

D 133649**(Pages : 3)****Name.....****Reg. No.....****FIRST SEMESTER (CUFYUGP) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2025****English****ENG IFA 101 (1B)—ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR HUMANITIES AND OTHER
BA PROGRAMMES****(2024 Admission onwards)****Time : One Hour and a Half****Maximum : 50 Marks****Section A**

- I. Read the provided paragraphs and answer the following questions. Each question carries 2 marks.
(Ceiling : 16 Marks)

Here is a passage from Rabindranath Tagore's thought provoking essay "Nationalism in India."
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

Nationalism is a great menace. It is the particular thing which for years has been at the bottom of India's troubles. And in the guise of its liberation, it has continuously stifled our minds with its selfishness, greed, and narrowness. We, in India, must look at the world with a different perspective from that of the Western people. We must have our own principles in life, based upon our own history and philosophy of life. We cannot borrow other people's histories and try to fit them into our own. Our culture has never been based on the idea of power, but on the idea of spiritual truth. We are to think that we are not to derive our strength from the numbers of men or wealth, but from the truth.

India has all along been trying to live on the principle of unity and inclusiveness. She has made it her mission to accept all races, all cultures, and all religions, and unite them into a harmonious whole. This unity is not a mechanical unity. It is a living unity. India has never tried to enforce uniformity on herself.

She has tried to find a unity through diversity. Her people, therefore, are accustomed to give freedom to others, to respect the differences in others. India has been, in her own history, a great living example of this principle, and it is this principle that we must hold to in these days of our trial.

Turn over

In India, our history and our spiritual culture have taught us that a race which has no spiritual ideal, has no future. It is because of our strong belief in spiritual ideal that we do not think that mere political freedom can give us the ultimate freedom. We must realize that political freedom is not an end in itself. It is only a means to a greater end the end of realizing spiritual truth, of giving shape to our thoughts in life, of producing a greater harmony among men, and of giving men the opportunity to unfold the highest in themselves.

- 1 How does Tagore contrast the concept of nationalism with India's historical principles ?
- 2 What does Tagore suggest is India's mission in terms of cultural and religious diversity ? How does this differ from Western ideas of unity ?
- 3 According to Tagore, why is political freedom not the ultimate goal for India ? What does he see as the greater purpose ?
- 4 How does Tagore view India's relationship with power compared to Western nations ?
- 5 What role does Tagore believe spiritual ideals play in the future of a nation ?
- 6 Why does Tagore reject the idea of imposing uniformity in India ?
- 7 According to Tagore, what has been the source of India's troubles for years ?
- 8 Why does Tagore say that a race without a spiritual ideal is futile ?
- 9 How does Tagore describe the unity India has pursued historically ?
- 10 Critically read Tagore's views and its relevance today.

Section B

II. Answer the following questions in not more than 100 words. All questions can be attended. Each question carries 6 marks. (Ceiling : 24 Marks)

- 11 In what ways are the issues addressed in the "I Have a Dream" speech still relevant today ?
- 12 What are the central messages in Leonard Cohen's "Anthem" ?
- 13 What are the aspects presented in the scene that makes Mr. Keating an effective speaker ?
- 14 The symbolic significance of the falcon and the falconer in Yeats' "The Second Coming".
- 15 How does the princess become the true 'eco-feminist warrior' ?

Section C

III. Answer any *one* question in 300 words :

- 16 What advice does Amy Morales Lara give to other aspiring social workers and artists who want to combine their passions to help their communities ?
- 17 Identify the theme of family and relationships in Death of a Salesman ?

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)