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**FIRST SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2022**

English (B.Com./B.B.A.)

ENG 1A 02—WAYS WITH WORDS : LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

(2017 and 2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. A. Choose the correct answer from the options :

1. The laps of the Old folks are filled with _____.
(a) Memories. (b) Money.
(c) Sweets. (d) None of these.
2. Whose voice shivers on a bare branch in the poem "The house of my childhood" ?
(a) Poet's. (b) Grandmother's
(c) Families. (d) Birds'.
3. What favour did Mrs. Maloney ask the policemen ?
(a) Eating the lamb. (b) Helping her to get up.
(c) Finish the investigation. (d) Leaving her alone.
4. The most repellant specimen of all the bores is :
(a) Buttonholing bore. (b) Humorous bore.
(c) Funny bore. (d) Eccentric bore.
5. The colour of the car which Uncle Raz gave to Dad was _____.
(a) Red. (b) Green.
(c) Blue. (d) White.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Turn over

B Answer *all* the following questions in a word or a phrase :

- 6 What gift does Cornelia present to her secretary ?
- 7 Who is Mr. Hadley ?
- 8 Miss Cornelia wants to become the _____ of the Society Club
- 9 Who is the 'bosom friend of the maturing sun' ?
- 10 Who is the speaker in the story *Appointment in Samarra* ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one *or* two sentences :

- 11 Why is it said that summer has over brimmed the clammy cells of bees ?
- 12 What is the particular state of mind of Shakespeare when the poem was written ?
- 13 What are the reasons for which a car may stop in front of the roadside stand, according to the farmer ?
- 14 Why do you think are the cracks in grandmother's house 'colourless' ?
- 15 What is the comparison made about the bellies ?
- 16 What do snakes stand for in "snake's bare fangs" ?
- 17 Do you think Sally is an ideal companion for Jerome. Why ?
- 18 What might be the probable reasons for Patrick to leave his wife ?
- 19 How could Dad buy a new car ?
- 20 Why did Peti hate swimming at school ?
- 21 Why is Lucas' peer described as eccentric ?
- 22 What are meteorites ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* :

- 23 What is the persona of the farmer that is revealed in 'A Roadside Stand' ?
- 24 What picture of the grandmother do you get from the poem ?
- 25 Discuss how the story 'Appointment in Samarra' expounds fatalism.

- 26 How did the winning of the lottery affect the parents and children ?
- 27 Bring out the relevance of the title, 'Something unspoken'
- 28 Why does the speaker in sonnet 29 say that he is out of favour with "Fortune and men's eye" ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Write an essay on the intricacies of the relationship between Miss Cornelia and Miss Grace Lancaster.
- 30 Describe Jerome's inner conflicts about his father's death and his attempts to overcome them ?
- 31 "Once Upon a Time" as a commentary on the hypocrisies of the society.
- 32 Write an essay on EV Lucas as an observer of life in the light of Bores ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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**FIRST SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2021**

English (B.Com./B.B.A.)

ENG 1A 02—WAYS WITH WORDS : LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. (A) Choose the correct answer from the options :

- 1 Whom did Cornelia call to gather information regarding the election ?

a) Miss Grace Lancaster.	c) Miss Esmeralda Hawkins.
b) Mrs. Horton Reid.	d) Miss Cornelia Scott.
- 2 The founding-stone of a bore is _____.

a) Stigma.	c) Arrogance.
b) Egotism.	d) Ignorance.
- 3 Harry Houdini was an American _____.

a) Painter.	c) Engineer.
b) Stoic philosopher.	d) Stage Musician.
- 4 City of Samarra stands on the bank of _____.

a) River Tigris.	c) River Nile.
b) River Danube.	d) River Rhine.
- 5 What is the figure of speech found in the line "Or you'll sink like a stone ?"

a) Personification.	c) Simile.
b) Onomatopoeia.	d) Metaphor.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(B) Answer *all* questions in a sentence or a phrase :

- 6 What has the poet forgotten in the poem "Once Upon a Time ?"
- 7 What do you mean by "hollers ?"
- 8 How did Jerome's father die ?
- 9 What was Mrs Maloney's intention in getting the lamb from the freezer ?
- 10 How could Dad buy a new car ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Turn over

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences :

- 11 How did Grace differentiate her own grey hair from that of Cornelia ?
- 12 How did Alexander of Abonutichus deal with the written questions in sealed envelope ?
- 13 What are the themes of Shakespeare's "Sonnet 29" ?
- 14 How does Keats personify the autumn season ?
- 15 Explain the figure of speech in 'selfish cars' and 'polished traffic'.
- 16 Discuss the significance of the word 'toddle' in the poem "The House of My Childhood".
- 17 What quality of old people does the poet talk about in "Old Folks Laugh" ?
- 18 What does the phrase 'Ice-block-cold eyes' mean ?
- 19 What is the context of the song "The Times They are A- Changing" ?
- 20 How do you know that police have not ruled Mrs Maloney as a probable suspect ?
- 21 How does the buttonholing bore behave ?
- 22 What is meant by precognitive experience ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* questions in a paragraph each :

- 23 What is the relevance of the title, 'Something unspoken' ?
- 24 What are the different types of bores that Lucas mentions in his essay ?
- 25 Describe the structure and language of Keats' "Ode to Autumn".
- 26 How does the farmer access city life in "A Roadside Stand" ?
- 27 How do the images of 'grindstone' and 'brass figurines' conjure up the world of the grandmother ?
- 28 What are the two versions of his father's death that Jerome narrates ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* questions given in about 300 words :

- 29 Bring out the instances of mongering as depicted by Carl Sagan.
- 30 "Once Upon a Time" displays the pain of growing up, and the loss of innocence. Comment.
- 31 How does Maugham bring out the idea of fatalism in "Appointment in Samarra" ?
- 32 Explain the significance of the title "Lamb to the Slaughter".

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)



**FIRST SEMESTER (CUCBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2020**

English

ENG 1A 02—WAYS WITH WORDS : LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. (A) Choose the correct answer from the options :

- 1 Who left the elderly infant to explore the rooms of age in the poem "The house of my childhood" ?
 - (a) Family members.
 - (b) Grandmother.
 - (c) Season.
 - (d) Sons and daughters.

- 2 Old folks laugh is compared to which musical instrument ?
 - (a) Drum.
 - (b) Flute.
 - (c) Violin.
 - (d) Tambourine.

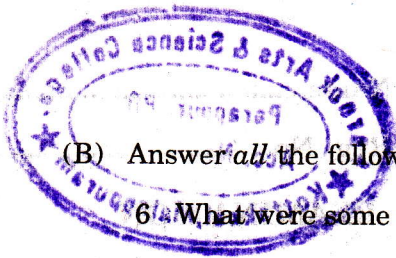
- 3 Who is Charlie ?
 - (a) Mr. Maloney.
 - (b) The Doctor.
 - (c) The brother of Mrs. Maloney.
 - (d) Policeman.

- 4 E.V. Lucas was associated with the humour magazine called :
 - (a) Phantom Journal.
 - (b) Punch.
 - (c) The Globe.
 - (d) The Academy.

- 5 Bob Dylan got his inspiration to write the song from _____ .
 - (a) Beat writers.
 - (b) Ballads
 - (c) Folk songs.
 - (d) All of the above.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

Turn over



(B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word or a phrase :

- 6 What were some of the posh lunches children used to carry ?
- 7 Who is the 'bosom friend of the maturing sun' ?
- 8 What is Miss Grace Scott's profession ?
- 9 To whom does the poet say "Don't stand in the doorway/Don't block up the hall" ?
- 10 City of Samarra stands on the bank of _____.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one or two sentences :

- 11 What is the attitude of the city dwellers towards the roadside stand ?
- 12 What does the poet mean when she uses the word "simpering" in "Old Folks Laugh" ?
- 13 How does the speaker in 'Once Upon A Time' compare the laugh in the past and now ?
- 14 What are the exceptions of furniture that the speaker talks about ?
- 15 What is "the best and worst of remembering" ?
- 16 What do you mean by "ice-block-cold eyes" ?
- 17 What does 'appointment' mean in the tale ?
- 18 What bothers Jerome about his aunt ?
- 19 The author does not reveal what Patrick's reasons were, for leaving his wife. Why do you think the author does so ?
- 20 Why does Lucas say that everybody is a bore at some time ?
- 21 What was the invitation from the office of the president in 1977 that NASA received and Why did it decline it ?
- 22 What is the Confederate Daughters ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* :

- 23 How does the meaning of the word "state" change with each occurrence in Sonnet 29?
- 24 How does the poet personify autumn in Keats's poem ?
- 25 Discuss the element of black humour in 'A Shocking Accident' ?
- 26 Do you think Mary really loved her husband ? Support your answer by quoting from the text.

- 27 Why does Lucas describe Bores as happy men and world's axle trees ?
- 28 The need for professional scientist to make a choice in their research goals.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

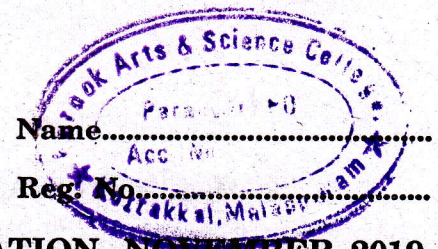
IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Discuss the humour in the story 'It Used to Be Green Once.'
- 30 Write an essay on the significance of the title 'Lamb to the Slaughter'.
- 31 How does Dilip Chitre look at the passage of time ?
- 32 In "Something Unspoken," Tennessee Williams deftly depicts Miss Cornelia's pretention to self importance and pomposity, and her inability to establish any spontaneous and expressive relationship with others. Elucidate.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

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FIRST SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 1A 02—WAYS WITH WORDS : LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. (A) Choose the correct answer from the options :

1 To whom does the poet say "Don't stand in the doorway/Don't block up the hall" ?

- (a) Writers and critics. (b) Senators and Congressmen.
(c) Mothers and fathers. (d) None of these.

2 Who among the following was a trustee of the Universal Spiritualist Association ?

- (a) Marcus Aurelius. (b) Charles Mackay.
(c) M. Lamar Keene. (d) Harry Houdini.

3 What is the shake of the bellies of the old folks compared to ?

- (a) The sea. (b) Tambourines.
(c) A balloon. (d) Water beds.

4 Who was Mr. Maloney ?

- (a) A Security personnel. (b) A spy.
(c) An FBI agent. (d) A detective.

5 Who is the writer cousin of Miss Cornelia ?

- (a) Thelma Peterson. (b) Cecil Tutwiler Bates.
(c) Thomas Nelson Page. (d) Johan Julius Sibelius.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(B) Answer *all* the following questions in a word or a phrase :

6 How did the fruits become "holey" ?

7 _____ is known as the first Modernist poet of Anglophone Africa.

Turn over

- 8 Maugham's "An Appointment in Samarra" is included at the end of the work _____.
- 9 Many of the belief systems at the edge or fringe of science are not subject to crisp _____.
- 10 "But one day something happened that changed everything." What happened ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one or two sentences :

- 11 Who are the beneficent beasts of 'prey' and 'greedy good doers' ?
- 12 Upon what does the success of science depend ?
- 13 What is the 'wailful choir' described by Keats in Stanza III ?
- 14 What has the poet forgotten and what is his desire ?
- 15 Who is a 'dark horse' and who is the 'dark horse' mentioned in the play ?
- 16 When Jerome hears of his father's accident from his house master, how does he imagine his father has died ?
- 17 Why is Lucas' peer described as 'eccentric' ?
- 18 Why did Mum toot the horns of the car on Wednesday mornings, when she was out on the road ?
- 19 What is apostasy ?
- 20 What is 'the best and worst of remembering' ?
- 21 What does the line "the first now will later be last" imply ?
- 22 What does the poet ask the writers and critics ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a *paragraph* :

23. "Old Folks Laugh" is a celebration of old age. Elucidate.
24. Why does the poet call death 'dear and painless' ?
25. Describe Jerome's inner conflict about his father's death and his attempts to overcome them.
26. "Once Upon a Time" as a commentary on the hypocrisies of society.

27. How does Sagan distinguish between those who promote borderline belief systems and those who accept them ?
28. Explain the significance of the title 'Lamb to the Slaughter'.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Bob Dylan's poem "The Times- They-are-A-Changing" is a poem of protest. Comment.
- 30 In *Something Unspoken*, Tennessee Williams deftly depicts Miss Cornelia's pretension to self importance and pomposity, and her inability to establish any spontaneous and expressive relationship with others. Elucidate.
- 31 Discuss the emergence of science as a primary means of penetrating the secrets of the universe and as a self correcting character.
- 32 Analyze the poem "A Roadside Stand" as a critique of modernization.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

FIRST SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course

ENG 1A 02—WAYS WITH WORDS : LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions. Each question carries 1 mark :

(A) Choose the correct answer :

1 What is the rhyme scheme of a Shakespearean sonnet ?

(a) abba, abba, cde, cde.

(b) abcc, abcc, dde, dde.

(c) abab, cdcd, efef, gg.

(d) aabb, ccdd, eeff, gg.

2 What is the combination of figures of speech employed in "greedy good doers" ?

(a) Assonance and Alliteration.

(b) Alliteration and Oxymoron.

(c) Assonance and Oxymoron.

(d) Transferred epithet and Alliteration.

3 How did the fruits become "holey" ?

(a) Someone shot through them.

(b) They were blessed by a priest.

(c) The rotten parts were dug out.

(d) None of these.

4 Harry Houdini was an American ———.

(a) Priest.

(b) Philosopher.

(c) Magician.

(d) Physician.

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5 _____ is the disease with which Miss Cornelia is infected.

- (a) Appendicitis. (b) Meningitis.
(c) Laryngitis. (d) Conjunctivitis.

(B) Answer in a word or a phrase :

- 6 Jerome's father was a _____.
7 Complete the line : "When old folks laugh, _____"
8 When the father says "good bye" , what does he really mean ?
9 Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in the year _____.
10 Who is the narrator of the story "Appointment in Samarra" ?

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks :

- 11 How did Mary react to Patrick's news ?
12 Who is a buttonholing bore ?
13 Who are "Colonial Dames" ?
14 How does Shakespeare use the 'lark' as a symbol in the Sonnet ?
15 What is the "wailful choir" described by Keats in "Ode to Autumn" ?
16 What is the significance of the colour grey in the expression 'grey hills' ?
17 What are the different faces that the speaker wears in "Once Upon a Time" ?
18 Explain : "Your old road is Rapidly aging".
19 Do you think Sally is an ideal companion for Jerome ? Why ?
20 Why did Peti hate swimming at school ?
21 What can be the reasons for strange light in the sky, according to Sagan ?
22 Why did the servant flee to Samarra ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* questions in a *paragraph* each. Each question carries 5 marks :

- 23 Types of bores as discussed in Lucas' essay "Bores."
24 What are various instances of extra sensory perceptions cited by Sagan ?

- 25 What is the persona of the farmer that is revealed in "A Roadside Stand" ?
- 26 Discuss the irony present in the story "Lamb to the Slaughter."
- 27 Explain the pun on the word 'state' in Sonnet 29.
- 28 Discuss the autobiographical elements in "House of My Childhood."

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* questions in about 300 words. Each question carries 15 marks :

- 29 Comment on the emotional entanglements and grand lifestyle of Cornelia in the play *Something Unspoken*.
- 30 Why does Carl Sagan believe that Science is the best antidote for pseudo-science ?
- 31 Describe Jerome's inner conflicts regarding his father's death and his attempts to overcome them.
- 32 The poem "Once Upon a Time" shows the replacement of innocence by experience. Elaborate.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)

**FIRST SEMESTER B.Com./B.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2017**

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Common Course—English

ENG 1A 02—WAYS WITH WORDS : LITERATURES IN ENGLISH

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions :—

(A) Choose the correct answer :

- 1 Of which poem did Harold Bloom comment thus : “as close to perfect as any shorter poem in the English language.”
 - (a) A Roadside Stand.
 - (b) Melancholy.
 - (c) Once Upon a Time.
 - (d) Ode to Autumn.
- 2 The juxtaposing of terms which are contraries or opposing ideas is called :
 - (a) Oxymoron.
 - (b) Metaphor.
 - (c) Synecdoche.
 - (d) Alliteration.
- 3 Who among the followings has won the Nobel Prize for literature ?
 - (a) Gabriel Okara.
 - (b) Graham Greene.
 - (c) Bob Dylan.
 - (d) W. Somerset Maugham.
- 4 How many lines are there in a Sonnet ?
 - (a) 11.
 - (b) 14.
 - (c) 18.
 - (d) 21.
- 5 ——— is the highbrow literary magazine referred to by Miss Cornelia.
 - (a) The Edinburgh Review.
 - (b) The Atlantic Monthly.
 - (c) The Times Literary Supplement.
 - (d) Fortnightly Review of Current Letters.

(B) Answer in a word or a phrase :

- 6 What does the poet mean when he says ‘Goodbye’ ?
- 7 What is meant by black humour ?
- 8 What does ‘Surra Man Ra’a’ mean ?

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9 Name the autobiography of Maya Angelou.

10 Who is a skeptical inquirer ?

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two or three Sentences. Each question carries 2 marks :

11 What message do you find in the poem *The Times They are a-Changin'* ?

12 Explain : *When old folks laugh, they free the world.*

13 What were the major themes adopted by the romantic writers ?

14 Who are the "beneficent beasts of prey" and the "greedy good doers" ?

15 Describe the buttonholing bore.

16 What did Heraclitus say of the practitioners of pseudoscience ?

17 Under what circumstances was the car given to Dad by Uncle Raz ?

18 What are the different faces people wear ?

19 When Jerome hears of his father's accident from his housemaster, how does he imagine his father has died ?

20 "It would be a favour to me if you eat it up." How would it be a favour to Mary ?

21 What do you mean by 'Daughters of the Confederation' ?

22 What is Miss Cornelia's only enjoyment in her life ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* questions out of six in a *paragraph* each. Each question carries 5 marks :

23 Why does Lucas describe bores as happy men and world's axle trees ?

24 The impostures of Alexander the Oracle-monger.

25 How do the images of 'grindstone' and 'brass figurines' conjure up the world of the grandmother ?

26 Bring out the relevance of the title, '*Something Unspoken*'.

27 In what way does the story *It Used to be Green Once* convey the Maori consciousness ?

28 How does Maugham bring out the idea of fatalism in *Appointment in Samarra* ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* out of the four questions given in about 300 words. Each question carries 15 marks :

29 Discuss the hypocrisy of modern life as described in the poem *Once Upon a Time* ?

30 Describe Jerome's inner conflicts about his father's death and his attempts to overcome them.

31 Write an essay on E. V. Lucas as an observer of life in the light of '*Bores*'.

32 What changes are brought over the mind of the speaker by the "sweet memories" in *Sonnet 29* ?

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)