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**III Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree (C.B.C.S.S.-O.B.E.-Regular/Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, November 2024  
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)  
COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
3A05ENG : Readings on Democracy and Secularism**

**Time :** 3 Hours

**Max. Marks :** 40

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

- 1) What apprehensions about the future of the democratic tradition of India did Ambedkar state in his concluding speech to the Constitution Assembly ?
- 2) Agha Shahid Ali addresses the agonies of living a displaced life in 'The postcard from Kashmir'. Elaborate.

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

- 3) Discuss the relevance of Gopinath Ravendran's observations on the Indian Constitution and its features in the context of challenges of Indian democracy and secularism.
- 4) Elaborate the idea that Maya Angelo is reconstructing the history of Africa from the victims' point of view in 'Africa'.

III. Answer **any four** of the following in about **100** words : **(4×4=16)**

- 5) The role of various members in the drafting committee.
- 6) Why did Kumud have to remain unemployed even after completing her PG ?
- 7) Why does Gopinath Ravindran praise the Indian Constitution ?
- 8) According to Nani Palkhivala federalism is being challenged by centralization of power. How ?
- 9) 'It is a seed planted in need.' What does Hughes imply on democracy here ?
- 10) How does Maya Angelou imagine the pre-colonial Africa as ?

IV. Answer **any eight** of the following in **not** more than **two** sentences : **(8×1=8)**

- 11) How does caste become anti-national ?
- 12) Why did the white boys hurt the authors brother ?

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- 13) When Kumudu Pande decided to do MA in Sanskrit everyone laughed at her. Why ?
- 14) Explain the context of the poem 'Postcard from Kashmir.'
- 15) Compared to the constitutions of many other nations how Indian Constitution does stands out ?
- 16) Explain Basavanna's distinction between making and being.
- 17) What will happen in future according to Palkhivala ?
- 18) According to Jawaharlal Nehru what is Science ?
- 19) Who makes the speaker demand democracy in the poem 'Democracy' ?
- 20) What is the short story 'Blackout' about ?

