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Degree (CCSS – Reg./Supple./Improv.) Examination, April 2012
COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH
2A03 ENG : Readings on Indian Constitution, Secularism
and Environment**

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

I. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following :

- 1) Narrate the experiences of racial prejudice in the school days of Kamala Das.
- 2) How does the patriarchal system deny the rights of women as narrated in Uma's story ? **(Weightage : 4)**

II. Write an essay of about **200** words on **any one** of the following :

- 3) *A Hindu Princess and Her Islamic Dynasty* tells us about a golden era of religious harmony. Substantiate.
- 4) *The Green School Contest* is a useful lesson on environment. **(Weightage : 4)**

III. Write on **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 5) A letter to the District Collector requesting positive action to prevent the practice of throwing waste material in public places.
- 6) Prepare a questionnaire for an interview with a gender activist who is on a visit to your college. **(Weightage : 4)**

IV. Write a paragraph **each** of about **80** words on **any four** of the following :

- 7) The mother in the poem *Ecology*.
- 8) Comment on the narrow-mindedness of the landlady in *A Telephone Conversation*.



- 9) The struggle of Kumud Pawde to secure a government job.
- 10) The title of the poem *The Election*.
- 11) Centre-State relations as described in Palkhivala's article. **(Weightage 4×2=8)**

V. Answer **all** the **four** bunches of four questions :

12) A) The Constitution of India has

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| a) 360 Articles | b) 395 Articles |
| c) 365 Articles | d) None of these |

B) 'Brunette' in A Telephone Conversation means

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| a) golden-haired | b) dark-haired |
| c) brown-haired | d) None of these |

C) The cook thought Kamala and her brother 'savages' because

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| a) of their ill-treatment | b) of their eating habits |
| c) of the way they dressed | d) none of these |

D) A Monologue is a poem written by

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| a) Raju Solanki | b) Kamala Das |
| c) Wole Soenka | d) None of these |

13) A) Nani Palkhivala was

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| a) a novelist | b) a constitution expert |
| c) a feminist | d) none of these |

B) The poem election was originally written in

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| a) Hindi | b) Oriya |
| c) English | d) None of these |

C) Ramu did not like to reveal his date of birth

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| a) because he did not want people to know his age |
| b) because he was superstitious |
| c) because he did not like the horoscope business |
| d) none of these |



- D) Jashi was
- a) Uma's sister
 - b) The sister of Pyari Mohan
 - c) A servant-maid
 - d) None of these
- 14) A) CSE is an abbreviation for
- a) Centre for School Education
 - b) Council for Secondary Education
 - c) Centre for Science and Environment
 - d) None of the above
- B) Medha Patkar's doctoral thesis was about
- a) dams
 - b) environment
 - c) social inequality and social movements
 - d) none of these
- C) The princess rescued by the Muslim youth refused to come out of the water because
- a) she was tired
 - b) she was injured
 - c) her clothes were lost in the river
 - d) none of these
- D) The Green School Contest was held to select
- a) the school with the best academic record
 - b) the most environment-friendly school
 - c) the outstanding sports school
 - d) none of these
- 15) A) The poem read by Shirley Temple was written by
- a) The Principal
 - b) Kamala Das
 - c) Shirley herself
 - d) None of these
- B) When she passed MA with distinction Kumud Pawde received a bouquet of flowers from
- a) Dr. Kolte
 - b) Nehru
 - c) Chavan
 - d) Jagjivan Ram



C) The founder of Hyderabad was

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| a) Bhagmathi | b) Limca Gowda |
| c) Muhammed Quli Qutub Shah | d) None of these |

D) The poem Barbie Doll was written by

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| a) Kamala Das | b) Basavanna |
| c) Ramanujan | d) Marge Piercy |
- (Weightage 4×1=4)

VI. Answer **any six** of the following questions, **each** in a sentence or **two** :

- 16) Why was Ramanujan's mother opposed to cutting down the champak tree ?
 - 17) In what way does examination promote wastage ?
 - 18) Name the movement Medha Patkar is associated with.
 - 19) What were the two acts that constituted Hindu Marriage ?
 - 20) What is the theme of Palkhivala's speech ?
 - 21) When and how did Ramu's parents die ?
 - 22) What fraud did the Principal play on the poem written by Kamala ? (Weightage 6×1=6)
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