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ENGLISH (Common Course)

**2A03 ENG : Readings on Indian Constitutions,
Secularism and Environment**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

I. Attempt **any one** of the following in an essay of about **200** words :

- 1) Racism as unfolded in the narratives of Kamala Das and Wole Soyinka.
- 2) Education of women is Tagore's time and now. (1×4=4)

II. Attempt **any one** of the following in an essay of about **200** words :

- 3) "NBA's greatest success is that it has brought about a widespread questioning of development, a search for more just alternatives" – Discuss.
- 4) Lessons in secularism conveyed by the legend of Arakkal Beebi. (1×4=4)

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

- 5) The Chairman of State Human Rights Commission is visiting your town and you are to interview him. Prepare a list of questions covering all relevant issues you would like to raise at the interview.
- 6) Write a letter to the District Collector urging his immediate intervention to end the indiscriminate land-filling in your area. (1×4=4)

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

- 7) Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem 'A Monologue'.
- 8) What picture of Centre-State relations do you get from Palkhivala's speech ?
- 9) What is the message of A.K. Ramanujan's poem ?
- 10) Attempt a character sketch of Ramu.
- 11) What are the prospects and limitations of Green School Contest ? 4×2=8)

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V. Answer **all** the questions in the **four** bunches choosing the correct answer from the options given against **each** :

12) a) Kumud's husband belonged to _____ -

- i) an upper caste
- ii) a lower caste
- iii) the same caste
- iv) none of these

b) Wole Soyinka is a _____

- i) Japanese writer
- ii) British
- iii) Caribbean
- iv) Nigerian

c) Uma's love for letters was _____ by her in laws.

- i) encouraged
- ii) looked down upon
- iii) viewed indifferently
- iv) ignored

d) Basavanna considers his body _____

- i) as supreme
- ii) as a vehicle
- iii) as the shrine
- iv) as a prison

13) a) After independence, as years go by the powers of the States have _____

- i) gone up
- ii) gone down
- iii) remained the same
- iv) had some gain and some loss

b) Rural Indians look at elections _____

- i) with great hopes
- ii) with a sense of pride
- iii) with the anguish of choice
- iv) indifferently

c) Palkhivala considered Indian Constitution _____

- i) ineffective
- ii) a great instrument
- iii) inadequate
- iv) undemocratic

d) What are the great 'persuaders' in the election ?

- i) manifesto of the candidate
- ii) developmental issues
- iii) little fancy items or money
- iv) ideology



- 14) a) Secularism in the Indian context means _____
i) no place for religion in the country
ii) no belief in god
iii) only officially recognized religions allowed
iv) religious neutrality
- b) The old capital of the Kolathiris was _____
i) Kannur ii) Chirakkal iii) Cherukunnu iv) Ezhimala
- c) The Arakkal and Chirakkal families always maintained _____ relationship.
i) cold ii) cordial iii) troubled iv) indifferent
- d) The Princess initially refused to come out of water as _____
i) she was shocked ii) she didn't want to live
iii) a stranger had touched her iv) her clothes had been washed away
- 15) a) Privatisation of water resources will _____
i) solve water scarcity
ii) free people from water-borne diseases
iii) make safe drinking water available
iv) deprive the majority of drinking water
- b) In the Green School Contest, Sholai School Kodaikanal won the second position for _____
i) waste management
ii) generating electricity for their requirement
iii) water harvesting
iv) organic farming
- c) The poem 'Ecology' is about _____
i) champak trees ii) migrane of his mother
iii) first seasonal rain iv) reverence for nature
- d) Medha Patkar identifies the reason for high rate of communal violence in urban centres as _____
i) urban people are more religious
ii) high literacy rate
iii) people suffer from identity crisis
iv) high income

(4×1=4)



VI. Answer **any six** of the following, **each** in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 16) What are the toys given to girl child ? Why ?
- 17) What is Emerson's idea of justice in operation ?
- 18) Why didn't Ramanujan's mother allow the trees to be cut down ?
- 19) Who is the speaker in Mahapatra's poem ?
- 20) Which shall stay for ever according to Basavanna ?
- 21) What did Pyarimohan think of the power of novels and plays ?
- 22) 'One thought still pricks me' What is the thought that disturbs Kumud Pawde ?

(6×1=6)
