

SECOND SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024**(Supplementary)****COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH****GENG2A04T: ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE****Time: 2 ½ Hours****Maximum Marks: 80****SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.****(Ceiling 25 Marks)**

1. What is meant by the phrase "Puppet's World" by Tagore?
2. Who is Quaid-e-Azam?
3. Why did people believe in Gandhi?
4. Explain: "If we let them in, they will steal our daily bread".
5. Comment on the line: "now oncoming traffic is embracing more transgender children than parents".
6. What is the reference to the 'poodle' and the 'cat' in the poem "Refugee Blues"?
7. What is the meaning of the term Amnesty?
8. What are the conditions laid by Seattle to sell his land to the Great Chief?
9. Who was Toba Tek Singh?
10. Why is the Preamble called the 'identity card of the constitution'?
11. What is the fate of those who rebel against the lovers of violence?
12. Why does Harari compare our biochemical system to an air conditioner?
13. What were Aaron's dreams about while he was staying inside the haystack?
14. What did the speaker ask Jesus in the first prayer?
15. How did Harya become an asset to the family?

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.**(Ceiling 35 Marks)**

16. Images of colonialism in "Freedom".
17. Explain the significance of the title "Toba Tek Singh".
18. Irony as a major tool in Gieve Patel's "On Killing a Tree".
19. How does the story "Amnesty" end?
20. Explain Harari's observations on human happiness as a product of our biochemistry.
21. Briefly comment on Adrienne Rich's concept of education.
22. The circumstances that compelled Reuven to decide on selling Zlateh.
23. Comment on the climax of 'The Story of an Hour'.

SECTION C: Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *ten* marks.

24. "Claiming an Education" is a critique of the present system of education from a woman's perspective. Substantiate.
25. Limbale's "The Outcaste" gives a clear picture of caste discrimination in Indian society. Discuss.
26. Explain the salient features of the Preamble of the Constitution of India.
27. "The First Time I Uttered a Prayer" is a poem about the non-acceptance and identity crises faced by the transgenders in a transphobic society. Discuss.

(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)