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First Degree Programme Under CSS

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Foundation Course – I

EN 1121 : WRITINGS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(2017 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions each in a sentence or **two**.

1. Which are the two auspicious wedding songs mentioned in the short story "The Goddess of Revenge".
2. What according to Madhava Menon are the three major factors that monitor human rights violations in our country?
3. Expand NHRC.
4. Name the environmental activist and feminist associated with the Chipko Movement of the Himalayan peasants.
5. How does the grandmother respond when the child asks her about Nani?
6. What according to Dr. Madhava Menon is the foundation of all rights?
7. What does the 'cloud' represent in the poem "The Little Black Boy"?

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8. What is meant by differentiation?
9. What does the image of the beached whale signify in the poem "The Alcoholic at Dawn"?
10. Who is the 'guru' in Chullikkads' poem "Freedom"?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer **any eight** each in a short paragraph of about **50** words.

11. Why does Kamala Das call Nani a clumsy puppet?
12. What is Delirium Tremens?
13. What are the environmental benefits of localization?
14. What is 'Sankritization' according to Gail Omvedt?
15. How does the mother console the little black boy?
16. According to Dr. Menon Poverty is the greatest threat to human lives. Explain.
17. What is the 'blue smoke' referred to in the poem "The Alcoholic at Dawn"?
18. How do hallucinogens affect the brain?
19. What are the six phases in the history of globalization?
20. Why do local food cost less than imported food?
21. Why is binge drinking more dangerous?
22. Why does India in 1999 seem to be a garbage dump to Justice Krishna Iyer?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six** each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.

23. How is local produce better than global food products according to Helena Hodge?
24. State how women are affected by globalization?
25. How does Omvedt analyse the relation between violence and economic exploitation of women?

26. Highlight the Christian overtones in the poem "The Little Black Boy".
27. How did Tatri react when she came to realize that her husband was moving away from her?
28. How does the tailor explain the concept of freedom to his disciple?
29. What is Justice Krishna Iyer's opinion about the west-infected New World Order?
30. What is the mother's world view in the poem "The Little Black Boy"?
31. Briefly describe the topic discussed in the Nari Mukthi Sangharsh Sammelan, Patna 1988.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Write an essay on **any two** of the following in not less than **300** words.

32. "Nani is a poem which reveals the cruelty of the rich feudal people towards the poor". Discuss.
33. What are Gail Omvedt's observations on violence against women in India?
34. Discuss the theme of the poem "The Alcoholic at Dawn".
35. Narrate the circumstances which led Tatri to transform herself to the goddess of revenge.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)