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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022**

English (B.Com/B.B.A.)

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer atleast ten questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall ceiling 30.*

1. What is the significance of the asylum in the story 'Toba Tele Singh' ?
2. Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence ?
3. How does the Native American see the rivers and the earth ?
4. Why does the poet try to teach us how to kill a tree ?
5. What were Aaron's dreams about while he was staying inside the haystack ?
6. What does Adrienne Rich mean by 'students demand to be taken seriously' ?
7. Why was great care taken in breaking the news of her husband to Mrs. Mallard ?
8. What did the nostalgic aunts remind the speaker in Mokobe's poem at the age of twelve ?
9. What makes the speaker in 'Refugee Blues' to state that there was no place for him and his beloved ?
10. What, according to the protagonist, is the difference between working in the Movement and the Union ?
11. What was the protagonist's reply in the story 'Amnesty' when he was informed of the coming of the second child ?
12. What did the teacher ask the students to do the day after the picnic ?
13. Comment on the symbols of the open window in the story "The Story of an Hour."

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14. What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour" ?
15. What is Harari's observation of human happiness ?

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

### Section B

*Answer atleast **five** questions.*

*Each question carries 6 marks.*

*All questions can be attended.*

*Overall ceiling 30.*

16. Images of Colonialism in "Freedom".
17. What will happen if Gandhi's assassin is released ?
18. Native American criticism of the White man's treatment of mother earth.
19. The thoughts that flashed through Mrs. Mallard's mind, after realizing her husband's death.
20. Explain the significance of the title "Toba Tele Singh."
21. The discrimination of the Dalits, according to Limbale.
22. The significance of Preamble in the constitution of India.
23. How does Adrienne Rich elaborate the concept of responsibility to oneself ?

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

### Section C

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

24. Critically examine the man-animal bond as portrayed in Issac Bashevis Singer's "Zlateh the Goat"
25. Define the concept of freedom based on Tagore's "Freedom".
26. "What it's like to be Transgender" is a documentation of the identity crisis and the denial of the basic human rights of the transgender. Discuss.
27. "Refugee Blues" is a documentation of the denial of the human rights of the migrant population of the world. Discuss.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)