

## COMMON COURSE ENGLISH-MUSINGS ON VITAL ISSUES

### Common for Private Registration to BA(Faculty of Language & Literature, Social Science) Programme.

1. According to Fritjof Capra, corporations are motivated by:
  - a) Effective propagandas
  - b) Global search for natural resources
  - c) Competition in the marketing field
  - d) Desire for indefinite expansion
2. Many small businesses are driven from the marketplace by large companies because:
  - a) Small businessmen find it hard to effectively with the giant institutions
  - b) They are not economically stable
  - c) Large companies are able to win federal subsidies
  - d) They are unable to adapt their functioning to changing needs
3. Why do workers have to passively accept unemployment checks at the time of economic recession?
  - a) Because large corporations now lock up capital
  - b) Because the situation is beyond their control
  - c) Because instead of attaining self- sufficiency they remain totally dependent on large corporate institutions
  - d) Because maximizing of profits is the ultimate goal of the corporates
4. The corporate power became disastrous to Third World Countries as?
  - a) They ruthlessly extract the Third World's natural resources.
  - b) They have full support from the U.S. government
  - c) They look for cheap labor and market

d) They are obsessed with growth

5. Why are our economic and institutional structures being called by the author as ‘dinosaurs’?

a) Because both stand out in their gigantic structure

b) Because they consider ecosystem as free commodities

c) Because both are extinct

d) Both are unable to adapt to environmental changes.

6. The proponents of globalization say that developing countries should accept globalization to:

a) Decrease the divide between haves and have not's

b) Decrease pollution and natural disasters

c) Fight poverty and to grow

d) Introduce new technologies

7. What was the accusation by the critics of globalization, against Western countries of hypocrisy?

a) That they caused the decrease of GDP in Russia

b) They prevented exports from developing countries

c) Western banks benefited from investing into the developing countries

d) The goods from developing countries were taxed heavily

8. The closer integration of countries and peoples of the world which has been brought about by enormous reduction of costs of transportation and communication is:

a) Liberalization

b) Industrialization

c) Globalization

d) The Uruguay Round

9. The three main institutions that govern globalization are:

a) UNCTAD, World Bank and the IMF

b) The IMF, the World Bank and the WTO

c) World Bank, ILO and WHO

d) UN, ILO and UNCTAD

10. According to D.H Lawrence 'Money makes men quail' because:

a) We never let out a ten-pound note from our hands without a pang

b) It is the collective madness of mankind

c) It has a fearful cruel power on us

d) It let him eat dirt

11. 'It is not money we are so terrified of' but it is:

a) The pang caused by money

b) Greed

c) Humiliation

d) Collective money- madness of mankind

12. 'It is that I am frightened of' what does the author mean by saying so?

a) That he is frightened of the humiliation

b) That he is frightened of the collective money-madness

c) That he is frightened of not having money

d) None of the above

13. 'It's one thing or the other', what is the 'thing' and 'other' Lawrence refers to?

a) Money and humiliation

b) Money madness and greed

c) Bread and shelter

d) Money and sanity

14. Who is the author of 'Lady Chatterley's Lover'?

a) S. Joseph

b) Arundhati Roy

- c) Vandana Siva
- d) D.H. Lawrence

15. According to S. Joseph where do the green tree snakes camouflage?

- a) In the waterfowl's fields
- b) In the trunk of *elangi*
- c) Under the stone hedge over grown with *Choriyanam* and *panachen*
- d) Under the smelly lime-kiln

16. Why is it said that *pullu* was the cause of sickly Jose's paralysis?

- a) The so called grass, when touched is capable of causing paralysis
- b) The bird is considered ill omen by some people and is believed to cause paralysis
- c) Eating *pullu* causes paralysis
- d) None of the above

17. The village in the poem towards the end will only be left with:

- a) Heavy Rains
- b) Blazing sun overhead
- c) Poverty
- d) Natural disasters

18. The brood in the tree trunk denied the piece of sky it used to enjoy because?

- a) The brood is killed
- b) The view is blocked by buildings
- c) The tree is cut down
- d) The brood left the tree

19. Two aspects of the food and agrarian crisis in India, according to Vandana Siva are:

- a) Abolishing the Essential Commodity Act and falling price of farm commodities
- b) Increase in cost of production and falling price of farm commodities

- c) Farmer's suicides and poverty
- d) Increase in cost of production and increase in hunger

20. Farmer's suicides and malnutrition are a result of:

- a) Trade liberalization
- b) Abolishing the Essential Commodity Act
- c) Increase in cost of production
- d) All of the above

21. Throughout the world the incomes of the poor go down and their expenditure is rising due to:

- a) The fall of payment for the commodities
- b) The fall of consumer prices
- c) The rise of consumer prices
- d) Country gets less export

22. The farmer growing up hybrids and corporate seeds instead of tried and tested open pollinated seeds are called?

- a) Low seed replacement rate
- b) Prionization
- c) Seed Replacement
- d) Sustainable commodity

23. The Government package of 'growing more wheat' was misplaced because:

- a) The subsidies provided was corporate subsidies, not subsidies for farmers
- b) Of seed replacement
- c) Of Prionization of culture
- d) It promoted growing wheat in non-traditional areas

24. The main cause of low productivity of wheat under the newly proposed package was:

- a) Conservation tillage systems

- b) Low seed replacement
- c) The subsidies provided was corporate subsidies
- d) All of the above

25. According to Shiva, what is the source of our human identity?

- a) The clothes we wear
- b) The languages we speak
- c) The food we eat
- d) All of the above

26. The exclusive prosperity found in Kalahandi is:

- a) Possession of two earthen pots
- b) Sunken eyes and poverty
- c) Poverty
- d) Unthatched roofs and utensils

27. What are sold in the market places of Kalahandi?

- a) Children
- b) Children and young girls
- c) Pots and old utensils
- d) Every possession the people have

28. Kalahandi can be viewed closely in:

- a) Famished crowds
- b) The silent procession of helpless people
- c) The cheap sympathies doled out at conferences
- d) Brothels

29. Which line in the poem shows that Kalahandi is ruined by draught?

- a) 'There was not one green leaf'

- b) 'The poverty line receded further'
- c) 'The God of rain turned away his face'
- d) 'Cracked ground, drab river sand'

30. 'Kalahandi' is taken from the collection:

- a) 'The Swamp Dwellers'
- b) 'Shame'
- c) 'Diurnal Rites'
- d) 'Tune into the voice of the Deprived'

31. What according to Leah Levin is the basis of legal rights?

- a) Equality in dignity
- b) Consent of the governed
- c) Equality in rights
- d) Moral claims

32. Despite of all principles and equality in rights:

- a) Discrimination continue to exist
- b) Rights on equality are elaborated
- c) World fights each other
- d) Minorities are getting every legal backing

33. The American Bill of Rights was declared in

- a) 1689
- b) 1789
- c) 1791
- d) 1815

34. The ILO was created in:

- a) 1919

b) 1933

c) 1938

d) 1926

35. 'To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, is one of the fundamental objective of:

a) ILO

b) UN

c) Magna Carta

d) Bill of Rights

36. Where does the landlady of the poem *Telephone Conversation* live?

a. Off premises      b. London      c. Upstairs of the rental housed. With her daughter

37. What was the Landlady's response when the speaker on the phone said he was an African?

a. Anger      b. silence      c. Sympathy      d. Contempt

38. In the poem *Telephone Conversation*, the speaker says his colour is "west African sepia". Where does he get this specific colour reference from?

a. School certificate      b. newspaper      c. Passport      d. Landlady

39. Why did the speaker in the poem *Telephone Conversation* confess he was an African?

a. To avail reduced rates      b. to avoid a wasted journey

c. To avoid bargaining      d. he was guilty of being African

40. What reason agitates the man in the "air-conditioned office" to beat his wife?

a. Going for parties      b. speaking with other men      c. Poor cooking

d. Over ironed handkerchief

41. What is the central theme of the poem *At the Back of Progress* ?

- a. Oppression of women      b. dissatisfaction of job      c. Women's education  
d. Marriage

42. Why does the poor employee in the poem *At the Back of Progress* treat his wife while being gentle with all other people?

- a. Wife ill treats him      b. she is the only person whom he can show his frustration      c. Has a troubled childhood.  
D. Mental disturbance

43. When was the speech *I Have a Dream* made by Martin Luther King Jr.?

- a. American Independence day      b. hundredth anniversary of Emancipation Proclamation  
c. Lincoln's birthday      d. Labour day

44. King Jr. exhorts that they have come to "dramatise a shameful condition". What is this shameful condition?

- a. Negroes are not paid by the government.      b. negroes are still under slavery after hundred years of Emancipation proclamation      c. Negroes cannot cash their Cheques.

45. In the struggles to claim rights what advice does King Jr. give to the negro community?

- a. Must not be guilty of their deeds      b. use physical violence  
c. Should not cooperate with Whites      d. Disobey government rules

46. Where is King Jr.'s dream rooted in?

- a. Black community      b. humanity      c. Christianity      d. American dream

47. Who is the speaker in the essay *Why I want a Wife*?

- a. Husband      b. wife      c. Widower      d. girl child

48. Why does the wife need to have a wife?

- a. To enjoy life      b. to know the duties of a husband      c. To have someone who would attend to everything she does like a subservient wife      d. to take care of the children.

49. What does the wife in the essay *Why I want a Wife*, want to do when she gets the wife?

- a. To run the household
- b. devote all her time to academics
- c. Take care of children
- d. go for a vacation.

50. What motivated the wife to think about having a wife in the essay *Why I want a Wife*?

- a. Husband's privileges
- b. a divorced male friend who was seeking a second wife
- c. Economic restraints
- d. marital dissatisfaction

51. '...for our personalities are still numb from its long shocks' the shock Richard Wright mentions here is:

- a) Subjugation for hundreds of years
- b) Denial of rights
- c) Humiliation
- d) The tag 'Negro'

52. In which season do the blacks see the red and brown leaves lift and flutter dryly?

- a) Spring
- b) Summer
- c) Autumn
- d) Winter

53. The white man's mind, according to Wright is:

- a) Cruel
- b) Unstable
- c) Dominating
- d) Understanding and kind

54. What was the new kind of bondage that came in between the blacks and their Lords after the Emancipation Proclamation?

- a) The blacks were freed
- b) Blacks were given their share of lands
- c) Sharecropping
- d) Confinement

55. In 1890 what was the prediction made by the whites?

- a) That the blacks are going to perish
- b) That blacks are going to suffer for lack of labor
- c) That the blacks will get back their freedom
- d) All of the above

56. Which Indian writer worked in the forefront of Right to Information Movement, which led to the enactment of the Rights to Information Act in 2005?

- a) Vandana Shiva
- b) Aruna Roy
- c) Kalpana Jain
- d) Nani A. Palkhivala

57. The author of the essay 'Tune in to the Voice of the Deprived' says that he/she do not see empowerment in the disappearance of problems but in:

- a) Formulation and implementation of law
- b) Collective participation to change the world
- c) The strength and ability to deal with them
- d) All of the above

58. The recognition of our collective political responsibility is:

- a) Franchise
- b) Democracy
- c) Empowerment
- d) Right to Information

59. What did Korra realized as a beautiful thing and a delight to the eye?

- a) The slave working in his farms
- b) The nature and obedience of the black
- c) Body
- d) Promise he made

60. What was the second promise Korra made to his slave?

- a) That he will let the slave free after five years.
- b) He will provide him food and accommodation
- c) He will be good to him
- d) He will provide him money to go home

61. What happened to the black who went forth onto the forest?

- a) He couldn't find his forest
- b) The forest was cut down
- c) He got lost in the forest
- d) He wanted to come back

62. 'Only when one is working does the time pass' who told this to whom?

- a) Black to Korra
- b) Korra to the Black
- c) Korra to his son
- d) Black to his children

63. What was the name of the *johriin* the story 'Joothan'?

- a) Gher
- b) Taga
- c) Dabbowali
- d) Basti

64. What was the name of the Christian missionary who came to the village to teach the poor children?

- a) HarPhool Singh
- b) Sewak Ram Masihi
- c) Kaliram
- d) Dronacharya

65. What did the teacher do after hitting the boil at the belly of Sukkhan Singh?

- a) He regretted what he did
- b) He rushed to the hospital with the child
- c) He just turned and walked away
- d) He showered abuses on the child

66. What is the name of the protagonist of the story 'Joothan'?

- a) Omprakash
- b) Sewak Ram Masihi
- c) Kaliram
- d) Bishambar Singh

67. Who is 'Munshiji'?

- a) Headmaster of the school
- b) Omprakash's father
- c) Teacher of the school
- d) Omprakash himself

68. What is the tone of the speaker throughout the piece 'Girl'?

- a) Arrogant
- b) Dominating
- c) Advising

d) Agitating

69. Why does the speaker in the 'Girl' want the other to grow okra far from the house?

a) Because it is likely to fall on the roof of the house

b) It is an ill omen to grow okra in front of the house

c) Because okra harbours red ants

d) Because snakes find shelter under big trees like okra

70. How many speakers are there in the piece?

a) One b) two c) three d) four

71. Which of the following authors has a Fatwa issued against one of his/her works?

a) Wole Soyinka

b) Jamaica Kincaid

c) Gudipati Venkat Chalam

d) Taslima Nasrin

72. Why did the man in the poem 'At the Back of Progress' divorce his second wife?

a) For her sterility

b) For giving birth to a daughter

c) For not bringing sufficient dowry

d) She over-ironed his handkerchief

73. What is the subtitle of Omprakash Valmiki's 'Joothan'?

a) Subjugation

b) Life of an oppressed

c) Experiences of growing up

d) A Dalit's Life

74. The only threat to man according to Nani A. Palkhivala is?

a) Man himself

b) Scientific progress

c) Slavery of any sort

d) Denial of human rights of expression

75. The oldest human rights organization – the Anti- Slavery Society- was founded in?

a) 1859

b) 1867

c) 1839

d) 1837

76. Slavery was abolished in the United States in:

a) 1833

b) 1862

c) 1961

d) 1841

77. According to Nani A. Palkhivala human rights can be summoned up in one word, i.e.,:

a) Equality

b) Liberty

c) Fraternity

d) Economic vacuum

78. What was the observation Abraham Lincoln made on liberty?

a) That liberty has more than 200 definitions

b) That human rights can be summoned up in one word – liberty

c) That world has never had a good definition of liberty

d) That it cannot exist in economic vacuum

79. Which right was embodied in Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948?

- a) Right to decent living
- b) Right to expression
- c) Freedom of press
- d) Rights to operate against the government

80. What according to Paul Sieghart is the ultimate measure of whether a society can properly be called civilized?

- a) Is the disappearance of poverty
- b) Is the disappearance of dissenters
- c) Is the removal of unemployment
- d) Is how it treats the poor

81. The extract 'Human Rights and Legal Responsibilities' is taken from Nani A. Palkhivala's book:

- a) Human Rights: Questions and Answers
- b) The Algebra of Infinite Justice
- c) We, the Nation: The lost Decades
- d) The Outsider

82. The adopted name of an American Writer is Jamaica Kincaid, whose original name was;

- a) Boris Borisovich Simeonov
- b) Margarete Steffin
- c) Elaine Cynthia Potter Richardson
- d) Caterina Ricci Gramitto

83. Who is the author of the novel 'Native Son'?

- a) Richard Wright
- b) D.H. Lawrence
- c) Joseph Stiglitz
- d) Martin Luther King

84. What was the best way Ashok learn to deal with the rejection he felt [in 'Stigma, Shame and Silence']?

- a) To give rude replies to everyone
- b) To leave everyone he knows
- c) To leave the place and people who knows that he is HIV positive
- d) To learn to ignore.

85. What would be different if it was another illness according to the author?

- a) He would have a better treatment
- b) His parents and sisters would have been with him
- c) The treatment would not be so expensive
- d) He would not live in fear of death

86. What did Ashok feel about his doctor?

- a) That he was very kind and supporting
- b) He was hurting instead of healing
- c) He referred Ashok to another doctor
- d) Doctor found it very hard to speak to Ashok about his disease

87. What did Ashok feel to give in return of the discharge slip he received?

- a) A hit
- b) Money
- c) Thanks
- d) A hug

88. Instead of hitting the doctor, what did Ashok do?

- a) He gave him a warm hug
- b) He started laughing
- c) He extended his hands

d) A punch on his nose

89. From the story we can assume that the protagonist works in:

a) Hospital

b) Navy

c) Army

d) Airlines

90. What did the officer note in the hands of Ashok?

a) Boils

b) Blisters

c) Burns

d) Broken wrist

91. Where was Doris Pearson, the character in the play 'Mother's Day' going that night?

a) She was going to pub

b) She was going out with her parents

c) She was going out with her brother and father

d) She was going out with Charlie Spence

92. Why did Doris look terrible when Cyril met her?

a) Because her mother made her cry

b) Because she had a heated conversation with her boyfriend

c) Because she fought with her mother

d) Because she broke off with her boyfriend

93. Why does Doris report to Cyril that she couldn't believe her eyes?

a) Because she saw her mother was rude to her

b) Because she saw her mother playing cards

c) Because she saw her mother smoking and playing cards

d) Because she saw her drinking

94. What was George's response to his wife drinking stout?

a) He scolded her

b) He was bewildered

c) He kept silent

d) All of these

95. What was the nick name that the people at the club used to call George?

a) Pompy-ompy Pearson

b) Pomp Pearson

c) Pompy Husband

d) Mr. George Pompy

96. What did the real Mrs. Pearson do to the last of the play?

a) She couldn't adjust with the build ups

b) She remained as what she was

c) She managed to act accordingly

d) She left the house

97. What is the advantage that women enjoy over man according to Amartya Sen?

a) In India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka woman are elected as head of government

b) In the U.S. House of Representatives has a 6.4% woman

c) The lower house of Indian Parliament has 7.5% women

d) Women have lower death rate than man

98. Which part of the world has the lowest proportion of women in the world?

a) Latin America

b) sub-Saharan Africa

c) Asia

d) The Saharan region of Africa

99. How can the belief that male children can only provide economic security to parents be changed?

a) By giving preference to girl child also

b) By giving them education and allowing them to earn a job

c) By educating them

d) By providing good health and mental care to girl child also

100. Which of the following rich Indian states show the lowest ratio of women to men?

a) Maharashtra and Punjab

b) Haryana and Punjab

c) Gujarat and Maharashtra

d) Punjab and Maharashtra

### **ANSWER KEY**

1. d, 2.c, 3.c, 4.a, 5.d, 6.c, 7.b, 8.c, 9.b, 10.c, 11.c, 12.a, 13.d, 14.d, 15.c, 16.b, 17.b, 18.b, 19.c, 20.d, 21.c, 22.c, 23.d, 24.b, 25.d, 26.a, 27.b, 28.c, 29.d, 30.c, 31.b, 32.a, 33.c, 34.a, 35.b, 36.a, 37.b, 38.c, 39.b, 40.d, 41.a, 42.b, 43.b, 44.b, 45.a, 46.d, 47.b, 48.c, 49.b, 50.b.51. a, 52.c, 53.b, 54.c, 55.a, 56.b, 57.c, 58.c, 59.c, 60.d, 61.a, 62.d, 63.c, 64.b, 65.d, 66.a, 67.d, 68.c, 69.c, 70.b, 71.d, 72.b, 73.d, 74.a, 75.c, 76.b, 77.b, 78.c, 79.a, 80.d, 81.c, 82.c, 83.a, 84.d, 85.b, 86.b, 87.a, 88.b, 89.b, 90.b, 91.d, 92.a, 93.c, 94.b, 95.a, 96.c, 97.d. 98.c, 99.b, 100.b.

