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Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – I

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. Which NGO runs an unofficial recreation centre for children inside the Nizamuddin police station?
 2. What is Deeper Blue?
 3. What did the term 'secular' refer to when it was first used?
 4. Which Hollywood movie's title does the title of the article by Khyrunnisa A. parody?
 5. In which year was the UN formed?
 6. What according to Amartya Sen shows little sign of going away in India?
 7. Why are the elderly people less vulnerable in rural areas than those in urban areas?

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8. Why does SARS get a lot of attention?
9. What was the League of Nations?
10. Expand UTM and AI.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

PART – II

II. Answer any **eight** questions, each in not more than **50** words.

11. What do studies on the street children of Delhi reveal?
12. Why did the stock market crash of 2010 happen according to Gareth Southwell?
13. What is the role of social and civil laws?
14. Why is the smart phone an appening place?
15. Why do we say that the notion of human rights is universal?
16. How according to Leah Levin are fallacious doctrines used to justify inequality?
17. What is the sharp regional divide that Amartya Sen notices in India?
18. What are the issues the public health system face in India regarding elderly care?
19. What is corporate globalism?
20. What is the irony about the basic need of water in India after globalization?
21. What is the focus of Adam Smith's discussion in *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*?
22. What caused the steep fall in Bangladesh's total fertility rate?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)



PART – III

III. Answer any **six** questions, each in around **100** words.

23. What is the best treatment for a drug user?
24. What is the difference between weak AI and strong AI?
25. What is the role of education in developing independent thinking?
26. How did Khyrunnisa's husband lose some of his friends?
27. What are the areas covered under the social economic and cultural rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?
28. How has the expansion of women's schooling led to a significant reduction in fertility rates in India?
29. What are the three factors that hamper accessibility to care for elderly people?
30. What are the new inequalities that affect India after globalization, according to P Sainath?
31. What are the 'necessary actions' mentioned in the concluding section of Amartya Sen's essay?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

PART – IV

IV. Answer any **two** questions, each in not less than **300** words.

32. What are the basic elements of secularism, according to Romila Thapar?
33. Bring out the humour in the essay "Living in the Planet of Apps."
34. How, according to Amartya Sen, does 'boy preference' in Indian society lead to gender inequality?
35. How does Leah Levin trace the evolution and significance of human rights?

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

