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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)

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

Time : 15 Minutes**Total No. of Questions : 20****Maximum : 20 Marks****INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE**

1. This Question Paper carries Multiple Choice Questions from 1 to 20.
2. The candidate should check that the question paper supplied to him/her contains all the 20 questions in serial order.
3. Each question is provided with choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) having one correct answer. Choose the correct answer and enter it in the main answer-book.
4. The MCQ question paper will be supplied after the completion of the descriptive examination.

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. Mrs. Mallard was afflicted with _____.
(A) Cancer. (B) TB.
(C) Heart trouble. (D) Jaundice.
2. Kate Chopin's first novel :
(A) The awakening. (B) The dragon seed.
(C) At Fault. (D) The slave.
3. Who is the protagonist of the short story "The story of an hour" ?
(A) Josephine. (B) Mr. Mallard.
(C) Mr. Richard. (D) Lousie.
4. Who is the author of the poem "What it's like to be Transgender" ?
(A) Adrienne Rich. (B) Kate Chopin.
(C) W. H. Auden. (D) Lee Mokobe.
5. In the poem "What it's like to be Transgender" the poet treat his body like a _____.
(A) Workshop. (B) Church.
(C) House. (D) Ideal place.
6. Identify the figure of speech in the line 'My tiny body dropping like a question mark all over the wooden pew'.
(A) Metaphor. (B) Simile.
(C) Hyperbole. (D) Alliteration.
7. In the poem "Refugee Blues" What was the refugee offered by the committee ?
(A) A new passport. (B) A gift.
(C) A cup of tea. (D) A chair.
8. The speech entitled "Calming an Education" is first printed in the magazine _____.
(A) Times. (B) Vogue.
(C) The New Yorker. (D) The Common Woman.

9. Adrienne Rich won National Book Award for _____.
- (A) The Diamond Cutter. (B) A Change Of World.
(C) Ruins. (D) Diving into the Wreck.
10. Adrienne Rich's work 'Snapshots of a Daughter-in-law' published in _____ year.
- (A) 1963. (B) 1965.
(C) 1983. (D) 1985.
11. According to Adrienne Rich, university education implies an ethical and intellectual contract between whom :
- (A) Parents and teachers. (B) Parents and children.
(C) Teachers and students. (D) None of these.
12. How many honorary doctorates has been awarded to Nadine Gordimer in literature from various universities ?
- (A) 7. (B) 10.
(C) 8. (D) 9.
13. In the short story "Amnesty" by time of the trial of narrator's potential husband she had just passed her _____ standard.
- (A) Tenth. (B) Sixth.
(C) Eighth. (D) Fifth.
14. Sharankumar Limbale's novel Akkarmashi is published in _____.
- (A) 1981. (B) 1984.
(C) 1987. (D) 1982.
15. In the extract "the outcaste" who looked restless along the bank of the stream :
- (A) Parsya. (B) Bhiwarabai.
(C) Harya. (D) Umbrya.
16. In the extract "the outcaste" the mother of the narrator looks the leftover food as _____.
- (A) Nectar. (B) Waste.
(C) Gift. (D) None of these.

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17. In the extract “Chemical Happiness and the Meaning of Life”, Most parents declare that their children are their chief source of _____.
- (A) Blessing. (B) Happiness.
(C) Sadness. (D) Headache.
18. Who says, “No war brings peace, for violence only brings more violence”. ?
- (A) Gandhi. (B) Nehru.
(C) Pearl S. buck. (D) Godse.
19. Drafting committee comprise of _____ members.
- (A) 10. (B) 8.
(C) 7. (D) 5.
20. Toba means _____ in Punjab.
- (A) Kind. (B) Cruel.
(C) Mad. (D) Pond.