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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2021**

English (B.A./B.Sc.)

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A

*Answer at least **ten** questions.*

Each question carries 3 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

1. What does the phrase “beckoning call of the future” refer to ?
2. Who are the lot referred to as the “lovers of violence” in Pearl S. Buck’s essay ?
3. What are the objectives of the Constitution set by the Preamble ?
4. Comment on the statement “In the middle on a stretch of land that had no name, lay Toba Tek Singh”.
5. What does the poet mean by anchoring earth and earth cave in the poem ‘On Killing a Tree’ ?
6. What does it mean that Zlateh seemed eager to reward Aaron and how does it fit with what you have already learnt about Zlateh ?
7. Why does Chief Seattle say that buying or selling the land is strange to Native Americans ?
8. Who was Blake Brockington ?
9. Mention one of the devastating weaknesses of the university learning, according to Rich.
10. What is the climax of “The Story of an Hour” ?
11. What is the context of the poem “Refugee Blues” ?
12. What was the content of the ‘such a good letter’ sent by the protagonist from the prison ?
13. What is Harari’s observation of human happiness ?

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14. What, according to the protagonist in 'Amnesty', is the difference between working in the Movement and the Union ?
15. What made Girmallya's farm quiver in the narrator's stomach ?

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

Section B

*Answer at least **five** questions.*

Each question carries 6 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

16. What, according to Harari, is Huxley's perception of happiness ?
17. The discrimination of the Dalits, according to Limbale.
18. The boyhood phase in "What It's like to be Transgender".
19. The treatment of gender in "The Story of an Hour".
20. What is the message of on killing a tree ?
21. What proves Gandhi's righteousness ?
22. Patriotism a theme in Tagore's "Freedom".
23. What should be, according to Adrienne Rich, the contract between the students and faculty ?

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Section C

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. Explain how "Refugee Blues" works as a documentation of the denial of the human rights of the migrant population of the world.
25. Discuss "Claiming An Education" as a critique of the present system of education from a woman's perspective.
26. Explain the major arguments in Chief Seattle's speech.
27. Toba Tek Singh is a caustic satire on the absurdity of partition. Analyse.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)