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SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024

English

(B.Com./B.B.A./B.H.A/B.T.H.M.)

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 Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence ?
- 2 How did the Muslim friend from Toba Tek-Singh who came to visit Bishan Singh introduce himself ?
- 3 What was the response of the Anglo-Indian inmates of the asylum, when they realized the English had given Hindustan Freedom ?
- 4 Why does the poet try to teach us how to kill a tree ?
- 5 What was the family's response when Reuven asked Aaron to take the goat to town ?
- 6 What does Adrienne Rich mean by 'students demand to be taken seriously' ?
- 7 What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour" ?
- 8 'She (My mother) fears that I'll die without a whisper.' Why ?
- 9 How did the speaker describe the phase 'I decided to be a boy' ?
- 10 Why couldn't the narrator go often to the court to follow the trail of her potential husband ?
- 11 What was the protagonist's reply in the story 'Amnesty' when he was informed of the coming of the second child ?
- 12 What are Harari's observations about the French revolution ?
- 13 What did the teacher ask the students to do the day after the picnic ?
- 14 What did the nostalgic aunts remind the speaker in Mokobe's poem at the age of twelve ?
- 15 Why could Parshya not go to picnic ?

(Ceiling 25)

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

- 16 What will happen if Gandhi's assassin is released ?
- 17 Patriotism as a theme in Tagore's "Freedom".
- 18 The communication between Aaron and his goat.
- 19 How does Adrienne Rich elaborate the concept of responsibility to oneself ?
- 20 Write a note on the boyhood phase in "What It's like to be Transgender."
- 21 The discrimination of the Dalits, according to Limbale.
- 22 What should be the contract between the students and faculty ?
- 23 Explain the dream with which "Refugee Blues" is concluded.

(Ceiling 35)

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

- 24 Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
- 25 "On Killing a Tree" describes man's cruelty and violence to nature discuss.
- 26 "What It's like to be Transgender" is a documentation of the identity crisis and the denial of the basic human rights of the transgender ? Discuss.
- 27 How does Yuval Harari define meaning of human life and basic human rights ?

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)