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

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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 Zialeh 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 Zialeh 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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II SEMESTER B. A./BSc. DEGREE EXAMINATION
COMMON COURSE ENGLISH

EN12A04- Zeitgeist : Readings on ~~Culture and Society~~ contemporary culture
(2017 Admissions Onwards)

ANSWER KEY

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 80

- I. A. Choose the correct answer form the options: (1x5= 5)
1. C 2. A 3. C 4. D 5. A
B. Answer *all* the following questions in a word or a phrase. (1x5= 5)
6. Geethanjali
7. Poems
8. Douglass College, New Jersey, USA
9. Her body.
10. A young South African woman,.
- II. Answer any ten from the following in one or two sentences. (2x10=20)
11. Urdu phrase meaning great leader- the name by which Muhammad Ali Jinnah was known in Pakistan
12. Because they had never harmed her in any way- had always fed her and taken care of her.
13. living involves a close connection with all beings -man, animals & nature- surviving involves only a concern about oneself- man comes before everything- nothing else matters.
14. they were watching the lunch packs/food brought by the high class kids- eyeing the tasty food within them-waiting for their chance to be given the leftover food.
15. He was gentle, reasoning- the one voice of conscience- a true righteous man.
16. Mere hacking and chopping cannot destroy a tree- its comes back with greater force and plentitude- expanding and growing allover again- nothing can destroy the resilience nature has.
17. A country controlled and managed by external forces.
18. That the child belongs to the new country and that he will build the freedom they have fought for.
19. Humans are made happy by only one thing- pleasant sensations in their bodies- happiness is determines by a complex system of nerves, neurons and various biochemical substances-

20. To claim is to take as rightful owner, to assert one's right in face of possible contradictions – To Receive is to be provided, acted upon ,to come in possession of-no assertion of one's right or will.
21. Describes the absence of a fixed gender identity of a person- the condition of being neither a man nor a woman- an puzzling anatomy
22. the old trees renews themselves every season- but their passports aren't renewed that way-they have no hope of a new life which even old trees have-

III. Answer any four of the following questions in a paragraph. (4x5=20)

23. The values that determine the way we look at ourselves and understand who & what we are- it's a conviction- that helps us make sense to our existence, our experiences and all our actions- the sense of meaning is what that creates happiness- the sense of purpose.
24. By taking up the leadership for nonviolence- by establishing goodness and righteousness- like Gandhi did- by establishing the power of nonviolence- by rekindling the spirit of goodness that was once the dream of the Gandhi lead India.
25. The vastness and enormity of the sea bewilders her- the huge crowd that waited for the ferry felt like a bunch of cattle-they felt out of place- and when it was time they were not allowed to board the ferry as they did not have a police permit to visit the prisoner-
26. The poet dreams of a building with a thousand floors with a thousand windows and doors- it symbolizes opportunities and hope that he seeks- that he believes would come for the refugees one day- but he realizes that it would never be for them-
27. The inherent connection between all living beings- the co-dependence- the natural communication between the two regardless of the difference between the two species- when it comes to true connection there is no privileged/superior species- all are interconnected- all are dependent on each other-
28. The resilience and power of survival of nature- in spite of man's cruelty and violence to nature-

IV. Answer any two of the following in an essay. (2x15= 30)

29. A satire on religious fanaticism and communalism- the inmates of the asylum are compared to the citizens who fight over the communal ideals- they lack basic rationality and meaning- absurdity of partition -no one can create divisions within a shared history, a shared memory and a shared consciousness- the human tragedy that followed the partition is described through the responses of the lunatics- who though they are mad makes sense in their actions and thought

30. stresses on the interdependence and interconnections of the world of the living and the non living- the need to respect the non human values too- to respect the values and ideals of the Native Americans- to understand the earth and all its inhabitants as one big family-
31. Mrs. Mallard is afflicted with a heart disease- she comes to know that her husband dies in an accident- instead of feeling lost and alone she realizes the possibilities that she has now- the sense of freedom engulfs her- the idea excites her- the joy was so much that when she finally realizes that her husband is alive it shocks her so much that she dies of heart failure-
32. the present concept of human happiness depends on notions of external factors- material and worldly pleasures – Harari explains that human happiness is only the result of biochemical reaction and a complex system of nerves, neurons and various biochemical substances- and a sense of meaning in life- not other momentary factors-