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## SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION APRIL 2022

English (B.A./B.Sc.)

ENG 2A 04-ZEITGEIST : READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

### Section A

Answer at least **ten** questions. Each question carries 3 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall Ceiling 30.

- 1. How did the Muslim friend from Toba Tek Singh who came to visit Bishan Singh introduce himself?
- 2. What are the objectives of the Constitution set by the Preamble ?
- 3. What does Seattle want the white man to teach their children?
- 4. Why does the poet try to teach us how to kill a tree ?
- 5. What does Gieve Patel mean by anchoring earth and earth cave ?
- 6. How did Adrienne Rich plan to separate her remarks into two parts?
- 7. What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour"?
- 8. How did Bentley Richard escape the rail road accident?
- 9. How did the speaker describe the phase 'I decided to be a boy'?
- 10. In what context is the question 'where shall we go today' asked ?
- 11. What is the politics of separation in playing games as seen in Limbale's narrative ?
- 12. What are Harari's observations about the French revolution ?
- 13. 'My prayers are now getting stuck in my throat'. Why did the speaker fear so?
- 14. What did the nostalgic aunts remind the speaker in Mokobe's poem at the age of twelve ?
- 15. Why does a person who has just won a lottery jump with joy ?

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

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#### **Section B**

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Answer at least **five** questions. Each question carries 6 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall Ceiling 30.

- 16. Patriotism as a theme in Tagore's "Freedom".
- 17. What proves Gandhi's righteousness?
- 18. What is the message of on killing a tree ?
- 19. How does Adrienne Rich elaborate the concept of responsibility to oneself?
- 20. What should be the contract between the students and faculty?
- 21. Narrate the journey to the island by the narrator and the protagonist's family.
- 22. The communication between Aaron and his goat.
- 23. What characterizes the alienation of the Jews in the poem 'Refugee Blues' ?

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

### Section C

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

- 24. Summarize the major arguments in Chief Seattle's speech.
- 25. Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
- 26. Kate Chopin's "The Story of an Hour" is an attempt to highlight inherent oppressiveness of marriage. Discuss.
- 27. How does Limbale portray the caste-ridden Indian society ?

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