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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.