

## ENG2 A04 ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

COURSE CODE	ENG2A04
TITLE OF THE COURSE	ZEITGEIST: READINGS ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE
SEMESTER IN WHICH THE COURSE IS TO BE TAUGHT	2
NO. OF CREDITS	4
NO. OF CONTACT HOURS	90 hrs (5 hrs per week)

### OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

- a. To inculcate the values enshrined in the constitution of India and to provide an insight on the secular framework of the country.
- b. To familiarize the learners with concepts such as conservation, sustainability and the life of the marginalized and their interconnectedness.
- c. To foster among learners an awareness of the diverse problems faced by women and the sexual minorities and to promote a culture of inclusion and mutual respect.
- d. To understand the “human” as articulated among the various cultures and promote a multicultural and plural understanding of rights.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

#### A. COURSE SUMMARY

Module 1: Social Issues 20 hrs

Module 2: Environment 20 hrs

Module 3: Gender 18 hrs

Module 4: Human Rights 20 hrs

Evaluation 12 hrs

**Total 90 hrs**

#### B. COURSE DETAILS:

##### Module 1: Indian Constitution and Secularism

1. Preamble to the Constitution of India

2. Should Gandhi's Assassin be Killed? Pearl S. Buck
3. Toba Tek Singh: Hassan Saadat Manto
4. Freedom: Tagore

### **Module 2: Sustainable Environment**

1. The End of Living and the Beginning of Survival: Chief Seattle
2. On Killing a Tree: Gieve Patel
3. Zlateh the Goat: Issac Bashevis Singer

### **Module 3: Gender**

1. The Story of an Hour: Kate Chopin
2. The First time I Uttered a Prayer: Lee Mokobe
3. Claiming an Education: Adrienne Rich

### **Module 4: Human Rights**

1. Refugee Blues: W H Auden
2. Amnesty: Nadine Gordimer
3. Akkarmashi: Sarankumar Limbale (Extracts from Chapter1)
4. The Meaning of Life: Yuval Noah Harari (Extracts from Chapter 19)

### **Core Text:**

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