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**SECOND SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. DEGREE, EXAMINATION, APRIL 2020**  
(CUCBCSS-UG)

**CC17U ENG2 A04 – ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE**  
(English Common Course)

(2017, 2018 Admissions – Supplementary/Improvement)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

I. A. Answer **all** the following questions by choosing the correct answer:

1. The Constitution of India derives its authority from -----
  - a. The constituent assembly
  - b. The drafting committee
  - c. The people of India
  - d. None of these
2. In which college Adrienne Rich deliver the speech entitled, “Claiming an Education”?
  - a. Cambridge
  - b. Oxford
  - c. Trinity
  - d. Douglass
3. In which magazine was “The Story of an Hour” originally published?
  - a. Vogue
  - b. The New York Times
  - c. The Newsweek
  - d. The New Yorker
4. Which tree blossoms every spring anew in Auden’s poem?
  - a. Teak
  - b. Oak
  - c. Yew
  - d. Pine
5. In which language was *Akkarmashi* originally written?
  - a. Tamil
  - b. Malayalam
  - c. Kannada
  - d. Marathi

**(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)**

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

6. Why is the Preamble called the ‘identity card of the constitution’?
7. What is the significance of the asylum in the story, “Toba Tek Singh”?
8. What is the climax of “The Story of an Hour”?
9. Which was the game played by Wani and Brahmin boys during the picnic?
10. Who is the author of *The Brave New World*?

**(5 x 1 = 5 Marks)**

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

11. Explain, “I’m waiting to come back home”.
12. What, according to Pearl S. Buck, is more powerful than bombs and weapons?
13. What is the difference between ‘to claim an education’ and to ‘receive an education’?
14. How does the Native American see the rivers and the earth?

15. Why did Zlateh trust the human beings?
16. How did the speaker describe the phrase ‘I decided to be a boy’?
17. Explain, “If we let them in, they will steal our bread”.
18. Who is the narrator of the short story “Amnesty”?
19. What will happen to man if all the beasts are gone?
20. Comment on the politics of separation in playing games.
21. Comment on the symbol of the open window in “The Story of an Hour”.
22. Who was Bruce Jenner?

**(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words:

23. Images of colonialism in “Freedom”
24. Why is it not an easy job to kill a tree?
25. The pessimism in “What It’s Like to be Transgender”
26. The animal imagery in “Refugee Blues”.
27. The treatment of racism in “Amnesty”.
28. Native American criticism of the White man’s treatment of Mother Earth?

**(4 x 5 = 20 Marks)**

IV. Write essays on any *two* of the following questions in 300 words:

29. Discuss how Limbale’s “The Outcaste” is filled with pathos and anger.
30. “Claiming an Education” is a critique of the present system of education from a woman’s perspective. Discuss.
31. How does Yuval Harari discuss meaning of human life and basic human rights?
32. Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.

**(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)**

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