

**SECOND SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION
MAY 2018**

(CUCBCSS—UG)

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer *all* the following questions.

(A) Choose the correct answer. Each question carries 1 mark :

1 Men wind confusion and entanglements because they are afraid of _____.

(a) Violence.

(b) Non-violence.

(c) Simple truth.

(d) Conscience.

2 What does the word hide mean in 'leperous hide' ?

(a) Skin.

(b) Leaf.

(c) Sickness.

(d) None of these.

3 Why does the father want to sell Zlateh ?

(a) He wants to use Zlateh's skin for fur.

(b) The family needs money to celebrate Hanukkah.

(c) The family has many goats.

(d) She had brought him bad luck.

4 Which game did the boys of the narrators caste play during the picnic ?

(a) Kabaddi.

(b) Cards.

(c) Touch-and-go.

(d) Marble.

5 Aaron gets lost because _____.

(a) Zlateh goes the wrong way.

(b) He did not pay attention.

(c) They were chased by a dog.

(d) Snow covers the road.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

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(B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word or phrase. Each question carries 1 mark :

- 6 Who wrote *The Brave New World* ?
- 7 To which tribe did Chief Seattle belong ?
- 8 What was the original title of the "The Story of an Hour" ?
- 9 Who said to the narrator : 'If you've got no passport you're officially dead' ?
- 10 In which magazine was the short story "Amnesty" first published ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in a sentence or two. Each question carries 2 marks :

- 11 What, according to Pearl S. Buck, is more powerful than bombs and weapons ?
- 12 What are the objectives of the Constitution set by the Preamble ?
- 13 What is referred to as 'burden of the ages' ?
- 14 What does Seattle want the White man to teach their children ?
- 15 Comment on the imagery 'the bleeding bark'.
- 16 What were Aaron's dreams about while he was staying inside the haystack ?
- 17 How did Elizabeth Barret Browning express her impatience with studies ?
- 18 Explain : 'She had died of heart disease - of joy that kills.'
- 19 What did the speaker ask Jesus in the first prayer ?
- 20 Why does no one ever think of transgenders as human ?
- 21 What is described as 'the thunder rumbling in the sky' ?
- 22 What was the content of the 'such a good letter' sent by the protagonist from the prison ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words. Each question carries 5 marks :

- 23 How can India fulfill the promise of her greatness ?
- 24 Explain the concept of binarism based on Manto's story.
- 25 The different approaches of the whites and the Native Americans to environment.

- 26 What is the message of "On Killing a Tree" ?
- 27 Comment on the climax of "The Story of an Hour".
- 28 Comment on the ending of Lee Mokobe's poem.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Write essays on any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. Each question carries 15 marks :

- 29 Discuss Pearl S. Buck's portrayal of Mahatma Gandhi in her essay.
- 30 Describe the life, death and character of Toba Tek Singh.
- 31 Define the concept of freedom based on Tagore's "Freedom".
- 32 How does Singer record the changing moods of weather in "Zlateh the Goat" ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

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