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First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

Foundation Course – I

EN 1121/CG 1121.3 — WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

**(Common for English Language and Literature and English and
Communicative English)**

(2020 Admission)

Special Examination

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence
1. Which are the two misery related but giant and growing sectors in China?
2. Why are old age homes more relevant even in Indian context?
3. Which distressing aspect of gender bias is still prevalent, even among educated people, in India?
4. What are the basic principles underlined in human rights?
5. What was the effect of drug abuse in Diego Maradona?
6. Which laws are regarded as the spine of a society?
7. What is the major deterrent in providing comfort to the aged?

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8. What peculiar aspect of religion does a secular person wish to keep separate from the state?
9. Name the NGO which runs an unofficial recreation centre for children inside the Nizamuddin Police station?
10. Why are New Year resolutions made?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. What is the irony in the years termed as 'economic recovery'?
12. What are the necessary actions suggested by Amartya Sen to address gender inequality?
13. What reasons did Khyrunnisa state for her preference for PC's over smart phones?
14. What is the fundamental objectives of the United Nations according to the 1945 charter?
15. What, according to Amartya Sen, led to lower replacement fertility in China?
16. Why is the smart phone an 'appealing place'?
17. What are the challenges the elderly people face in accessing health care in India?
18. List the records that show the addiction of street children to drugs.
19. What example does Gareth Southwell provide to prove the insignificance in considering that computers can outperform humans?
20. What are the various preventive measures to curb drug abuse?
21. To have a secular society, what should one do?
22. What is the Turing test?



23. List the developments that enhanced the need for strong international instruments to protect human rights.
24. How can a comprehensive care be provided for the elderly in India?
25. How does drug usage quickly turn to drug abuse?
26. Explain the role of social and civil laws in a secular society.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

- III. Answer any **six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.
27. Why does P. Sainath say 'India is a classic example of engineered inequality'?
 28. How does Southwell distinguish between Strong AI and Weak AI?
 29. Even with high female education, selective abortion of female fetuses is still a continued practice. Why?
 30. What are the effects of drug abuse?
 31. How does Khyrunnisa prove the super sensitive touch screen has added to everyone's woes'?
 32. Comment on the initial implications of the term 'secular'.
 33. The lack of social support pushes the elderly in India to a more vulnerable condition. How?
 34. What is and is not secularism, according to Thapar?
 35. Explain Searle's views on the consciousness of machines.
 36. What are the regional differences pointed out by Sen in the male-female ratios in India?
 37. Comment on the title "Living in the Planet of the Apps"?
 38. Mention the initiatives adopted to fight drug abuse.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)



IV. Answer any **two**, each in about **two to three** pages.

39. Enumerate on Thapar's views on the idea of secularism.
40. Mukharjee in "Drug Abuse: Causes and Solutions" lists the harmful and fatal effects of drug abuse and preventive measures to deal with it. Elaborate.
41. Serious violations of human rights necessitated the formulation of a written body of human rights. Discuss with reference to Leah Levin's "Universal Declaration of Human Rights."
42. Khyrunnisa uses humour to substantiate her reasons for not using smart phone. Comment.
43. Attempt an essay on the ideas expressed by Sainath in "The Globalisation of Inequality"
44. "India's Women: The Mixed Truth" discusses the possible reasons for violence against women in India. Substantiate.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

