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**III Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, November 2025
(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 **one** of the following : **(1×8=8)**

- 1) What is 'meritocracy' ? Discuss with reference to the experiences that Kumud Pawde had to go through during her education.
- 2) What are the major concerns that Ambedkar points in his concluding speech to the Constituent Assembly ?

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

- 3) Discuss Nehruvian vision of science and his efforts in creating a scientific society.
- 4) Arakkal dynasty decants from the Chirakkal through a young princess-recount the story of the princess.

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

- 5) Ambedkar's reply to the changes of centralization in the constitution.
- 6) 'Kumud started writing letters to the ministers and administrators'. Why ?
- 7) Why Prof. Gopinath Ravindran suggest an amendment of the constitution without sacrificing the basic structure ?
- 8) How does Nehru's faith in science becomes contemporary ?
- 9) Racism in "Blackout".
- 10) 'A Hindu Princess and her Islamic Dynasty' infer about the rigidity of religions in those days. Comment.

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

- 11) What does Hughes try to imply in the line 'I do not need freedom when I am dead' ?
- 12) What are the questions that the encounter between the black man and white woman opens up in 'Blackout' ?
- 13) What is the metaphor with which the poem 'Africa' begins ?
- 14) What was Kamala's opinion about the British attitude towards Indians ?
- 15) Which democratic tradition is mentioned in the speech ?
- 16) What was Kumud's response to the Chief Minister when he advised her to do research ?
- 17) What is the 'basic structure of doctrine' ?
- 18) How does Basavanna consider temple and worship of the traditional kind ?
- 19) According to Phalkivala what is constitution meant for ?
- 20) What does 'the half inch Himalayas' imply ?

