

BACHELOR'S DEGREE (C.B.C.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2025
2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 ADMISSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY
SEMESTER II - COMMON COURSE 1 (ENGLISH)
EN2A03B18 - Issues that Matter

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A**I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks****(10x2=20)**

1. Who is the author of the short story "War"?
2. How do young ones die according to the stoic traveller in the story "War"?
3. What metaphors does Oe use to illustrate the impact of A-bombing of Hiroshima in the essay "The Unsundered People"?
4. What is the third response to chaos in the essay "Peril"?
5. What is meant by 'unlawful books' in Brecht's poem "The Burning of the Book"?
6. Explain the stroke of luck that happened to Juan.
7. Explain what Mhadeva and Yetalya received after toiling a whole day in Patil's field.
8. Who is the author of the short story "The Pot Maker"?
9. State grandfather's reaction to Bapu Patil's humiliations.
10. Who wrote the poem "On Killing a Tree"?
11. What is the second major message of fossil records in the essay "Does it Matter"?
12. Describe Hagar's reaction on seeing the water spring in the desert.

Part B**II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks****(6x5=30)**

13. What were the feelings of the old man towards sending young people to warfront in the short story "War"?
14. What is the reason for the crying of the wind as it passes through the flute in the poem "The Old Prison"? What has this been compared to?
15. Describe why, according to Rushdie, is the assumption of freedom essential for a creative artist?
16. Explain why we don't make a fuss about the air we breathe with reference to your reading of the essay "On Censorship".
17. Explain the author's relationship with her homeland in the story "A Trip Westward".
18. Explain Julian Simon's view on the loss of species and how is it contrasted with the view of Les Kaufman?
19. Discuss the significance of the line 'The bleeding bark will heal, and from close to the ground will rise curled green twigs' in reference to the poem "On Killing a Tree".
20. Define the term 'refugee' as stated by the UN Convention on the Status of Refugees.
21. What was finally decided regarding the five-pound bill in the story "The Child Goes to the Camp"?

Part C**III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks****(2x15=30)**

22. "Death is meaningful if one dies for one's country." Elaborate with reference to the story "War."
23. The wielding of censorship is a weapon of control by authoritarian governments. Explain the statement with reference to the poem "The Burning of the Books."

24. Explain how Hagar rose to be the protector and caretaker of the waters in the desert and of a tribe, in spite of being abandoned in the wilderness by her husband.
25. Describe the role of cultural identity in understanding refugeelism with reference to Mallica Mishra's "Understanding Refugeelism: An Introduction to Tibetan Refugees in India".