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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2021**

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

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A

Answer at least ten questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

1. Explain 'In the middle on a stretch of land that had no name, lay Toba Tek Singh'.
2. What is more powerful than bombs and weapons ?
3. What are the different attitudes of the White's and Native Americans to the country of their birth ?
4. Why does the poet say that a simple job of the knife will not kill a tree ?
5. What was the family's response when Reuven asked Aaron to take the goat to town ?
6. Why was Zlatch astonished when Aaron led her out on the town road ?
7. What, according to Rich, is the courage to be 'different' ?
8. 'My prayers are now getting stuck in my throat.' Why did the speaker fear so ?
9. What is described as 'the thunder rumbling in the sky' ?
10. Why couldn't the narrator go often to the court to follow the trail of her potential husband ?
11. What did the teacher do when he saw the narrator apparently doing nothing in the class the next day of the picnic ?
12. Why does a person who has just won a lottery jump with joy ?
13. What does Adrienne Rich mean by 'students demand to be taken seriously' ?
14. What did the nostalgic aunts remind the speaker in Mokobe's poem at the age of twelve ?
15. Why could Parshya not go to picnic ?

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

Turn over

Section B

Answer at least five questions.

Each question carries 6 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

16. Comment on the ending of 'Toba Tek Singh.'
17. What proves Gandhi's righteousness ?
18. The step by step process needed for killing a tree.
19. The communication between Aaron and his goat.
20. The boyhood phase in "What It's like to be Transgender".
21. The medieval man and modern man is essentially the same in the scale of happiness. Argue.
22. The character of Louise Mallard.
23. The discrimination of the Dalits, according to Limbale.

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Section C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. "On Killing a Tree" describes man's cruelty and violence to nature discuss.
25. Discuss Pearl S. Buck's portrayal of Mahatma Gandhi in her essay.
26. Critically evaluate Adrienne Rich's concept of education.
27. How does Yuval Harari define meaning of human life and basic human rights ?

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)