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SECOND SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.M.M.C. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course—English

ENG 2A 04—READINGS ON SOCIETY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

1 The \_\_\_\_\_ is not a concrete context of culture.

(a) Food we eat.

(b) Clothes we wear.

(c) Languages we speak.

(d) None of these.

2 Which of the following is not an adverse effect of economic globalization ?

(a) Farmers' suicides.

(b) Malnutrition.

(c) Rise in cost of production.

(d) Inventory controls.

3 A record rainfall of \_\_\_\_\_ inches has been experienced in the Assam hills.

(a) 100.

(b) 70.

(c) 50.

(d) 80.

4 The commercial trade in frog's legs resulted in an increase in \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Owls.

(b) Diurnal birds.

(c) Land crabs.

(d) Lizards.

5 Orography is the scientific study of the growth of \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Steppes.

(b) Forests.

(c) Mountains.

(d) Fossils.

The widow in Chalam's story feels that in her previous birth she must have killed :

(a) Her husband.

(b) Someone's children.

(c) A priest.

(d) Her children.

- 7 The ratio of women to men is higher than \_\_\_\_\_ in Kerala.  
 (a) 1.02. (b) 1.03.  
 (c) 1.01. (d) 0.86.
- 8 Ashok was admitted to INHS Ashwini Hospital at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) Pune. (b) Mumbai.  
 (c) Nagpur. (d) None of these.
- 9 Rappai's family consisted of manufacturers of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) Aluminium. (b) Copper.  
 (c) Gold. (d) Titanium.
- 10 Economic globalization is a \_\_\_\_\_ ideology.  
 (a) Pre-historic. (b) Cold war.  
 (c) Neo-liberal. (d) Twenty first century.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following in not more than *two* sentences each :

- 11 How does Kochu Rappai answer visitors' calls at his home ?
- 12 How did friends react to Ashok's realization of his HIV status ?
- 13 How do you interpret the usage 'missing women' ?
- 14 Why does the widow call herself Cinderella ?
- 15 Differentiate between natural and transformed environments.
- 16 How have improvements in communication and technology reacted to ecology ?
- 17 What is the metaphor used by Prasad to reflect India's unity in diversity ?
- 18 Why does Vandana Shiva compare economic globalization to a tsunami ?
- 19 Why does the author say that Rappai smiles maliciously at science and society now ?
- 20 'Welcome aboard : to a new world of stigma and shame'. Explain.
- 21 How does Sen disprove the economic analysis on 'women to men' ratio ?
- 22 How did the widow shield her annayya in their youth ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)



III. Answer any *four* of the following in a *paragraph* each :

- 23 Discuss briefly latitudinal change in climate.
- 24 Trace the origin of ecological imbalance.
- 25 Write a paragraph on India's culture strength.
- 26 The role of TNCs in economic globalization.
- 27 Describe the Veegaland anecdote involving Kochu Rappai.
- 28 'It is truly an unfair world' with regard to HIV patients. Why ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in about 300 words each :

- 29 Describe how Rappai became the fulcrum of a rich family.
- 30 How does Amartya Sen differ from other sociologists on the question of gender disparity ?
- 31 Write a critical appreciation of the story by Gudipat Venkat Chalam portraying the plight of widows in India.
- 32 Discuss the guidelines proposed by Dr. Prasad for keeping India's unity. In the face of challenges thrown by the modern age.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

