

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – GENERAL ENGLISH

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2009

EL 1055 - ENGLISH THROUGH INDIAN REFLECTIVE WRITINGS

Date & Time: 05/11/2009 / 1:00 - 4:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

SECTION – A

I Answer any TEN of the following in about 50 words each: (10x3=30)

1. Why is the tailor disappointed with the author?
2. What is the tailor's opinion about young servants?
3. What is Gandhi's expectation of a woman?
4. Explain 'Superweeds'.
5. Why does the author feel that the monk appeared a bit out of place among the celebrities?
6. Comment on the social background against which the story **Another Community** is set.
7. How does the postmaster drive away his loneliness in the village?
8. Consider Arjun tree as a symbol.
9. What is the purpose of the lady's visit to the town in **Gifts**?
10. How does the girl in the kitchen react on hearing the sound of the airplane?
11. Bring out the significance of the Kitchen in the Indian context.
12. How is man's life different from that of Nature's? Explain.

SECTION – B

II Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words each: (5x6=30)

13. Describe Ved Mehta's visit to Hardwar.
14. Why does the author say that the Tibetans have a talent for survival? Give reasons.
15. Describe how Ratan took care of the postmaster when he fell ill.
16. Assess critically Ezekiel's views on the Indian urban culture?
17. How does Kamala Das feel nostalgic about her native place in the poem **Hot Noon in Malabar**?
18. Describe the treatment meted out to the national bird.
19. Who, according to Gandhi, is the nobler of the two, man or woman? Why?
20. Write a character sketch of Prince Abhijit.

SECTION – C

III Answer the following in about 250 words each:

(3x10=30)

21. a) How did the fears of the hero in **Another Community** come true? Discuss.

(OR)

b) Why does the author call the benefit dinner as “commodification of one’s own suffering”? Explain.

22. a) What is the human body compared to in the poem **Is This the End**? Explain the comparisons.

(OR)

b) How does Vaidehi portray the problems of an Indian woman in the poem **Girl in the Kitchen**? Discuss.

23. (a) List down the causes for water scarcity and suggest means of procuring abundant water meeting the needs of Chennai population.

(OR)

(b) Discuss the impact of globalization on Indian agriculture and farming.

IV. 24. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable articles and prepositions.

(10x1=10)

Several private agencies and individuals have been working to remove -----1----- sufferings of working children. -----2----- government, too, is aware -----3----- the problem, but had been moving slowly. Before taking the children away -----4----- jobs, conditions have to be created -----5----- their education. Their families must be able to survive without the children working. The government adopted -----6----- act in 1986 prohibiting employment, of children -----7----- 14 years in hazardous jobs. The law also regulates conditions of work -----8----- other areas. In ----9----- last ten years the government has banned the employment of children below 14 years -----10----- hazardous areas like mines and factories.