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SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022

English (B.Com/B.B.A.)

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2021 Admissions)

Time: Two Hours and a Half

Maximum: 80 Marks

Section A

Answer atleast **ten** questions. Each question carries 3 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall ceiling 30.

- 1. What is the significance of the asylum in the story 'Toba Tele Singh'?
- 2. Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence?
- 3. How does the Native American see the rivers and the earth?
- 4. Why does the poet try to teach us how to kill a tree?
- 5. What were Aaron's dreams about while he was staying inside the haystack?
- 6. What does Adrienne Rich mean by 'students demand to be taken seriously'?
- 7. Why was great care taken in breaking the news of her husband to Mrs. Mallard?
- 8. What did the nostalgic aunts remind the speaker in Mokobe's poem at the age of twelve?
- 9. What makes the speaker in 'Refugee Blues' to state that there was no place for him and his beloved?
- 10. What, according to the protagonist, is the difference between working in the Movement and the Union?
- 11. What was the protagonist's reply in the story 'Amnesty' when he was informed of the coming of the second child?
- 12. What did the teacher ask the students to do the day after the picnic?
- 13. Comment on the symbols of the open window in the story "The Story of an Hour."

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- 14. What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour"?
- 15. What is Harari's observation of human happiness?

 $(10 \times 3 = 30 \text{ marks})$

Section B

Answer atleast **five** questions. Each question carries 6 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall ceiling 30.

- 16. Images of Colonialism in "Freedom".
- 17. What will happen if Gandhi's assassin is released?
- 18. Native American criticism of the White man's treatment of mother earth.
- 19. The thoughts that flashed through Mrs. Mallard's mind, after realizing her husband's death.
- 20. Explain the significance of the title "Toba Tele Singh."
- 21. The discrimination of the Dalits, according to Limbale.
- 22. The significance of Preamble in the constitution of India.
- 23. How does Adrienne Rich elaborate the concept of responsibility to oneself?

 $(5 \times 6 = 30 \text{ marks})$

Section C

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 24. Critically examine the man-animal bond as portrayed in Issac Bashevis Singer's "Zlateh the Goat"
- 25. Define the concept of freedom based on Tagore's "Freedom".
- 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. "Refugee Blues" is a documentation of the denial of the human rights of the migrant population of the world. Discuss.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$