

SECOND SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2018

(CUCBCSS—UG)

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

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 What is *Zamindar* in "Toba Tek Singh" ?
 - (a) A Newspaper.
 - (b) A Magazine.
 - (c) A Journal.
 - (d) A Book.
- 3 Which of the following is not a work by Tagore ?
 - (a) *Geetanjali*.
 - (b) *Geetimalya*.
 - (c) *Savitri*.
 - (d) *Manasi*.
- 4 In which language did Chief Seattle make his speech ?
 - (a) French.
 - (b) English.
 - (c) Lushootseed.
 - (d) Spanish.
- 5 What does Aaron recognize from his stay in the haystack ?
 - (a) Zlateh must be sold for the good of the family.
 - (b) Zlateh is a troublesome creature.
 - (c) Zlateh is his friend and cannot be sold.
 - (d) All of these.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

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

- 6 In which year did Rabindranath Tagore win the Nobel Prize for literature ?
- 7 Who released *Poems* by Gieve Patel ?
- 8 Who was the author of *Jane Eyre* ?
- 9 Who told Mrs. Mallard of her husband's death in veiled hints ?
- 10 Who is the trans woman shot dead by the police in Baltimore ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Turn over

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in a sentence or two. Each question carries 2 marks :

- 11 Why do the inventors of atom bombs love violence ?
- 12 What was the response of the Anglo-Indian inmates of the asylum, when they realized the English had given Hindustan freedom ?
- 13 What does Seattle say about the cities of the white man ?
- 14 Comment on the opening line of the poem "On Killing a Tree".
- 15 What did Aaron do for breathing inside the haystack ?
- 16 Mention one of the devastating weaknesses of the university learning, according to Rich.
- 17 How was the outside world described, after Mrs. Mallard heard the news of her husband's death ?
- 18 Who was Mya Hall ?
- 19 Explain : 'If we let them in, they will steal our daily bread.'
- 20 'We sat like owls watching them.' What were they watching ?
- 21 Why couldn't the narrator go often to the court to follow the trial of her potential husband ?
- 22 Why does a person who has just won a lottery jump with joy ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words. Each question carries 5 marks :

- 23 The significance of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
- 24 Comment on the ending of "Toba Tek Singh".
- 25 Images of Colonialism in "Freedom".
- 26 Comment on the passion and feelings conveyed in Seattle's speech.
- 27 Why is it not an easy job to kill a tree ?
- 28 Compare the character of Zlateh and Aaron.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Write essays on any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. Each question carries 15 marks :

- 29 Consider lunacy as a metaphor of communalism.
- 30 Chief Seattle's speech is a powerful plea for respect of Native Americans' rights and environmental values. Substantiate.
- 31 Critically evaluate Adrienne Rich's concept of education.
- 32 Kate Chopin's "The Story of an Hour" deals with the forbidden joy of independence. Elucidate.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)