

SECOND SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023

(Supplementary- 2017 Admission)

COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH

CENG2A04T: ZEITGIEST: READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

Time: 3 Hours.

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A: Answer *all* the following questions. Each carries *one* mark.

1. "You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grandfathers".

Whose words are these?

- a. Saadat Hasan Manto b. Chief Seattle c. Gieve Patel d. None of these

2. According to Pearl S Buck ----- is more fundamental than the atom itself.

- a. Non-Violence b. Truth c. Conscience d. Silence

3. In which collection was the poem "On Killing a Tree" originally published?

- a. Mirrored Mirroring b. How Do You Withstand Body c. Poems d. Mr. Behram

4. Who defined herself as a "woman, lesbian and feminist"?

- a. Adrienne Rich b. Lee Mokobe c. Kate Chopkin d. None of these

5. 'In the village churchyard there grows an old -----,

Every spring it blossoms anew:

Which tree is mentioned here in Auden's poem?

- a. Pine b. Oak c. Yew d. Teak

6. Josephine was the sister of -----.

- a. Mrs. Mallard b. Brently Mallard c. Richards d. None of these

7. The autobiographical novel of Sharankumar Limbale?

- a. Hindu b. Akkarmashi c. Bahujan d. Dalit Brahmin

8. What is referred to as the very essence of the constitution?

- a. Simple Truth b. Preamble c. Vision d. Justice

9. In *Zlatah the Goat*, Leah is the ----- of Aaron.

- a. Mother b. Sister c. Aunt d. Grandmother

10. The figure of speech used in the line, 'burden of the ages, bending your head, breaking your back'.

- a. synecdoche b. Paradox c. Alliteration d. Personification

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

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PART B: Answer any ten questions in two or three sentences: each carries two marks.

11. What does Sharankumar Limbale try to convey through *Akkarmashi*?
12. Why does no one ever think of transgenders as human?
13. Explain the line, 'Freedom from the insult of dwelling in a puppet's world'.
14. Comment on the line, "I'm waiting to come back home".
15. Explain the title "Refugee Blues"?
16. How is Preamble to the Constitution of India described?
17. How does the Native Americans describe the rivers?
18. Who is Quaid-e-Azam?
19. 'It takes much time to kill a tree, not a simple jab of the knife will do it...' Explain.
20. What was the immediate reaction of Mrs. Mallard, when she heard the news of her husband's death?
21. How does Adrienne Rich define 'taking responsibility toward yourselves'?
22. Why was it a bad year for Reuven the furrier?

(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

PART C: Answer any four of the following questions in 100 words: each carries five marks.

23. Write a short note on Tagore's poem 'Freedom'.
24. The character of Louise Mallard.
25. Give an account of the identity crisis of transgenders in relation to "What It's like to Be Transgender".
26. Write a short note on the animal imagery in "Refugee Blues".
27. Describe the step-by-step process needed for killing a tree.
28. Explain Chemical Happiness with examples.

(4 x 5 = 20 Marks)

PART D: Answer any two questions in 300 words. Each carries fifteen marks.

29. How does Yuval Noah Harari describe the meaning of life through his extract "Chemical Happiness and the Meaning of Life"?
30. Evaluate Adrienne Rich's concept of education.
31. How does Pearl S Buck portray Mahatma Gandhi in her essay?
32. Elucidate the theme of the poem 'On Killing a Tree'.

(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)