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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:

(A) Multiple choice:

1. Who said, “No war brings peace, for violence only brings more violence”?
(a) Mahatma Gandhi (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
(c) Pearl S. Buck (d) Nadine Gordimer
2. Adrienne Rich delivered the convocation speech to the students of _____
(a) Oxford University (b) Presidency College
(c) Cambridge University (d) Douglass College
3. Rabindranath Tagore became the first Asian and non-European to receive the Nobel Prize for literature in _____ for *Gitanjali*.
(a) 1903 (b) 1913 (c) 1923 (d) 1933
4. In which magazine was “The Story of an Hour” originally published?
(a) The New Yorker (b) Time (c) The Guardian (d) Vogue
5. In which language did Chief Seattle make his speech?
(a) French (b) English (c) Spanish (d) Lushootseed

(B) Answer the questions in a word or phrase

6. What does the word hide mean in “leperous hide” in Gieve Patel’s “On Killing a Tree”?
7. What does the word “Preamble” mean?
8. What is the meaning of the term “Amnesty”?
9. Who is the transwoman shot dead by the police in Baltimore, referred to in “What it’s Like to Be a Transgender”?
10. Which game did the Mahar boys play during the picnic?

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. What is Harari’s observation of human happiness?
12. What happens to a tree after it is hacked and chopped?
13. What does the term “Blues” stand for in the title “Refugee Blues”?

14. Why did the Hindu lawyer in the asylum go mad?
15. Why was the narrator's father against the meeting of comrades in his house in "Amnesty"?
16. What did the teacher ask the students to do the day after the picnic?
17. What does Seattle want the Whites to teach their children?
18. What is the difference between to claim an education and to receive an education?
19. Why was the Preamble called "identity card of the Constitution"?
20. What is more powerful than bombs and weapons?
21. Explain: "She had died of heart disease-of joy that kills".
22. Why was it a bad year for Reuven the furrier?

(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

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

23. The message of "On Killing a Tree".
24. The interconnectedness of the world of the living and the nonliving in Seattle's speech.
25. Chopin's treatment of marriage and family.
26. The gendered bias in education, according to Adrienne Rich.
27. The politics of food in "The Outcast".
28. Images of Colonialism in "Freedom".

(4 x 5 = 20 Marks)

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

29. Analyze "Toba Tek Singh" as a satire on the absurdity of partition.
30. "What it's like to Be a Transgender" is a documentation of the identity crisis and the denial of the basic human rights of the transgender. Discuss.
31. How does Yuval Harari define meaning of human life and basic human rights?
32. Chief Seattle's speech is a powerful plea for respect of Native American's rights and environmental values. Substantiate.

(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)
