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**FOURTH SEMESTER B.Voc. DEGREE, EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023**

(Supplementary/Improvement)

**CC18U GEC4 EG10 – ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE**

(English – Common Course)

(2018 to 2020 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions:

1. What, according to Pearl Buck, does the world long for?  
a. love                      b. leadership                      c. goodness                      d. truth
2. In which language was Akkarmashi originally written?  
a. Tamil                      b. Malayalam                      c. Kannada                      d. Marathi
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. Which tree blossoms every spring anew in Auden's poem?  
a. teak                      b. oak                      c. yew                      d. pine
6. 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
7. Who is the protagonist of the short story "The story of an hour"?  
a. Josephine                      b. Mr. Mallard                      c. Mr. Richard                      d. Lousie
8. 'I treat it like a house.' What?  
a. the cathedral                      b. the body                      c. the school                      d. the casket
9. Who is the bard of Bengal?  
a. Gandhi                      b. Manto                      c. Tagore                      d. All of the above
10. In the poem "Refugee Blues" Who is looking for the refugees?  
a. Parents                      b. Cousins                      c. Soldiers                      d. Colleagues

**(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

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

11. What is more powerful than bombs and weapons
12. Why is the Preamble called the 'identity card of the Constitution'?

13. Why did Hindu lawyer in Asylum go mad?
14. What is referred to as “burden of ages”?
15. What does Seattle mean by the smoking iron horse?
16. What does the poet say of the resiliatory power of trees?
17. Why did Zlateh trust the human beings?
18. What are the necessary ingredients of intellectual freedom?
19. Which were the words whispered by Mrs. Mallard, when she sat herself?
20. Explain: 'I was the mystery of an anatomy.'
21. How does Auden compare the old Yew tree and the old passports?
22. Who is the narrator of the short story “Amnesty”?

**(10 × 2 = 20 Marks)**

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

23. Comment on the politics of food in “The Outcaste”
24. Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India
25. Explain the significance of the title “Toba Tek Singh”
26. The step-by-step process needed for killing a tree.
27. Patriotism a theme in Tagore’s “Freedom”
28. The days Aaron and his goat spent inside the haystack. Explain.

**(4 × 5 = 20 Marks)**

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

29. “Claiming an Education” is a critique of the present system of education from a woman's perspective. Discuss?
30. “Critically examine the man-animal bond as portrayed in Issac Bashevis Singer’s “Zlateh the Goat”
31. The 'internal' or 'external' conflict in the short story 'The Story of an Hour. Discuss
32. Explain the significance of Preamble in the constitution of India.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**

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