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SECOND SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019

(CUCBCSS – UG)

CC17U ENG2 A04 – ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

English – Common Course

(2017 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

I. Answer **all** questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

A. Answer the questions by choosing correct answer:

1. 'I treat it like a house.' What?
a. the cathedral b. the body c. the school d. the casket
2. In which language was *Akkarmashi* originally written?
a. Tamil b. Malayalam c. Kannada d. Marathi
3. Roop Kaur was the ----- of Bishan Singh.
a. daughter b. wife c. mother d. sister
4. Which tree blossoms every spring anew in Auden's poem?
a. teak b. oak c. yew d. pine
5. What, according to Pearl Buck, does the world long for?
a. love b. leadership c. goodness d. truth

B. Answer **all** the following questions in a word or phrase:

6. What was the original title of *The Story of an Hour*?
7. In which language did Chief Seattle make his speech?
8. Who is the author of *Jane Eyre*?
9. In which year did Tagore win the Nobel Prize?
10. Who was the chairman of the Constituent Assembly?

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **ten** questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What according to Rich, is the courage to be 'different'?
12. Why did the people believe in Gandhi?
13. Explain: 'I'm waiting to come back home.'
14. What is referred to as 'the burden of ages' in *Freedom*?
15. Comment on the imagery 'the bleeding bark.'
16. What is Harari's observation of human happiness?

17. How does the poet compare the human race and the birds in *Refugee Blues*?
18. What are the objectives of the Constitution set by the Preamble?
19. How does the Indian look upon water?
20. Why could Parshya not go to the picnic?
21. What did Aaron do for breathing inside the haystack?
22. Why did the Hindu lawyer in the asylum go mad?

(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

III. Answer any **four** questions in a paragraph. Each question carries 5 marks.

23. How can India fulfil the promise of her greatness according to Pearl S Buck?
24. Patriotism is the major theme in Tagore's *Freedom*. Discuss.
25. What is the relation between human happiness and self-delusion?
26. Comment on the passion and feelings conveyed in Seattle's speech.
27. The character of Louise Mallard.
28. Explain the dream with which *Refugee Blues* is concluded.

(4 x 5 = 20 Marks)

IV. Write an essay on any **two** questions. Each question carries 15 marks.

29. Comment on the politics of food in *The Outcaste*.
30. Elaborate on the man-animal bond as portrayed in *Zlateh the Goat*.
31. Discuss the treatment of racism in *Amnesty*.
32. *On Killing a Tree* describes man's cruelty and violence towards nature. Discuss.

(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)
