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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:

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$ 

- 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:

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- 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:

 $(4 \times 4 = 16)$ 

- 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*?

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- 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 :

 $(8 \times 1 = 8)$ 

- 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?