

FOURTH SEMESTER B.VOC. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022

Organic Farming

GEC4EG10—ZEITGEIST-READING ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2020 Admissions)

Maximum : 80 Marks

Time : Three Hours

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

- 1 How does Prozac lift people out of depression ?
- 2 What are the conditions laid by Seattle to sell his land to the great chief ?
- 3 What is referred to as "burden of ages" ?
- 4 What did the teacher ask the students to do the day after the picnic ?
- 5 Who is the narrator of the short story "Amnesty" ?
- 6 What does the poet mean by the strength of the tree exposed ?
- 7 How does Auden compare the old Yew tree and the old passports ?
- 8 What did the nostalgic aunts remind the speaker at the age of twelve ?
- 9 What is the climax of "The Story of an Hour" ?
- 10 Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence ?
- 11 How did Elizabeth Barrett Browning express her impatience with studies ?
- 12 What is the significance of the asylum in the story ?
- 13 What are the objectives of the Constitution set by the Preamble ?
- 14 The circumstances that compelled Reuven to decide on selling Zlateh.
- 15 What does Seattle want the white man to teach their children ?

(Ceiling 25)

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

- 16 Explain the significance of the title *Toba Tek Singh*.
- 17 Comment on the politics of food in "The Outcaste".
- 18 What lesson does Harari prove by comparing a medieval French peasant to a modern Parisian banker ?

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- 19 Explain the dream with which "Refugee Blues" is concluded.
- 20 The boyhood phase in "What It's like to be Transgender"
- 21 Comment on the treatment of gender in "The Story of an Hour".
- 22 Adrienne Rich's prose style in "*Claiming an Education*"?
- 23 Comment on the ending of *Toba Tek Singh*.

(Ceiling 35)

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

- 24 Chief Seattle's speech is a powerful plea for respect of Native Americans rights and environmental values. Substantiate.
- 25 Critically evaluate Adrienne Rich's concept of education?
- 26 How does Yuval Harari define meaning of human life and basic human rights ?
- 27 Nadine Gordimer's "Amnesty" examines the struggle of the black South Africans to challenge the apartheid. Discuss.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)