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SECOND SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2020

(CBCSS – UG)

CC19U ENG2 A04 – ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON SOCIETY AND CULTURE

(English - Common Course)

(2019 Admission Regular)

Time: 2.5 Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Credits: 4

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

1. How does Adrienne Rich define 'taking responsibility towards yourself' from the feminist perspective?
2. What is the difference between living and surviving?
3. Why is it not an easy job to kill a tree?
4. How did Bentley Richard escape the railroad accident?
5. Who was Mya Hall?
6. What was the profession of the narrator's life partner in 'Amnesty'?
7. How did Harya become an asset to the family?
8. Comment on the symbol of 'the open window' in 'The Story of an Hour'.
9. How did Aaron breathe inside the haystack?
10. What is more powerful than bombs and weapons?
11. Why did one of the lunatics climb up a tree?
12. What is described as the 'thunder rumbling in the sky'?
13. Comment on the politics of separation in playing games in 'The Outcaste'?
14. What are Harari's observations about the French Revolution?
15. What is referred to as 'burden of the ages'?

(Ceiling. 25 Marks)

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 5 marks.

16. Comment on the pathos in Lee Mokobe's poem.
17. The treatment of racism in 'Amnesty'.
18. Comment on the ending of 'Toba Tek Singh.'
19. What is Harari's observation of human happiness?
20. What is the message of 'On Killing a Tree'?
21. Describe the images of colonialism in 'Freedom'.
22. How did Aaron communicate with the goat?
23. What are the objectives of the Indian Constitution?

(Ceiling. 35 Marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the following in not more than 250 words each.

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. Critically evaluate Pearl Buck's portrayal of Mahatma Gandhi.

25. 'Refugee Blues' is a documentation of the denial of the human rights of the migrant population of the world. Discuss.

26. Chief Seattle's speech is a powerful plea for environmental values. Discuss.

27. 'Claiming an Education' is a critique of the present system of education. Enumerate.

(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)
