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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2023**

B.Com./B.B.A.

English

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2019—2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 Why the Preamble is called the 'identity card of the Constitution' ?
- 2 What is Harari's reaction to the statement that married people are happier on average than singles ?
- 3 Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence ?
- 4 Explain the figure of speech used in the line, "burden of ages, bending your head, breaking your back."
- 5 What made Girmallya's farm quiver in the narrator's stomach ?
- 6 What does the poet mean by the strength of the tree exposed ?
- 7 What are the conditions laid by Seattle to sell his land to the great chief ?
- 8 What name was given by the trade Unionist to his daughter ?
- 9 What is described as 'the thunder rumbling in the sky' ?
- 10 What did the speaker ask Jesus in the first prayer ?
- 11 How was the outside world described, after Mrs. Mallard heard the news of her husband's death ?
- 12 How does Adrienne Rich define 'taking responsibility towards yourselves', from the feminists' perspective ?
- 13 The circumstances that compelled Reuven to decide on selling Zlateh.

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- 14 What does the Native American see the rivers and the earth ?
15 Explain ‘ In the middle on a stretch of land that had no name, lay *Toba Tek Singh*’.

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II. Answer the following questions in a *paragraph* of 100 words. 5 marks each :

- 16 What are Harari's observations about the French revolution ?
17 Comment on the politics of food in “The Outcaste”.
18 What characterizes the alienation of the Jews in the poem “Refugee Blues” ?
19 Comment on the poetic style in “What It’s like to Be Transgender”.
20 Comment on Chopin’s treatment of marriage and family.
21 Explain the significance of the title *Toba Tek Singh*.
22 Comment on the gendered bias in education, according to Adrienne Rich ?
23 Comment on the passion and feelings conveyed in chief Seattle speech.

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III. Write essays on any *two* of the following questions in 200 words :

- 24 Define the concept of freedom based on Tagore’s “Freedom”.
25 Critically examine the man-animal bond as portrayed in Issac Bashevis Singer’s “Zlateh the Goat”
26 “*Claiming An Education*” is a critique of the present system of education from a woman’s perspective. Discuss ?
27 How did Limbale portray the caste-ridden Indian society in the prescribed extract from “The Outcaste” ?

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)