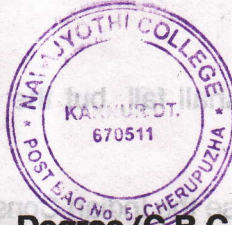




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**III Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E.-Regular/  
Supplementary/Improvement) Examination, November 2023  
(2019 to 2022 Admissions)**

**COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH**

**3A05ENG : Readings on Democracy and Secularism**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

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

- 1) Write a critical appreciation for the poem "Postcard from Kashmir".
- 2) What anxiety did Ambedkar state in his concluding speech to the Constituent Assembly ?

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

- 3) Analysis of the poem "Democracy".
- 4) Discuss Nehru's views on science and nation building.

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

- 5) How did racism unfold itself in the school where Kamala studied in her childhood ?
- 6) Why did Kumud Pawde's decision to study Sanskrit rattle the peace of many in the Society ?
- 7) Explain the ironic effect of the line "Now I hold the half Inch Himalayas in my hand".
- 8) 'Africa as a woman' in Maya Angelou's poem.

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9) Explain the line "things standing shall fall, but the moving ever shall stay".

10) Why does Gopinath Ravindran praise the Indian Constitution" ?

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

11) How did the white boys persecute the writer's brother ?

12) Why did Kumud have to face ironical comments about receiving scholarship ?

13) How has Kashmir 'shrunk' into the poet's mailbox ?

14) What is the theme of the poem 'The Election' ?

15) What is the short story "Blackout" about ?

16) How does Gopinath Ravindran conclude his essay on Indian Constitution for Millennials ?

17) Explain the line "Democracy will not come".

18) What is "A Hindu Princess and her Islamic Dynasty" about ?

19) What are the specialities of the Constitution according to Gopinath Ravindran ?

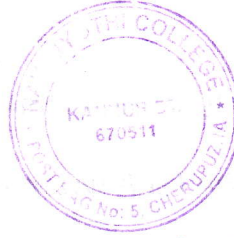
20) Who was Mr. Ross ? Describe him.



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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 : **(1×8=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 : **(1×8=8)**

- 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 : **(4×4=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 : **(8×1=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 ?
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**III Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree CBCSS (OBE) – Regular  
Examination, November 2020  
(2019 Admission Only)  
COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
3A05ENG : Readings on Democracy and Secularism**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

- A. Write an essay in **200-250** words on **any one** of the following : **(1×8=8)**
- 1) If we wish to maintain democracy not merely in form, but also in fact, what must we do ?
  - 2) Bring out the tensions and conflicts that arise from the practice of judging others by the colour of the skin in “The Humiliation of a Brown Child in a European School”.
- B. Write an essay in **200-250** words on **any one** of the following : **(1×8=8)**
- 3) How does “Blackout” address the power dynamics of race and problematises racial bias through the paradigm of gender ?
  - 4) Comment on the significance of the story about Arakkal Beevi.
- C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each (80-100 words)** : **(4×4=16)**
- 5) Depict Kumud as victim of caste as well as gender.
  - 6) The drowning princess incident.
  - 7) What picture of ‘centre’ and states do you get from Nani A Palkkhivala’s speech ?
  - 8) How is Kashmir represented in the poem “ Postcard from Kashmir ” ?
  - 9) “Sanitation and health and the conquest over some diseases depend on science ”. Explain.
  - 10) What are the major themes discussed by Maya Angelou in “Africa” ?
- D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two or three** sentences **(80-100 words)** : **(8×1=8)**
- 11) What did Ross call Kamala’s father ?
  - 12) Who was a constant support to Kumud ?

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- 13) What do you mean by 'one foot in hunger' ?
  - 14) What is Bhakthi Movement ?
  - 15) Who were Arakkal Rajas ?
  - 16) What do you mean by a republic ?
  - 17) What are the empires referred to in "The Election" ?
  - 18) What is thralldom ?
  - 19) Who rescued the drowning girl ?
  - 20) Where is "Blackout" set and what is it about ?
  - 21) Why did Langston Hughes write "Democracy" ?
  - 22) Which are the two temples or two contested meanings of the word temple that operate in Basavanna's poem ?
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C. Answer any eight of the following in two or three sentences (80-100 words): (8x1=8)

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**III Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree CBCSS (OBE) Reg./Sup./Imp.  
Examination, November 2021  
(2019 – 2020 Admission)  
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 : **(1×8=8)**

- 1) Sitakant Mahapatra's "The Election" portrays the failure of democracy. Comment.
- 2) Social inequalities as depicted in Kumud Pawde's "The Story of a Dalit Woman's Education and Job".

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

- 3) Describe Nehru's vision on science and his efforts to build a scientific society.
- 4) Discuss the various aspects of Indian Constitution discussed in "Indian Constitution for Millennials".

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

- 5) Explain the meanings of the word temple that operate in Basavanna's poem.
- 6) The major theme of "Blackout".
- 7) How does Maya Angelou describe Africa ?
- 8) Nehru's blue-print for creating scientific institutions.
- 9) How did the dispute between the British and Ali Raja end ?
- 10) The idea of democracy as presented by Langston Hughes.

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IV. Answer **eight** of the following in **not** more than **two** sentences.

(8×1=8)

- 11) Who was Mr. Ross ?
- 12) Define Social Democracy.
- 13) Tone of the poem "Postcard from Kashmir".
- 14) Why was the city in partial blackout in the story "Blackout" ?
- 15) Who is the narrator of the poem "The Election" ?
- 16) Who was Ali Moosa ? What was the title conferred on him ?
- 17) Who are the 'great persuaders' ?
- 18) 'Freedom is a strong seed planted in a great mind'. Comment.
- 19) How do the wealthy prove their piety ?
- 20) How did Kamala respond to the torture by white children ?

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