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**SECOND SEMESTER B.VOC. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026**

English

ENG 2A 04—ZEITGEIST : READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

(2021 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences :

- 1 Who are the lot referred to as the lovers of violence ?
- 2 What does the phrase “beckoning call of the future” refer to” ?
- 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 does Gieve Patel mean by anchoring earth and earth cave ?
- 6 What does Adrienne Rich mean by 'students demand to be taken seriously' ?
- 7 Comment on the symbols of the open window in the story “The Story of an Hour.”
- 8 'She (My mother) fears that I'll die without a whisper.' Why ?
- 9 What makes the speaker in 'Refugee Blues' to state that there was no place for him and his beloved ?
- 10 In what context is the question 'where shall we go today' asked ?
- 11 What was the protagonist's reply in the story 'Amnesty' when he was informed of the coming of the second child ?
- 12 How did the speaker describe the phase 'I decided to be a boy' ?
- 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 What is Harari's observation of human happiness ?

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II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words:

- 16 What will happen if Gandhi's assassin is released ?
- 17 Comment on the passion and feelings conveyed in chief Seattle speech.
- 18 The communication between Aaron and his goat.
- 19 The thoughts that flashed through Mrs. Mallard's mind, after realizing her husband's death.
- 20 What should be the contract between the students and faculty ?
- 21 The discrimination of the Dalits, according to Limbale.
- 22 The boyhood phase in "What It's like to be Transgender."
- 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 Define the concept of freedom based on Tagore's "Freedom."
- 25 Summarize the major arguments in Chief Seattle's speech.
- 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 Nadine Gordimer's "Amnesty" examines the struggle of the black South Africans to challenge the apartheid. Discuss.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)