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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024**

English

(B.Com./B.B.A./B.H.A/B.T.H.M.)

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2019–2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences : (2 marks each)

- 1 Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence ?
- 2 How did the Muslim friend from Toba Tek-Singh who came to visit Bishan Singh introduce himself ?
- 3 What was the response of the Anglo-Indian inmates of the asylum, when they realized the English had given Hindustan Freedom ?
- 4 Why does the poet try to teach us how to kill a tree ?
- 5 What was the family's response when Reuven asked Aaron to take the goat to town ?
- 6 What does Adrienne Rich mean by 'students demand to be taken seriously' ?
- 7 What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour" ?
- 8 'She (My mother) fears that I'll die without a whisper.' Why ?
- 9 How did the speaker describe the phase 'I decided to be a boy' ?
- 10 Why couldn't the narrator go often to the court to follow the trail of her potential husband ?
- 11 What was the protagonist's reply in the story 'Amnesty' when he was informed of the coming of the second child ?
- 12 What are Harari's observations about the French revolution ?
- 13 What did the teacher ask the students to do the day after the picnic ?
- 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 ?

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II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words : (5 marks each)

- 16 What will happen if Gandhi's assassin is released ?
- 17 Patriotism as a theme in Tagore's "Freedom".
- 18 The communication between Aaron and his goat.
- 19 How does Adrienne Rich elaborate the concept of responsibility to oneself ?
- 20 Write a note on the boyhood phase in "What It's like to be Transgender."
- 21 The discrimination of the Dalits, according to Limbale.
- 22 What should be the contract between the students and faculty ?
- 23 Explain the dream with which "Refugee Blues" is concluded.

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III. Write essays on any *two* of the following questions in 200 words :

- 24 Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
- 25 "On Killing a Tree" describes man's cruelty and violence to nature discuss.
- 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 How does Yuval Harari define meaning of human life and basic human rights ?

(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. Who is the protagonist of the short story “The story of an hour” ?
  - (A) Josephine.
  - (B) Mr. Mallard.
  - (C) Mr. Richard.
  - (D) Lousie.
2. 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.
3. In the poem “What it’s like to be Transgender” What does the kids at school called him ?
  - (A) Lesbian.
  - (B) Silly boy.
  - (C) Smuggler.
  - (D) Thief.
4. Who is the Olympic Gold winner athlete in decathlon in the 1976 Montreal Olympics mentioned in the poem “What it’s like to be Transgender” ?
  - (A) Mya Hall.
  - (B) Leelah Alcorn.
  - (C) Bruce Jenner.
  - (D) Blake Brockington.
5. In the poem “Refugee Blues” What did the narrator see at the harbour ?
  - (A) Crow.
  - (B) Ship.
  - (C) Fish.
  - (D) Person.
6. In the poem “Refugee Blues” you are ‘officially dead’ if you haven’t got a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) Birth certificate.
  - (B) Driver’s license.
  - (C) Passport.
  - (D) Country.
7. A tendency to look to a style, activity or interest for a very short span of time is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) Faddism.
  - (B) Grappling.
  - (C) Slapdash.
  - (D) Drifting.

8. Adrienne Rich's work 'Snapshots of a Daughter-in-law' published in \_\_\_\_\_ year.
- (A) 1963. (B) 1965.  
(C) 1983. (D) 1985.
9. 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.
10. Whose convocation speech is "Calming an Education" ?
- (A) Adrienne Rich. (B) Nadine Gordimer.  
(C) Lee Mokobe. (D) Gieve Patel.
11. "Amnesty", a short story originally published in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1991.
- (A) Vogue. (B) The New Yorker.  
(C) The Common Woman. (D) Times.
12. In the short story "Amnesty" the policeman didn't allow them to the island because ?
- (A) They didn't have passport. (B) They didn't have a prior permit.  
(C) They didn't took ticket. (D) None of the above.
13. In the extract "the outcaste" who pulled Parshya from the picnic row ?
- (A) Mallya. (B) Harya.  
(C) Bhiwarabai. (D) Parsya.
14. In the extract "the outcaste" what did the high caste ones do before eating ?
- (A) Sit quietly. (B) Look here and there.  
(C) Nothing. (D) Pray.
15. Harari thinks that human happiness is the result of processes taking place in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Human heart. (B) Human mind.  
(C) Human thought. (D) Human brain.

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16. According to Harari, what is the level of happiness of a medieval French peasant versus a modern Parisian banker ?
- (A) Different. (B) More than peasant.  
(C) Same. (D) More than banker.
17. Pearl S. buck won Pulitzer prize for her novel \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) East wind, west wind. (B) The Good Earth.  
(C) The Dragon seed. (D) The Christmas ghost.
18. Pearl S buck's essay 'Should the Assassin of Gandhi be Killed' is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Satire. (B) Editorial.  
(C) Letter. (D) Obituary.
19. When did India adopt a new constitution ?
- (A) 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950. (B) 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947.  
(C) 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1947. (D) 20<sup>th</sup> June 1967.
20. The tradition of preamble began with \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) France. (B) Africa.  
(C) America. (D) Greece.