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Roll No.....

CC1103: Perspectives on Contemporary Issues

Time: 2 hours

Max. Marks: 30

Instructions to students:

Do not write anything other than your roll number on question paper.

- Q. 1 A global fast-food chain recently expanded into smaller towns, introducing localised menu options. While many young consumers welcomed the accessibility and global exposure, local vendors and cultural critics expressed concern about the gradual decline of traditional food practices. Experts suggest that globalisation fosters cultural exchange but may also lead to the dominance of global brands over local identities. 10marks (CO1;CO4)

Critically analyse how globalisation influences local cultures and economies. To what extent does it promote cultural exchange versus cultural homogenisation? Justify your answer with reasoning.

- Q. 2 A recent court ruling held a government accountable for failing to protect vulnerable communities from the impacts of climate change, including environmental degradation, and rising risks to safety. Legal experts argue that climate inaction can violate basic human rights, especially for communities facing displacement and loss of livelihood. *Adapted from The Guardian (2026) and Reuters (2026).* 10marks (CO1;CO3; CO4)

Analyse how climate change is emerging as a human rights issue. How do such legal actions influence accountability and policy? Evaluate the role of governments in addressing these challenges.

- Q. 3 A recent report highlighted that students from underprivileged backgrounds faced significant challenges in accessing online education during the pandemic due to lack of devices and internet connectivity. While some institutions attempted to bridge the gap through digital initiatives, disparities in access continued to affect learning outcomes. 10 marks (CO1;CO2)

The report emphasised that unequal access to resources can reinforce existing social and economic inequalities over time.

Using the above news clipping, analyse how inequality in access to resources impacts opportunities and outcomes in society. Critically examine the idea of social justice in this context. What role should institutions and policymakers play in reducing such inequalities?

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