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SECOND SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2020

English

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. (A) Choose the correct answer from the options :

1 In which collection was 'Claiming an Education' included ?

- a) The Dream of a Common Language.
- b) Leaflets.
- c) On Lies, Secrets and Silence.
- d) None of the above.

2 In which collection was the poem "On Killing a Tree" originally published ?

- a) Mirrored Mirroring.
- b) Poems.
- c) How Do You Withstand, Body.
- d) None of These.

3 According to Pearl S. Buck, ————— is the only commonsense of human beings.

- a) Non-Violence.
- b) Fearlessness.
- c) Silence.
- d) Violence.

4 ————— is a slow, sad song, traditionally with three line stanzas with 4 beats to each line ?

- a) Ballad.
- b) Folk songs.
- c) Haiku.
- d) Blues.

5 Whose novel is *The Brave New World* ?

- a) George Orwell.
- b) Aldous Huxley.
- c) James Joyce.
- d) Edward Said.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Turn over

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

- 6 Who translated Toba Tek Singh from Urdu ?
- 7 Tagore is referred to as “the bard of”.
- 8 Who is the Olympic gold winning decathlete mentioned in “What It’s like to be Transgender” ?
- 9 Whom does Chief Seattle refer to as the Great Chief in Washington ?
- 10 Who is referred to ‘The Big Man’ in the story ‘Amnesty’ ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one or two sentences :

- 11 “She (My mother) fears that I’ll die without a whisper.” Why ?
- 12 What is more powerful than bombs and weapons ?
- 13 What, according to Rich, is the second part of the contract ?
- 14 What does it mean that Zlateh is eager to reward Aron ?
- 15 “We sat like owls, watching them.” What were they watching ?
- 16 What are the objectives of the Preamble set by the constitution ?
- 17 What does Seattle want the white man to teach their children ?
- 18 Explain “I am waiting to come back home.”
- 19 Why does the poet try to teach us how to kill a tree ?
- 20 What was the response of the Anglo-Indian inmates of the asylum when they realized that the English had given Hindustan freedom ?
- 21 What is Harari’s reaction to the statement that married people are happier on average than singles ?
- 22 Which were the words whispered by her when she sat herself ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

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

- 23 The treatment of gender in ‘The Story of an Hour’.
- 24 The images of Colonialism in Tagore’s poem ‘Freedom’.
- 25 How does Harari describe the meaning of human life and basic human rights ?

- 26 The pathos and anger in Limbale's 'Outcaste'.
- 27 Comment on the passion and feelings conveyed in Chief Seattle's speech.
- 28 Briefly describe the alienation of the transgender in relation to "What its like to be a Transgender" ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
- 30 "On Killing a Tree" describes man's cruelty and violence towards nature. Discuss.
- 31 Critically evaluate Arianne Rich's concept of education.
- 32 "Refugee Blues" is a documentation of the denial of the human rights of the migrant population of the world. Discuss.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)