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(CBCS)

(5th Semester)

ENGLISH

EIGHTH PAPER

(**Option—B**)

(**Popular Studies**)

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. *Born to be Wild* was inspired by a poster of a motorcycle captioned

(a) Born to Run ()

(b) Born to be Alive ()

(c) Born to Ride ()

2. Dylan adapted the melody of *Blowin' in the Wind* from an old slave song called

(a) Song of the Free ()

(b) Swing Low, Sweet Chariot ()

(c) No More Auction Block ()

- 3.** In the early 60s, the LGBT community began to formally protest against abusive treatment of gay people, which led to American society endorsing the
- (a) gay liberation movement ()
 - (b) rainbow sash movement ()
 - (c) queer nation ()
- 4.** “You fritter and waste in an offhand way.”
- (a) the years ()
 - (b) the times ()
 - (c) the hours ()
- 5.** Silence grows like a
- (a) cancer ()
 - (b) tree ()
 - (c) plant ()
- 6.** According to Lennon, if there are no countries, there would be
- (a) no boundaries ()
 - (b) nothing to fight for ()
 - (c) no armies ()
- 7.** The hippie music festival that took place in 1969 was known as
- (a) Lollapazoola ()
 - (b) Coachella ()
 - (c) Woodstock ()
- 8.** Gopal goes to America to study
- (a) chemical engineering ()
 - (b) computer engineering ()
 - (c) electric engineering ()

9. Maya escapes her dull middle-class life in Calcutta to marry and live in glamorous

(a) Mumbai ()

(b) Delhi ()

(c) Bangalore ()

10. Radhika wanted to Anuj.

(a) divorce ()

(b) marry ()

(c) thank ()

SECTION—B

(Marks : 15)

Give short answers of the following questions :

3×5=15

1. What does the phrase 'blowin' in the wind' mean?

OR

What is the main theme of *The Sound of Silence* ?

2. Under what circumstance did McCartney compose the song, *Let It Be* ?

OR

What is 'the English way' according to Roger Waters?

3. Briefly describe how Gopal discovered the ugly side of America.

OR

How significant is the character of Randy in the novel, *The Inscrutable Americans* ?

4. What kind of a husband is Ranjan?

OR

What did Maya do to cope with her loneliness?

5. Who is the narrator of the novel, *One Night at the Call Centre* ?

OR

What was the event that changed the lives of Shyam and his friends?

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

The questions are of equal value

1. What were the factors that contributed to the rise of the sixties counterculture in America? What impact did the movement have on subsequent generations with many issues continuing to be of great importance today?

OR

Blowin' in the Wind is a protest against the violation of human rights. Comment.

2. How did Waters put forth the true value of time for human beings in his song, *Time* ?

OR

Examine the political and humanistic themes in *Imagine*.

3. Bring out the comic elements in *The Inscrutable Americans*.

OR

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

4. “*Second Thoughts* exposes the moral and spiritual breakdown of modern Indian society.” Elucidate.

OR

Consider the novel, *Second Thoughts* as a novel which promotes women empowerment.

5. “*One Night at the Call Centre* is about the anxieties and insecurities of the rising Indian middle class, including questions about career, inadequacy, marriage, family conflicts in a changing India.” Discuss.

OR

Compare and contrast the difference in American and Indian culture as depicted in *One Night at the Call Centre*.

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