological nature of our social and economic structures.
- 24 What is strange about buying and selling land according to Seattle?

(5 × 1 = 5 weightage)

**Part C**

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

- 25 Which aspect of Abdul Rahman's personality appeals to you? Why?
- 26 Write a short note on the preamble to the constitution of India.
- 27 Describe the sacrifice of Gauri.
- 28 What is the role of Roshan in "Smaller Gandhis"?
- 29 Write a short note on ecological ethics.
- 30 What do you think of the white man's attitude to land? Discuss it with reference to the present day attitude.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

**Part D**

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

- 31 Describe the features of a federal system with special reference to the Constitution of India.
- 32 Which aspects of the Mahatma's personality does Raja Raj highlight through the image of the divine cow?

Seattle's letter is a passionate plea for respect on the part of humans for environment. Discuss.

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)