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SECOND SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021

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CC19U ENG2 A04 – ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(English - Common Course)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: 2.5 Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Credit: 4

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

1. How did Gandhi exemplify the leadership of non violence?
2. Why is preamble described as ‘the identity card of the constitution’?
3. How did the Anglo-Indian inmates react to the news of emancipating Hindustan?
4. How did Bentley Richard escape the railroad accident?
5. What does the phrase “beckoning call of future”, in Tagore’s “Freedom” imply?
6. Why is the red man, pained by the sight of the cities?
7. Why does the poet say that a simple jab of the knife will not kill a tree?
8. How did Zlateh communicate with Aaron?
9. What, according to Adrienne Rich, is “the courage to be different”?
10. How does the symbol ‘open window’ fit in with the theme of the story?
11. What is the context of the poem “Refugee Blues”?
12. Why was the narrator in “Amnesty” unable to follow the trial of her potential husband?
13. How was the politics of separation obvious in the games of Brahmins and Mahars?
14. What is the concept of ‘happiness’ presented in Aldous Huxley’s *Brave New World*?
15. Bring out the relevance of the title “Amnesty”.

(Ceiling: 25 Marks)

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

16. Explain Tagore’s anticipations of freedom for the motherland.
17. Deep ecology in Chief Seattle’s speech.
18. Delineate the character of Mrs. Mallard.
19. Dissociation of mind and body in “What it’s Like to Be Transgender”.
20. “Refugee Blues” as a lamentation over the plight of refugees in the context of anti-Semitism

21. Clarify the significance of the preamble of the constitution of India
22. Dalit marginalization in “The Outcaste”
23. Analyse the relation between human happiness and self-delusion, based on the principles stated by Harari.

(Ceiling: 35 Marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the following in not more than 250 words. Each question carries 10 marks.

24. Expand on Adrienne Rich’s perspective that education should be a foundation which can elevate freedom of individuals, inclusion of identities and faculty of mind.
25. Critically examine the trauma and unrest associated with partition, in the background of the story “Toba Tek Singh”.
26. Discuss the treatment of man-animal bonding, in Isaac Bashevis Singer’s “Zlateh the Goat”.
27. How does Yuval Noah Harari substantiate the fact that happiness is the result of the chemical processes taking place inside the brain?

(2 × 10 = 20 Marks)
