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( Pre-CBCS )

( 5th Semester )

**ENGLISH**

EIGHTH PAPER

**( Popular Studies )**

**( Option B )**

*Full Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

**( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )**

( *Marks : 25* )

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

SECTION—A

( *Marks : 10* )

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

1×10=10

**1.** Mars Bonfire's actual name is

- (a) Robert Zimmerman ( )
- (b) James John McGowan ( )
- (c) Dennis Eugene McCrohan ( )

**2.** "The words of the prophets are written..."

- (a) in the *Bible* ( )
- (b) on the subway walls ( )
- (c) on the cobblestones ( )

3. *Imagine* was inspired by
- (a) a book of poetry written by Yoko Ono ( )
  - (b) an old slave song ( )
  - (c) the hippie movement ( )
4. “Hello darkness, my old friend  
I’ve come to \_\_\_\_\_”
- (a) whisper in the sound of silence ( )
  - (b) pray to the Neon God ( )
  - (c) talk with you again ( )
5. “Imagine there’s no heaven...”
- (a) I wonder if you can ( )
  - (b) It’s easy if you try ( )
  - (c) It isn’t hard to do ( )
6. The Neon God in *The Sound of Silence* refers to
- (a) man ( )
  - (b) man’s inventions ( )
  - (c) silence ( )
7. Paul McCartney’s song, *Let it Be* was inspired by
- (a) the *Bible* ( )
  - (b) his band ( )
  - (c) his mother ( )
8. The train journey in *One Night at the Call Center* is from
- (a) Nagpur to Delhi ( )
  - (b) Kanpur to Delhi ( )
  - (c) Raipur to Delhi ( )

9. Gopal prefers to eat only vegetarian food cooked by

(a) Nancy ( )

(b) Brahmins ( )

(c) Americans ( )

10. Pushy Pushpa is how Maya refers to

(a) her mother-in-law ( )

(b) her next-door neighbour ( )

(c) Nikhil's mother ( )

SECTION—B

( Marks : 15 )

Give short answers to the following questions (any five) :

3×5=15

1. Explain the line 'fire all of your guns at once' from the song, *Born to be Wild*.
2. Explain briefly why Lennon asks us to imagine a world without countries.
3. What does 'silence' refer to in the song, *The Sound of Silence* ?
4. What do you think Dylan mean by the statement "The answer is blowin' in the wind"?
5. How would you interpret the meaning of the title of the song, *Let it Be* ?
6. Describe the attitude of Anand towards America and Gopal's reaction to his attitude.
7. Explain why Maya hastily embraces Nikhil as a secret love.
8. What prompted Radhika to leave her husband?

( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )

( Marks : 50 )

*The questions are of equal value*

1. (a) What was the American Counterculture Movement of the 1960s? Explain.

**OR**

- (b) What does the 'sound of silence' represent? Give a central idea of the song.

2. (a) Discuss Roger Water's *Time* as a philosophical reflection of human life.

**OR**

- (b) Examine the portrayal of consolation, light and solace in the song, *Let it Be*.

3. (a) Examine the clash of culture as depicted in *The Inscrutable Americans*.

**OR**

- (b) Trace the character development of the protagonist in *The Inscrutable Americans*.

4. (a) Critically analyse the hollowness of the institution of marriage in Indian society as reflected in *Second Thoughts*.

**OR**

- (b) How does the novel, *Second Thoughts* highlight the predicament of the modern Indian woman?

5. (a) Examine the portrayal of love, ambition, family and the globalized office environment of Indian society as depicted in *One Night at the Call Centre*.

**OR**

- (b) Comment on the thematic concerns of the novel, *One Night at the Call Centre*.

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