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## UNDER GRADUATE (CBCS) IMPROVEMENT / REAPPEARANCE/ MERCY CHANCE EXAMINATIONS, APRIL 2025

## **Second Semester**

# Common Course I - EN2CCT03 - ENGLISH-ISSUES THAT MATTER

(For all UG Programmes ) 2017 Admission Onwards 08CB0D91

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. Why is the prison in the poem "The Old Prison" called a 'cold nest'?
- Give a brief description of the passengers in the story War.
- 3. How would one account for the toothless man's heart-breaking, uncontrollable sobs where the story War ends abruptly?
- 4. What plan did Juan conceive to outsmart the censor mechanism?
- 5. What are the methods adopted by authoritarian regimes to control writers?
- 6. Why did Yetalya go to Gyanba Patil's threshing floor?
- "Patil, will you kindly tell me what you mean when you accuse us of forgetting religion, abandoning our caste and of polluting god?" Explain the context.
- 8. Why was the author thrilled about the trip in the story A Trip Westward?
- 9. What is Richard Leaky by profession?
- 10. What is the holistic understanding of Earth's biota?
- 11. What is the historical context of the poem "Refugee Blues"?
- 12. In the short story The Child Goes to the Camp how did the narrator lose the five pound.



#### Part B

# Answer any six questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

- 13. "The Hiroshima survivors first began struggling to recover and rebuild. They did so, of course, for their own sakes; but doing so served also to lessen the burden on the conscience of those who had dropped the atomic bomb" Explain with reference to the context.
- 14. Describe the way in which patriotism is addressed in the story War.
- 15. Why does Toni Morrison say, "these are regimes whose fear of unmonitored writing is justified because truth is trouble."?
- 16. Why was Zitkala-sa 'inflamed' on listening to her mother's story?
- 17. Describe Sentila's visit to the old pot maker's shed.
- 18. What was Onula's impression about the two batches of moist pots in the shed?
- 19. What is the symbolic significance of roots as presented by Gieve Patel?
- 20. Why does the poet in the poem "On Killing a Tree" say that it takes much time to kill a tree?
- 21. Who is a refugee? Is 'refugee' a homogeneous categorization?

(6×5=30)

### Part C

## Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 22. How does Oe represent the dualism of good and evil through the essay The Unsurrendered People?
- 23. How does Brecht express his solidarity with the victims of the Nazi persecution through the poem "The Burning of the Books"?
- 24. Hagar is a powerful woman, empowered by her determination and sensitivity to the power and bounty of nature. Discuss.
- 25. Comment on the repeated use of 'a hostile time' as a trope of human pathos and irony in highlighting the lives caught in the Israel-Palestine conflict.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$