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English

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. A) Choose the correct answer from the options :

- 1 Which is the figure of speech used in the line "O we were on his mind, my dear, O we were on his mind" ?
 - a) Synecdoche.
 - b) Metonymy.
 - c) Pun.
 - d) Irony.
- 2 Pearl S. Buck won the Pulitzer prize in 1932 for the book _____.
 - a) The Good Earth.
 - b) China Sky.
 - c) The Dragon Seed.
 - d) The Christmas Ghost.
- 3 What is 'Zamindar' in "Toba Tek Singh" ?
 - a) A Newspaper.
 - b) A Magazine.
 - c) A Journal.
 - d) A Book.
- 4 What does 'hide' mean in the phrase 'leprous hide' ?
 - a) Sickness.
 - b) Skin.
 - c) Leaf.
 - d) None of these.
- 5 Which among the following is Kate Chopin's first novel ?
 - a) The Awakening.
 - b) The Dream of A Day.
 - c) At Fault.
 - d) The Story of a Woman.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word *or* a phrase :

- 6 Who was Mr. Richards ?
- 7 What does the world long for ?
- 8 Where did the speaker make a prayer for the first time ?

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- 9 Whose translation of Chief Seattle's speech was published in Seattle Sunday star in 1877 ?
- 10 Why were the black people kept down, according to the protagonist ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one or two sentences :

- 11 What were Aron's dreams about while he was staying inside the haystack ?
- 12 Why is the Preamble called the 'identity card of the Constitution' ?
- 13 Mention one of the devastating weaknesses of university learning, according to Rich.
- 14 What was Mrs. Mallard's immediate reaction, when she heard the news of her husband's death ?
- 15 Why does Chief Seattle say that buying or selling land is strange to Native Americans ?
- 16 What comments are given in the extract by Limbale about the narrator's hunger ?
- 17 Who declared himself to be Quaid-e Azam, Muhammed Ali Jinnah ?
- 18 What does the poet mean by anchoring earth and earth cave ?
- 19 How does the poet compare humans and birds ?
- 20 Why does no one ever think of transgender as human ?
- 21 What does the phrase "beckoning call of the future" refer to ?
- 22 What is Harari's observation of human happiness ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph :

- 23 How can India fulfill the promise of her greatness ?
- 24 The discrimination of Dalits according to Limbale.
- 25 The communication between Zlateh and Aron.
- 26 Patriotism as a theme in Tagore's poem 'Freedom'.
- 27 Explain the dream with which "Refugee Blues" is concluded.
- 28 What should be the contract between students and faculty ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Analyze Toba Tek Singh as a caustic satire on the absurdity of Partition.
- 30 Chief Seattle's speech is a powerful plea for respect of Native American's rights and environmental values. Elucidate.
- 31 Nadine Gordimer's "Amnesty" examines the struggle of the black South Africans to challenge the apartheid. Discuss.
- 32 "What It's like to be a Transgender" is a documentation of the identity crisis and the denial of the basic human rights of the transgender. Elucidate.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)