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Third Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, November 2022
(2019 Admission Onwards)
COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
3A05ENG: Readings on Democracy and Secularism

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

- I. Write an essay in **250** words on **one** of the following : (1×8=8)
- 1) Discuss Kamala Das' skill in sketching characters using 'The Humiliation of a Brown Child in a European School' as reference.
 - 2) What are Ambedkar's suggestions to safeguard the democratic traditions of India ?
- II. Write an essay in **250** words on **one** of the following : (1×8=8)
- 3) How does Basavanna establish the primacy of the human body over the standing and unchanging temple ?
 - 4) Recount the story of the princess and the dynasty that came to be established by her.
- III. Answer **four** of the following in about **100** words : (4×4=16)
- 5) How did society react to Kumud's decision to study Sanskrit ?
 - 6) According to Kamala Das, how does colonisation influence the culinary culture of a land ?
 - 7) How does deprivation work against democracy as per the poem *The Election* ?



- 8) How does the postcard function in the poem by Agha Shahid Ali ?
- 9) Comment on the title *The Rich will make Temples for Shiva*.
- 10) What does Maya Angelou tell us about Africa's past ?

IV. Answer **eight** of the following in **not** more than **two** sentences : (8×1=8)

- 11) What, according to Ambedkar will be the consequence of hero worship ?
 - 12) The use of metaphors in the first stanza of *Africa*.
 - 13) Who was Shirley Temple ?
 - 14) Why did Kumud have to face ironical comments about her scholarship ?
 - 15) What does 'muted allegories' mean in the poem *The Election* ?
 - 16) What terms from photography does the poet use in the poem *Postcard from Kashmir* ?
 - 17) What is the basic structure of doctrine ?
 - 18) What are the binaries upon which Basavanna has conceived his poem ?
 - 19) Whom did Nehru choose for managing the new institutions ?
 - 20) What about the young man makes the white woman uneasy in the story *Blackout* ?
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