

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Model Question Paper
SEMESTER I
FOUNDATION COURSE I NO EN1121
Writings on Contemporary Issues

Time: 3 Hours

Total Weights: 30

Answer all questions

I. Choose the best option in each of the following;

A)

1. What helped the micro electronics take a giant leap?
 - a. invention of micro processor
 - b. invention of commercial computers
 - c. invention of integrated circuits
 - d. invention of user-friendly operating systems

2. What, according to Capra, may be the most alarming feature of the new economy?
 - a. It is shaped by machines.
 - b. It is governed by inhuman ideologies.
 - c. It is unaccountable to the society.
 - d. It is inherently violent.

3. How does Gandhiji define himself?
 - a. as a practical idealist
 - b. as a practical leader
 - c. as a practical teacher
 - d. as a practical spiritualist

4. Thomas Jefferson said 'all men are— equal'

- a. born
- b. created
- c. to be treated
- d. to be considered

B)

5. The word 'sovereign' means—
 - a. independent and self-governing
 - b. having absolute power
 - c. unanswerable to foreign powers
 - d. autocratic
6. Universal suffrage means—
 - a. the right to vote guaranteed to all eligible adult voters
 - b. limited to the university community
 - c. gender-based voting right
 - d. property- and tax-based voting
7. The Year in which Gettysburg Speech was made?
 - a. 1863
 - b. 1856
 - c. 1746
 - d. None of these
8. "The government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth"
Whose words are these?
 - a. Napoleon Bonaparte
 - b. Adolf Hitler
 - c. Subash Chandra Bose
 - d. Abraham Lincoln.

C)

9. Man is the norm; woman is _____
- a. a derivation
 - b. a remake
 - c. a dependant
 - d. a deviation
10. What, according to Geetha, is the image of the woman in the contemporary media?
- a. retrograde
 - b. realistic
 - c. exaggerated
 - d. artificial
11. A chopped head is still easier to replace than a chopped _____
- a. organ
 - b. branch
 - c. tree
 - d. None of these
12. Who is revered as the *mahatma* of the Indian forest?
- a. Sundarlal Bahugana
 - b. Baba Amte
 - c. Salim Ali
 - d. John C Jacob

D)

13. Karl Marx wrote 'production of too many useful things results in too many — people'.
- a. useful
 - b. useless
 - c. committed

- d. addictive
14. What type of production can help the poor of the world, according to Gandhiji?
- production by the masses
 - mass production
 - centralized production
 - None of these
15. What, in Johns' opinion, demeaned the Negro?
- oppression
 - labour
 - poverty
 - None of these
16. What, according to Virginia Woolf, is a reputable and harmless occupation?
- writing
 - painting
 - acting
 - gardening
- (1×4 = 4 weights)

II. Answer any of the following eight questions in about one or two sentences each.

17. What is the recognition that grew among entrepreneurs, politicians, social scientists etc. during the last decade of the twentieth century?
18. On what ground is Gandhiji pleading for non-violence?
19. How is non-cooperation different from Sin Feinism?
20. What is the fundamental difference between the British Prime Minister and the American President?
21. What is meant by the word 'republic' in Indian Constitution?
22. How does Lincoln define democracy?
23. What prevented women from getting education in the 19th century England?
24. Why did the author want to kill the Angel in the House?

25. What justification did Bernon Johns offer for his sale of fish in the church?
26. What is Lawson's dream about the revolution yet to come?
27. Why does not our Constitution encourage jingoism?
28. How does Thomas Aquinas define man? (1 × 8 = 8 weights)

III. Answer any five of the following questions in about one hundred words?

29. How did globalization help increase the commercialization of the media?
30. Why does Gandhiji say that there cannot be a partial application of the law of love?
31. Why is India a representative democracy?
32. In what way does Buddhism celebrate the feminine and the maternal?
33. What was the masculine interpretation given to birth?
34. How did Virginia Woolf become a journalist?
35. Comment on the family statement of Byrd Senior.
36. How does Schumacher account for the great part of the modern neurosis?
(2 × 5=10 weights)

IV. Answer any two of the following in about three hundred words each.

37. "It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.
Examine Schumacher's article in the light of the above observation.
38. How does Anees Jung bring about the commonality between Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King?
39. How will you respond to the feminist observations made on motherhood in V. Geetha's essay?
40. How does DD Basu trace out the philosophy underlying the Indian Constitution?
(4 × 2 = 8 weights)