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CC17U ENG2 A04 – ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(English – Common Course)

(2017, 2018 Admissions – Supplementary/Improvement)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions:

1. Who was the chairman of the Constituent Assembly?
 - a. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
 - b. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
 - c. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
 - d. H.C. Mukherjee
2. Identify the figure of speech: “My tiny body drooping like a question mark all over the wooden Pew”.
 - a. Simile
 - b. Metaphor
 - c. Metonymy
 - d. Personification
3. What was the real name of Toba Tek Singh?
 - a. Kishan Singh
 - b. Viswambar Singh
 - c. Bishan Singh
 - d. Kishon Singh Aaron
4. In which year did Tagore win the Nobel Prize?
 - a. 1913
 - b. 1923
 - c. 1933
 - d. 1903
5. In which language did Chief Seattle make his speech?
 - a. French
 - b. English
 - c. Lushootseed
 - d. Spanish
6. What does the word “hide” mean in leprous hide?
 - a. Skin
 - b. leaf
 - c. Sickness
 - d. None of these
7. To which caste did Sharankumar Limbale belong to?
 - a. Brahmin
 - b. Mahar
 - c. Wani
 - d. Marwari
8. Who was the author of Nineteen Eighty Four?
 - a. Aldous Huxely
 - b. George Orwell
 - c. James Joyce
 - d. None of these
9. What is Tagore’s university called?
 - a. Aankan
 - b. Shantiniketan
 - c. Viswa Bharati
 - d. Geetmalya
10. In the poem “Refugee Blues” Which animal was let into an opened door?
 - a. a dog
 - b. a squirrel
 - c. a cat
 - d. a puppy

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in a sentence or two:

11. What is Harari's observation of human happiness?
12. How did Harya become an asset to the family?
13. What is the meaning of the term "Amnesty"?
14. What is described as 'the thunder rumbling in the sky' in the poem "Refugee Blues"?
15. What did the nostalgic aunts remind the speaker at the age of twelve?
16. What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour"?
17. What is the difference between to claim an education and to receive an education?
18. Why did Zlateh trust the human beings?
19. Why does the poet say that a simple job of the knife will not kill a tree?
20. What is the difference between living and surviving?
21. What is referred to as "burden of ages"?
22. Who is Qaid -e-Azam?

(10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

III. Describe any *four* of the following, each in a paragraph:

23. The significance of Preamble in the constitution of India.
24. What will happen if Gandhi's assassin is released?
25. Comment on images of Colonialism in the poem "Freedom"
26. The step-by-step process needed for killing a tree.
27. Compare the character of Zlateh and Aaron.
28. The treatment of gender in "The Story of an Hour".

(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)

IV. Write essays on any *two* of the following:

29. Kate Chopin's "The Story of an Hour" is an attempt to highlight inherent oppressiveness of marriage. Discuss.
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. Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
