THIRD SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014

(U.G.–CCSS)

Common Course

A 05—LITERATURE AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours   Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Choose the correct answer from the options given :

(A)   1   'She gropes her way, in the darkness of age, for a drink of water' :

      (a)   Lucretia.   (b)   Grandmother.

      (c)   Rowena.   (d)   None of these.

    2   Who is the poet mentioned in the slave narrative ?

      (a)   Langston Hughes.   (b)   Maya Angelou.

      (c)   Whittier.   (d)   None of these.

    3   Mr. Tiwari's editorial focused on :

      (a)   Property rights.   (b)   Trafficking.

      (c)   Gender bias.   (d)   Poverty.

    4   What was the plan of Bayaji's sons at the end of the story ?

      (a)   Leave the place.   (b)   File a case.

      (c)   Buy a house.   (d)   Build their dream house.

(B)   Name the following :—

    5   Who told Vijayalakshmi Pandit that she cannot have flowers in her office ?

    6   When was the UDHR proclaimed ?

    7   How does the adult French man see the child ?

    8   Name the author of the essay on toys.

(C)   Match the following :—

    9   Amnesty International   (a)   Ghanashyam.

   10   UDHR.   (b)   Where have all the flowers gone ?

   11   Cossack folk song.   (c)   He spat blood in France.

   12   Abraham Vallejo   (d)   Everyone is entitled to all rights.

                                 (e)   NGO.

(3 × 1 = 3 weightage)

Turn over

II. Answer in two *or* three sentences all the *nine* questions :—

13 What is the theme of Maya Angelou's poem ?

14 How should her thoughts rush towards Ghanashyam ?

15 What do you infer from the line 'You stand at the blackboard, daddy' ?

16 Why did the woman in Imtiaz Dharker's poem put the white radish away ?

17 How did the press describe Shewprasad Tiwari ?

18 Where and for how many years did Bayaji work ?

19 What happened to the internet baby in the end ?

20 Why did Avemai not dare to touch the child ?

21 What secret did Manas keep away from Rupsa ?

(9 × 1 = 9 weigh

III. Answer any *five* questions out of seven in a paragraph of 100 words each :

22 Auction of slaves.

23 Comment on the aptness of the title of Maya Angelou's poem.

24 The context of Neruda's poem.

25 Intensity of love in 'Ghanashyam'.

26 The village officer's report on the death of Bayaji.

27 The Aryabhatta zero.

28 Human rights violations.

(5 × 2 = 10 weigh

IV. Answer any *two* out of the three given in about 300 words :

29 Write an essay on ideological significance of toys.

30 Sylvia Plath's poem helps explore the terrains of the unconscious : Discuss.

31 Discuss how the classical myth of Medea is used to highlight issues of present times.

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