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SECOND SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE, EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023 (CBCSS-UG)

CC19U ENG2 A04 – ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(English – Common Course)

(2019 Admissions – Supplementary/Improvement)

Time: 2.5 Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Credit: 4

- I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks:
 - 1. What is the fate of those who rebel against the lovers of violence?
 - 2. Why is the Preamble called the 'identity card of the Constitution'?
 - 3. Why did Hindu lawyer in Asylum go mad?
 - 4. Explain the figure of speech used in the line, "burden of ages, bending your head, breaking your back."
 - 5. What are the different attitudes of the White's and Native Americans to the country of their birth?
 - 6. What does the poet say of the resiliatory power of trees?
 - 7. Why was Zlateh astonished when Aaron led her out on the town road?
 - 8. Mention one of the devastating weaknesses of the university learning, according to Rich.
 - 9. How was the outside world described, after Mrs. Mallard heard the news of her husband's death?
 - 10. Who is the Olympic gold winning decathlete mentioned in "What It's like to Be Transgender"?
 - 11. What is the context of the poem "Refugee Blues"?
 - 12. Explain: 'I'm waiting to come back home.'
 - 13. What did the teacher do when he saw the narrator apparently doing nothing in the class the next day of the picnic?
 - 14. What is Harari's observation of human happiness?
 - 15. What does Aldous Huxley speak of happiness in 'Brave New World'?

(Ceiling: 25 Marks)

- II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 5 marks.
 - 16. The significance of Preamble in the constitution of India.
 - 17. Give an account of the lunatics in the asylum.

- 18. Images of Colonialism in "Freedom"
- 19. Comment on the passion and feelings conveyed in chief Seattle speech
- 20. Explain the discrimination of the Dalits, according to Limbale.
- 21. Narrate the journey to the island by the narrator and the protagonist's family in "Amnesty".
- 22. The animal imagery in "Refugee Blues".
- 23. The boyhood phase in "What It's like to be Transgender".

(Ceiling: 35 Marks)

- III. Answer any *two* of the following in not more than 250 words each.
 - 24. The 'internal' or 'external' conflict in the short story 'The Story of an Hour.'
 - 25. Critically evaluate Adrienne Rich's concept of education.
 - 26. Critically examine the man-animal bond as portrayed in Issac Bashevis Singer's "Zlateh the Goat"
 - 27. "On Killing a Tree" describes man cruelty and violence to nature discuss.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ Marks})$
