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**EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2024** 

**Second Semester** 

Common Course I - EN2CCT03 - ENGLISH-ISSUES THAT MATTER

(For all UG Programmes )
2017 ADMISSION ONWARDS
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Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

Instructions to Private candidates only: This question paper contains two sections. Answer SECTION I questions in the answer-book provided. SECTION II, Internal examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under SECTION II

## Part A

Answer any **ten** questions. Each question carries **2** marks.

- 1. How would you read the expression 'a breath of ice' in the poem "The Old Prison"?
- 2. How would one account for the toothless man's heart-breaking, uncontrollable sobs where the story War ends abruptly?
- 3. Why does the woman's question cause the old man to lose his temperament?
- 4. What according to Toni Morrison are the two human responses to the perception of chaos?
- Explain the event that happens on the third day in the short story The Censors.
- 6. "My lord is our bread-giver and we find it a privilege to beg for our share of corn, master, I'm your begging Mahar and feel proud to be so" Who says these words and in what context?
- 7. What was it that prevented a Mahar from being independent, according to Grandpa Yetalya?
- 8. What was Sentila's reaction when her mother's body was carried out for burial?
- 9. What is the holistic understanding of Earth's biota?
- 10. Is it that Gieve Patel is really teaching us to kill a tree through this poem?



- 11. How does the UN Convention on the Status of Refugees define a refugee?
- 12. In the short story The Child Goes to the Camp, how did the narrator lose the five pound? (10×2=20)

## Part B

Answer any six questions.

Each question carries 5 marks.

- 13. How does Oe compare the biblical deluge of Noah to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima?
- 14. According to Oe, in what ways did human goodwill act?
- 15. Why, according to Rushdie, do we not fuss about the air we breath?
- 16. Comment on the title A Trip Westward.
- 17. Why was Zitkala-sa 'inflamed' on listening to her mother's story?
- 18. What was Mesoba's response to the enquiries of the elder's of the village council?
- 19. What is Julian Simon's view on the loss of species and how is it contrasted with the views of Les Kaufman?
- 20. Why does the poet in the poem "On Killing a Tree" say that it takes much time to kill a tree?
- 21. What are the key images, ironies and metaphors one finds in the poem "Refugee Blues"? (6×5=30)

## Part C

Answer any **two** questions.

Each question carries **15** marks.

- 22. How does Pirandello portray human nature through the story titled War?
- 23. How does Toni Morrison categorize the perils of free speech and the human response to chaos in her essay?
- 24. Hagar is a powerful woman, empowered by her determination and sensitivity to the power and bounty of nature. Discuss.
- 25. Describe the role of culture and identity in understanding refugeeism.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$