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**SECOND SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2024**

(B.A./B.Sc.)

English

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2017—2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions :—

(A) Choose the correct answer :

- 1 What was the real name of Toba Tek Singh ?
 - a) Kishan Singh.
 - b) Viswambar Singh.
 - c) Bishan Singh.
 - d) Kishon Singh Aaron.
- 2 Who has become the puppet under the colonial powers according to Tagore ?
 - a) The poet.
 - b) Motherland.
 - c) Children.
 - d) Political Leaders.
- 3 In which magazine was the “The Story of an Hour-” originally published ?
 - a) *Vogue*.
 - b) *The New Yorker*.
 - c) *The New York Times*.
 - d) *The Newsweek*.
- 4 In which year did Chief Seattle make the address titled the End of Living and the beginning of survival ?
 - a) 1866.
 - b) 1854.
 - c) 1887.
 - d) 1845.
- 5 Which tree blossoms every spring a new in Auden’s poem ?
 - a) Teak.
 - b) Oak.
 - c) Yew.
 - d) Cherry.

Turn over

(B) Answer in a word *or* a phrase :

- 6 What does the world long for ?
- 7 'Slowly consuming the earth' - What does the expression 'consuming the earth' mean ?
- 8 Who is the transwoman shot dead by the police in Baltimore, referred to in the poem ?
- 9 Which game did the boys of the narrators caste play during the picnic ?
- 10 Robespierre and Napoleon came to power after which revolution ?

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer each of the following questions in two *or* three sentences. Any *ten* :

- 11 Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence ?
- 12 What was the response of the Anglo-Indian inmates of the asylum, when they realized the English had given Hindustan Freedom ?
- 13 Explain the figure of speech used in the line, "burden of ages, bending your head, breaking your back."
- 14 What does Seattle want the white man to teach their children ?
- 15 What does the poet say of the resiliatory power of trees ?
- 16 Why did Aaron realize that the haystack could save them ?
- 17 Why did the women students and teachers demand for the introduction of women's studies courses ?
- 18 How did Bentley Richard escape the rail road accident ?
- 19 In what context is the question 'where shall we go today' asked ?
- 20 How did the speaker describe the phase 'I decided to be a boy' ?
- 21 What was the content of the 'such a good letter' sent by the protagonist from the prison ?
- 22 What, according to Harari, is Huxley's perception of happiness ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* questions out of six in *a paragraph* each :

- 23 The significance of Preamble in the constitution of India.
- 24 What is the picture of partition that emerges from the story 'Toba Tek Singh' ?
- 25 Comment on the language of the poem On Killing a Tree

- 26 The treatment of gender in "The Story of an Hour".
- 27 Adrienne Rich's prose style in "*Claiming An Education*" ?
- 28 Describe the circumstances that led to the protagonist's Imprisonment in Nadine Gordimer's short story "Amnesty"

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* out of the four questions given in about 300 words :

- 29 Discuss Pearl S. Buck's portrayal of Mahatma Gandhi in her essay.
- 30 Critically examine the man-animal bond as portrayed in Issac Bashevis Singer's "Zlateh the Goat"
- 31 Nadine Gordimer's "Amnesty" examines the struggle of the black South Africans to challenge the apartheid. Discuss.
- 32 Discuss how Limbale's "The Outcaste" is filled with pathos and anger.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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English

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(2017—2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. (A) Choose the correct answer from the options :

1 What does the term “preamble” mean ?

- (a) Conclusion. (b) Preface.
(c) Postscript. (d) Closing comment.

2 Roop Kaur was the _____ of Bishan Singh.

- (a) Wife. (b) Mother.
(c) Daughter. (d) Daughter-in-law.

3 In which language did Chief Seattle make his speech ?

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

4 Who told the news of Mr. Mallard's death to his wife ?

- (a) Mr. Richard. (b) Josephine.
(c) Mr. Mallard. (d) Lousie.

5 In the poem “Refugee Blues” who is looking for the refugees ?

- (a) Parents. (b) Cousins.
(c) Soldiers. (d) Colleagues.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

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(B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word or a phrase :

- 6 Why did the people believe in Gandhi ?
- 7 In Tagore's poem what does the phrase "beckoning call of the future" refer to ?
- 8 How does Aaron react to his father's decision to sell Zlateh ?
- 9 Who said to the narrator: "If you've got no passport you're officially dead" ?
- 10 Which was the game played by Wani and Brahmin boys during the picnic ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following in one or two sentences :

- 11 What are the objectives of the Constitution set by the Preamble ?
- 12 How did the Muslim friend from Toba Tek Singh who came to visit Bishan Singh introduce himself ?
- 13 What was the response of the Anglo-Indian inmates of the asylum, when they realized the English had given Hindustan Freedom ?
- 14 Why does the poet say that a simple jab of the knife will not kill a tree ?
- 15 When did Aaron realize that he was no longer travelling on the road ?
- 16 What does Adrienne Rich mean by 'students demand to be taken seriously' ?
- 17 What was the protagonist's reply in the story 'Amnesty' when he was informed of the coming of the second child ?
- 18 'My prayers are now getting stuck in my throat'. Why did the speaker fear so ?
- 19 What was the feeling of the speaker in 'Refugee Blues' when he went down the harbour and stood upon the quay ?
- 20 How did Brently Mallard escape the railroad accident ?
- 21 What did the teacher do when he saw the narrator apparently doing nothing in the class the next day of the picnic ?
- 22 Explain the sarcasm in the words of Seattle when he says 'I am a savage and do not Understand.'

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph :

- 23 What will happen if Gandhi's assassin is released ?
- 24 Images of Colonialism in "Freedom"
- 25 Why it is not an easy job to kill a tree ?
- 26 Compare the character of Zlateh and Aaron.
- 27 The boyhood phase in "What It's Like to be Transgender."
- 28 Narrate the journey to the island by the narrator and the protagonist's family.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
- 30 Critically examine the man-animal bond as portrayed in Issac Bashevis Singer's "Zlateh the Goat."
- 31 Critically evaluate Adrienne Rich's concept of education.
- 32 Nadine Gordimer's "Amnesty" examines the struggle of black South Africans to challenge apartheid. Discuss.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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

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

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2017—2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. A) Choose the correct answer from the options :

- 1 The preamble to Indian Constitution has been amended by the _____ constitutional amendment act 1976.
 - a) 44th.
 - b) 42nd.
 - c) 46th.
 - d) 62nd.
- 2 To which caste did Sharankumar Limbale belong to ?
 - a) Brahmin.
 - b) Wani.
 - c) Mahar.
 - d) Marwari.
- 3 In which collection was "Claiming an education" included ?
 - a) The Dream of a Common Language.
 - b) Leaflets
 - c) On Lies, Secrets and Silence
 - d) None of These.
- 4 What does the term "preamble" mean ?
 - a) Conclusion.
 - b) Post script.
 - c) Preface.
 - d) Closing comment.
- 5 What was the real name of Toba Tek Singh ?
 - a) Kishan Singh.
 - b) Bishan Singh.
 - c) Viswambar Singh.
 - d) Kishon Singh.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Turn over

B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word or phrase :

- 6 What makes the poet to state the following : 'O we were in his mind, my dear, O we were in his mind' ?
- 7 Comment on the politics of separation in playing games.
- 8 Who said to the narrator : "if you've got no passport you're officially dead" ?
- 9 How does Prozac lift people out of depression?
- 10 Who was Mya Hall?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one or two sentences :

- 11 What is the meaning of the term "Amnesty" ?
- 12 What did the teacher ask the students to do the day after the picnic ?
- 13 Comment on the use of hyperbole in the poem 'Refugee Blues'.
- 14 'My prayers are now getting stuck in my throat'. Why did the speaker fear so ?
- 15 What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour" ?
- 16 Explain : 'She had died of heart disease-of joy that kills'.
- 17 The circumstances that compelled Reuven to decide on selling Zlateh.
- 18 What does the poet mean by the strength of the tree exposed ?
- 19 What does Seattle want the white man to teach their children ?
- 20 What is meant by the phrase "Puppet's World" ?
- 21 How did the Muslim friend from Toba Tek Singh who came to visit Bishan Singh introduce himself ?
- 22 Why did the people believe in Gandhi ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph :

- 23 Describe the circumstances that led to the protagonist's imprisonment in 'Amnesty'.
- 24 Explain the dream with which "Refugee Blues" is concluded.
- 25 'My prayers are now getting stuck in my throat'. Why did the speaker fear so ?

- 26 The treatment of gender in "The Story of an Hour".
- 27 Adrienne Rich's prose style in "*Claiming an Education*" ?
- 28 The change of weather in Singer's *Zlateh the goat*.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Summarize the major arguments in Chief Seattle's speech.
- 30 Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
- 31 Nadine Gordimer's "Amnesty" examines the struggle of the black South Africans to challenge the apartheid. Discuss.
- 32 The 'internal' or 'external' conflict in the short story 'The Story of an Hour'.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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**SECOND SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2021**

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

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 :

1 According to Pearl S. Buck, _____ is the only commonsense of human beings.

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| (a) Violence. | (b) Fearlessness. |
| (c) Non-violence. | (d) Silence. |

2 In which Pakistani city was the lunatic asylum situated ?

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| (a) Lahore. | (b) Karachi. |
| (c) Islamabad. | (d) Rawalpindi. |

3 In which language did Chief Seattle make his speech ?

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

4 Who told the news of Mr. Mallard's death to his wife ?

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| (a) Mr. Richard. | (b) Josephine. |
| (c) Mr. Mallard. | (d) Lousie. |

5 Which tree blossoms every spring anew in Auden's poem ?

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| (a) Teak. | (b) Oak. |
| (c) Yew. | (d) Pine. |

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word *or* a phrase :

6 Why is the Preamble called the 'identity card of the Constitution' ?

7 In Tagore's poem what is meant by the phrase "Puppet's World" ?

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- 8 How does Aaron react to his father's decision to sell Zlateh?
- 9 Who is the author of Jane Eyre ?
- 10 What is the meaning of the term "Amnesty" ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one *or* two sentences :

- 11 Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence ?
- 12 What does the phrase "beckoning call of the future" refer to" ?
- 13 What was the response of the Anglo-Indian inmates of the asylum, when they realized the English had given Hindustan Freedom ?
- 14 Explain the sarcasm in the words of Seattle when he says 'I am a savage and do not Understand.'
- 15 What does Gieve Patel mean by anchoring earth and earth cave ?
- 16 How did Adrienne Rich plan to separate her remarks into two parts ?
- 17 What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour" ?
- 18 'My prayers are now getting stuck in my throat.' Why did the speaker fear so ?
- 19 What is described as 'the thunder rumbling in the sky' ?
- 20 Why couldn't the narrator go often to the court to follow the trail of her potential husband ?
- 21 Why could Parshya not go to picnic ?
- 22 What is Harari's observation of human happiness ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* :

- 23 What will happen if Gandhi's assassin is released ?
- 24 Comment on the ending of 'Toba Tek Singh.'
- 25 The step by step process needed for killing a tree.
- 26 The communication between Aaron and his goat.
- 27 What should be the contract between the students and faculty ?
- 28 Narrate the journey to the island by the narrator and the protagonist's family.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essays :

- 29 Define the concept of freedom based on Tagore's "Freedom".
- 30 Chief Seattle's speech is a powerful plea for respect of Native Americans rights and environmental values. Substantiate
- 31 The 'internal' or 'external' conflict in the short story "The Story of an Hour".
- 32 "Refugee Blues" is a documentation of the denial of the human rights of the migrant population of the world. Discuss.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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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 wind 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)

II. 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)

III. 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)

IV. 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)

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**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 find 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)

1. What does the word 'hide' mean in 'leopard's hide' ?

- (a) Skin. (b) Leaf.
(c) Snake. (d) None of these.

2. 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 cows.
(d) She had brought him the milk.

3. Which game did the boys of the over-stuffed picnic play during the picnic ?

- (a) Kabaddi. (b) Cards.
(c) Tennis. (d) Marble.

4. A boy 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)

Turn over