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III Semester Degree Examination, November 2010
3A05ENG : ENGLISH (Common) (Course – 3)
Literature and Contemporary Issues

Time: 3 Hours

Total Weightage : 30

I. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following :

- 1) The differences between the concepts of globalization and internationalism as set out in Satchidanandan's essay.
- 2) Summarise Devinder Sharma's views on potato, American media and the scientists regarding the question of malnutrition. **(Weightage : 4)**

II. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following :

- 3) Arundhati Roy's arguments against India's nuclear policy.
- 4) Compare and contrast Aruna's early life with her life after marriage. **(Weightage : 4)**

III. Write a paragraph **each** of about **80** words on the following :

- 5) What does Amartya Sen say about early globalization ?
- 6) Kidney sale agitation.
- 7) The strange hobbies of the rich as narrated by Sainath.
- 8) Financial abuse on the domestic front.
- 9) Precautions suggested in the event of a nuclear war.
- 10) Any two cases of domestic violence you have seen reported in the media. **(Weightage : 6×2=12)**

IV. Answer the **four** bunches of **four** questions **each** given below :

- 11) A) Import duty is higher on
 - a) second-hand cars
 - b) rice
 - c) sugar
 - d) cotton
- B) The author of Identity and Violence : The Illusion of Destiny is
 - a) Noam Chomsky
 - b) Satchidanandan
 - c) Amartya Sen
 - d) Jean Baudrillard

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- C) In the state of Kerala the average Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MRPCE) is
a) less than b) three times c) half d) twice the national average.
- D) The BBC reporter claimed that the GM potato was reported to contain
a) 2.8 percent b) 0.8 percent c) 40 percent d) 0.6 percent of protein.
- 12) A) If there is a nuclear war our foes will be
a) China b) America c) Pakistan d) The earth
- B) Aruna's lawyer friend advised her
a) to file a suit
b) to try for a settlement with her husband
c) to whisk her children off to the US
d) none of these
- C) Aruna's younger sister Gita was
a) a lawyer b) a teacher c) a doctor d) an air-hostess
- D) In the event of accidents at nuclear plants infants should be given
a) powdered milk b) water
c) milk d) iodine pills
- 13) A) Epistemic violence means
a) domestic violence b) cruelty
c) widespread violence d) violence to one's world view
- B) Macaulay feared
a) the diversity of faiths in India b) the unity of people
c) the diversity of languages d) none of these
- C) The decimal system in Mathematics emerged and developed in _____
between the 2nd and 6th centuries.
a) China b) Japan c) India d) Persia
- D) The cotton farmers in Vidharbha committed suicide
a) to show their opposition to globalization
b) in protest against the government's indifference
c) as they were in a debt-trap
d) none of the above



- 14) A) Cotton was once known as
- a) Farmer's gold
 - b) White gold
 - c) Indian gold
 - d) Poor man's gold
- B) The transgenic potato was projected as the probable answer to India's growing crisis of
- a) economic depression
 - b) poverty
 - c) malnutrition
 - d) food scarcity
- C) SEZ stands for
- a) Socially Efficient Zone
 - b) Social and Economic Zone
 - c) Special Effort Zone
 - d) Special Economic Zone
- D) Just saying all horrible things to her and really hurting her, making her cry, and Mum couldn't do anything. What did the 12 year-old white girl do in the situation ?
- a) she cried helplessly
 - b) she called the police
 - c) she tried to console her mother
 - d) she became unconscious

(Weightage : 4×1=4)

V. Answer the following questions in a sentence or **two** :

- 15) Who stands to gain by financial abuse ?
- 16) What is nuclear winter ?
- 17) How does Aruna describe the birth of her children ?
- 18) What did the media managers of Prime Minister Narasimha Rao do when the news of the PM's visit did not get press coverage in the US ?
- 19) What is the prediction of Chetan Ahya regarding the Indian political situation ?
- 20) Who is the author of Villages for Sale in Vidharbha ?

(Weightage : 6×1=6)