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**III Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree CBCSS (OBE) – Regular
Examination, November 2020
(2019 Admission Only)**

COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH

3A05ENG : Readings on Democracy and Secularism

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

A. Write an essay in **200-250** words on **any one** of the following : **(1×8=8)**

- 1) If we wish to maintain democracy not merely in form, but also in fact, what must we do ?
- 2) Bring out the tensions and conflicts that arise from the practice of judging others by the colour of the skin in “The Humiliation of a Brown Child in a European School”.

B. Write an essay in **200-250** words on **any one** of the following : **(1×8=8)**

- 3) How does “Blackout” address the power dynamics of race and problematises racial bias through the paradigm of gender ?
- 4) Comment on the significance of the story about Arakkal Beevi.

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each** (**80-100** words) : **(4×4=16)**

- 5) Depict Kumud as victim of caste as well as gender.
- 6) The drowning princess incident.
- 7) What picture of ‘centre’ and states do you get from Nani A Palkkhivala’s speech ?
- 8) How is Kashmir represented in the poem “ Postcard from Kashmir ” ?
- 9) “Sanitation and health and the conquest over some diseases depend on science ”. Explain.
- 10) What are the major themes discussed by Maya Angelou in “Africa” ?

D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences (**80-100** words) : **(8×1=8)**

- 11) What did Ross call Kamala’s father ?
- 12) Who was a constant support to Kumud ?

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- 13) What do you mean by 'one foot in hunger' ?
 - 14) What is Bhakthi Movement ?
 - 15) Who were Arakkal Rajas ?
 - 16) What do you mean by a republic ?
 - 17) What are the empires referred to in "The Election" ?
 - 18) What is thralldom ?
 - 19) Who rescued the drowning girl ?
 - 20) Where is "Blackout" set and what is it about ?
 - 21) Why did Langston Hughes write "Democracy" ?
 - 22) Which are the two temples or two contested meanings of the word temple that operate in Basavanna's poem ?
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