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Common Course in English

2A03 ENG : READINGS ON INDIAN CONSTITUTION, SECULARISM
AND ENVIRONMENT
(2013 & Earlier Adm.)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

I. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **200** words :

- 1) The poem 'A Telephone Conversation' is a strong statement against racial discrimination. Explain.
- 2) In the light of Tagore's story 'The Exercise Book' explain how the sudden onset of marriage wrecks Uma's development into a capable human being.

(Weightage 4)

II. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **200** words :

- 3) What is NBA and what is its impact on development paradigms, as you understand from the interview with Medha Patkar ?
- 4) What do you understand about centre-state relations and the Constitution from the speech of Nani Palkhivala ?

(Weightage 4)

III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 5) Write a letter to the District Collector complaining about the indiscriminate cutting down of trees on both sides of the National Highway.
- 6) Write an analysis of the poem given below :

The Black Finger : Angelina W Grimke

I have just seen a beautiful thing,

Slim and still,

Against a gold, gold sky,

P.T.O.



A straight cypress,
Sensitives,
Exquisite,
A black finger pointing upwards.
Why, beautiful, still finger are you black ?
And why are you pointing upwards ?

(Weightage 4)

IV. Answer **any four** of the following questions **each** in a paragraph of about **80** words :

- 7) The mother in the poem *Ecology* by A K Ramanujam.
- 8) The drowning princess incident in Kottarathil Sankunni's *A Hindu Princess and her Islamic Dynasty*.
- 9) Comment on the title of the poem *The Election* by Sitakant Mahapatra.
- 10) Textbook production, examination and forest wealth.
- 11) What is your concept of development ?

(Weightage 4x2=8)

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

- A) 12) The award for the Greenest School went for the first time to
 - a) An English-medium public school in Delhi
 - b) Sholai School of Kodaikanal
 - c) The Government school in Boormajara village of Ropar District, Punjab
 - d) A Private School
- 13) The Chipco Movement was led by
 - a) Medha Patkar
 - b) Sunderlal Bahuguna
 - c) Baba Amte
 - d) Mahatma Gandhi
- 14) The princess refused to enter the palace because
 - a) The other women in the palace hated her after the drowning incident
 - b) She fell in love with the Muslim youth
 - c) She considered herself an outcast as the Muslim youth had held her hand and given her a cloth
 - d) She was afraid of her uncle
- 15) Sitakant Mahapatra is a poet who belongs to
 - a) Delhi
 - b) Maharashtra
 - c) Orissa
 - d) Punjab



- B) 16) Palkhivala states that
- a) The states must control the centre
 - b) The centre must control the states
 - c) The centre subverts the Constitution by depriving the states of their rights
 - d) There is no power struggle between the states and the centre
- 17) Barbie Doll is a poem written by
- a) Kamala Das
 - b) Srikant Mahapatra
 - c) Marge Piercy
 - d) AK Ramanujan
- 18) On seeing the contents of Uma's Exercise Book, Pyarimohan
- a) Was delighted
 - b) Praised his wife's talent as a writer
 - c) Read out her compositions in a loud voice making fun of her
 - d) Called her brother
- 19) Ramu was unwilling to reveal his date of birth because
- a) He did not know the date of his birth
 - b) He did not want others to know his age
 - c) He did not want anyone to make a horoscope for him
 - d) He was superstitious
- C) 20) The telephone conversation is a poem about
- a) Love
 - b) Modern age
 - c) Colour prejudice
 - d) Urban life
- 21) The cook considered the children as 'savages' because
- a) They ate too much
 - b) They were not fashionably dressed
 - c) They did not use spoon and fork to eat
 - d) They were Indians
- 22) According to the poet Raju Solanki what grows in the garden of his rivals mind are
- a) The seeds of love
 - b) The weeds of hate
 - c) Flowering plants
 - d) Leafy plants
- 23) Kumud Pawde's desire to do MA in Sanskrit was discouraged by others because
- a) She was a woman
 - b) She was a Dalit woman
 - c) She was a high-caste woman
 - d) She was poor in studies



- D) 24) The production of text books _____ forest wealth.
a) Increases b) Preserves
c) Depletes d) Restores
- 25) Kumud Pawde studied in
a) St. Stephen's College b) Lady Sreeram College
c) Morris College d) Jamia Milia
- 26) The number of schools that participated in the first Green School contest was about
a) 10 b) 100 c) 200 d) 300
- 27) The Indian Constitution does not talk about
a) Union b) Centre c) State d) All these
(Weightage 4×1=4)

VI. Answer **any six** of the following questions **each in a sentence or two** :

- 28) What is Medha Patkar's idea of development ?
- 29) What happened to the parents of Ramu, mentioned in *The Orange Seller's Protest* ?
- 30) What two things constitute a marriage, as explained in *A Hindu Princess and her Islamic Dynasty* ?
- 31) How did the favourite exercise book reach Uma's husband's house ?
- 32) According to the poor man what is his temple ?
- 33) How does the society respond to the efforts of a Dalit woman for education ?
- 34) Who is the speaker of the poem *A Telephone Conversation* ?
(Weightage 6×1=6)