

SECOND SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2019

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

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

1 In which language did Chief Seattle make his speech ?

- (a) French. (b) English.
(c) Lushootseed. (d) Spanish.

2 In which language was *Akkarmashi* originally written ?

- (a) Marathi. (b) Malayalam.
(c) Kannada. (d) Tamil.

3 Men find confusion and entanglements because they are afraid of ———.

- (a) Violence. (b) Non-violence.
(c) Simple truth. (d) Conscience.

4 In which subject did Daniel Kahneman win the Nobel Prize ?

- (a) African Studies. (b) Linguistics.
(c) Political Science. (d) Economic Studies.

5 The Constitution of India derives its authority from :

- (a) The Constituent Assembly.
(b) The Drafting Committee.
(c) The People of India.
(d) None of These.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Turn over

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

- 6 Rabindranath Tagore won the Nobel Prize in literature for the work _____.
- 7 The poem 'On Killing a Tree' was originally published in the collection _____.
- 8 In which college did Adrienne Rich deliver the speech entitled "Claiming Education" ?
- 9 "I treat it like a house." What ?
- 10 Who is the narrator of the story 'Amnesty' ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Answer any *ten* from the following in one or two sentences. Each question carries 2 marks :

- 11 What is Qaid-e Azam ?
- 12 Why did Zlateh trust human beings ?
- 13 What is the difference between living and surviving ?
- 14 "We sat like owls watching them". What were they watching ?
- 15 Why did the people believe in Gandhi ?
- 16 What does the poet say about the resiliatory power of trees ?
- 17 What is meant by the phrase 'puppet's world'.
- 18 What was the protagonist's reply when he was informed of the second 'child coming' ?
- 19 What is Harari's observation of human happiness ?
- 20 What is the difference between to claim an education and to receive an education ?
- 21 Explain "I was the mystery of an anatomy."
- 22 How does Auden compare the old yew tree and the old passports ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 What constitutes meaning in one's life ?
- 24 How can India fulfill the promise of her greatness ?
- 25 Narrate the journey to the Island by the narrator and protagonist's family.

- 26 Explain the dream with which "Refugee Blues" is concluded.
- 27 What do you understand from the way Aaron and Zlateh communicate with each other ?
- 28 What is the message of "On Killing A Tree" ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

7. Answer any *two* of the following in an Essay :

- 29 Analyze "Toba Tek Singh" as a caustic satire on the absurdity of Partition.
- 30 Chief Seattle's speech is a powerful plea for respect of Native American's rights and environmental values. Elucidate.
- 31 Kate Chopin's "Story of an Hour" deals with the forbidden joy of independence. Elucidate.
- 32 The Meaning of Life is a critique of present perception about human happiness. Discuss.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)