

2023

(CBCS)

(5th Semester)

ENGLISH

EIGHTH (B) PAPER

(Popular Studies)

(Option—B)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

(SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. Who among the songwriters has been awarded with the Nobel Prize for Literature?

(a) Paul McCartney () (b) Mars Bonfire ()
(c) John Lennon () (d) Bob Dylan ()

2. *The Sound of Silence* first appeared in 1964 in the album

(a) *The Sound of Silence* ()
(b) *Wednesday Morning, 3 AM* ()
(c) *New York City* ()
(d) *Simon and Garfunkel* ()

3. "The sun is the same in a relative way but you're ..." _____.

(a) younger () (b) older ()
(c) wiser () (d) colder ()

4. According to Lennon, if there are no countries, there would be
 - (a) no boundary issues ()
 - (b) nothing to kill or die for ()
 - (c) no war ()
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5. Gopal comes from the town Jajau in
 - (a) Madhya Pradesh ()
 - (b) Maharashtra ()
 - (c) Uttar Pradesh ()
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6. Who was the only other Indian student at Gopal's university?
 - (a) Shushant ()
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 - (c) Anand ()
 - (d) Randy ()
7. Who had a degree from America in Shobha De's *Second Thoughts*?
 - (a) Anshu ()
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8. *Second Thoughts* explores the underlying problems in
 - (a) Indian caste system ()
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9. Who is the narrator of *One Night at the Call Centre*?
 - (a) Chetan Bhagat ()
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10. Who is Priyanka's fiancé in *One Night at the Call Centre*?
 - (a) Ganesh ()
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(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS)

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. What is the main theme of *Born to be Wild* ?

OR

2. What is the mood conveyed in *The Sound of Silence* ?

UNIT—II

3. What is the meaning of the following line?

"The time is gone, the song is over, thought I'd something more to say."

OR

4. Who inspired the song, *Let It Be* and how?

UNIT—III

5. Why was Gopal unsuccessful with girls in America?

OR

6. Briefly describe the character of Randy.

UNIT—IV

7. What prompted Maya to indulge in an extra-marital affair?

OR

8. Describe briefly the character of Ranjan Malik.

UNIT—V

9. What role does God play in *One Night at the Call Centre*?

OR

10. Why did Radhika leave her husband?

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

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OR

2. How has *Blowin' in the Wind* become the symbol of universal questions about justice, freedom and equality?

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UNIT—III

5. Explore Gopal's journey of self-discovery and the theme of identity and belonging in *The Inscrutable Americans*.

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6. How did Anurag Mathur bring out the existence of racism in America in *The Inscrutable Americans*?

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7. Analyze the themes of marriage, relationships and societal expectations as portrayed in *Second Thoughts*.

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8. Discuss *Second Thoughts* as an exposure to frustration, conflict and loneliness.

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9. Explore the themes in Chetan Bhagat's *One Night at the Call Centre*.

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