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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE [SUPPLEMENTARY]  
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025**

B.Com/BBA/B.A./B.Sc

English

ENG 2A 03—READINGS FROM THE FRINGES

(2022 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences. 2 marks each :

- 1 Which sections of society are adequately safeguarded in the Objectives Resolution ?
- 2 How does democracy appear to the poet ?
- 3 What is Page 3 of a newspaper ?
- 4 How can nanotechnology find a solution to terrorism ?
- 5 Why did Sylvia not speak about the nest of the white heron to the stranger ?
- 6 How are the eyes of the fish different from the eyes of the speaker ?
- 7 What were the themes of the songs and poems that our mothers composed for us ?
- 8 What does the poet mean by “you remind them what hell looks like when it wears the skin of a gentleman” ?
- 9 How is the harassment of Tirunangais different from the ragging of college students ?
- 10 Why does Chimamanda Adichie advise to reject the ‘language of help’ ?
- 11 In which subject did Malini Chib get admission at the Oxford Polytechnic ?
- 12 Why was the narrator pleasantly surprised at the University of Berkeley ?
- 13 What is “Ke-mo-nees” ?
- 14 Explain the line “farmers sowing skulls and bones.”
- 15 What is the green paper mentioned in the poem “The History Lesson” ?

(Ceiling - 25 marks)

**Turn over**

II. Answer the following questions in *a paragraph* of 100 words. 5 marks each :

- 16 Why does Nehru feel that the Objectives Resolution is “something much more than a resolution”?
- 17 Explain the significance of the title “How Many More Days, Democracy.”
- 18 Why did President Truman decide to use the new bomb ?
- 19 Comment on the ambiguous endings of the story “A White Heron.”
- 20 What is the message of the poem “The Fish” ?
- 21 Comment on Chimamanda Adichie’s views on cooking.
- 22 “I dress with culture every single morning.” Explain.
- 23 How does colonization affect the lives of tribes ?

(Ceiling - 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 200 words each :

- 24 What is the Objectives Resolution ? What were the ideals presented in the Objectives Resolution ?
- 25 Trace the history of the development of military weapons.
- 26 Discuss the agonies and anxieties felt by Vidya on her journey to be a Tirunangai.
- 27 Discuss how “Entre-vous to Adulthood,” a chapter from Malini Chib’s *One Little Finger*, breaks the barrier that restricts the life of disabled people.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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English

ENG 2A 03—READINGS FROM THE FRINGES

(2022—2023 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences : (2 marks each) :

- 1 What is the real step or real work of the Constitutional Assembly as mentioned in the speech ?
- 2 Why is Demathi Dei Sabar called 'Salihan' ?
- 3 How was gunpowder invented ?
- 4 How can nano-technology find a solution to terrorism ?
- 5 What was the offer given by the stranger to anybody who helped him find the white heron's nest ?
- 6 Why did the speaker let the fish go at the end of the poem ?
- 7 Where did Vandana Shiva learn about ecology ?
- 8 What does "every dragon, every wolf, every monster" mean ?
- 9 How is the harassment of Tirunangais different from the ragging of college students ?
- 10 What does your job do for you ?
- 11 Why is it advisable for a disabled person to have an electric wheelchair at the University town of Berkeley ?
- 12 What is "That which you carry with you at all times and cannot be removed like a costume or eaten like a five-course dinner" ?
- 13 What happened to the Dalit boy and Rajput girl in Hardoi ?

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14 Explain the line “farmers sowing skulls and bones.”

15 What did the whites bring as gifts ?

(Ceiling - 25 marks)

II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words : (5 marks each) :

16 How does Sameer Tanti describe the present condition of Democracy ?

17 What was the condition of ‘Salihan’ when the writer visited her a year later ?

18 Comment on the role played by science in World War II.

19 Comment on the ambiguous endings of the story “A White Heron.”

20 What advice does the poet give to the readers in the poem “Fire” ?

21 Comment on the first meeting of Vidya and her parents.

22 How do personal attendants help a disabled person ?

23 What is the theme of “History Lesson” ?

(Ceiling - 35 marks)

III. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 200 words each :

24 What is the Objectives Resolution ? “What were the ideals presented in the Objectives Resolution ?

25 Analyze the “regionalism” or “local colour” in the story “A White Heron.”

26 Critically evaluate Chimamanda Adichie’s concept of Gender.

27 Critically analyse the article. “Love-lines in the Times of Chaturavama” in terms of the caste discrimination and inequality that persist in India.

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English

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(2022 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer the following question in two or three sentences.**2 marks each.*

1. What is Earth Democracy ?
2. What help does the stranger ask Sylvia ?
3. Who is Cormac Cullinan ?
4. Explain the line “your softness is you weakness”.
5. Why was Vidya anxious to meet her father ?
6. Why does Adichie think that the ‘gender neutral’ section in children’s shop is silly ?
7. According to Harari, what are the new tools offered by science over the centuries ?
8. When was the Objectives Resolution presented ?
9. How does democracy appear to Sameer Tanti ?
10. Why was Malini Chib pleasantly surprised at the University of Berkeley ?
11. What is the love-line Chandra Bhan Prasad discusses in *Love-line in the Times of Chathurvaarrna* ?
12. In the poem ‘History Lesson’, what does “green paper faces of a smiling English lady” refer to ?
13. Explain democracy ?

**Turn over**

14. What does 'rainbow' symbolise in the poem 'The Fish' ?
15. What power, according to Francis Bacon, does science and technology have over nature ?

(Ceiling 25 marks)

### Section B

*Answer the following question in a paragraph of 100 words.*

*5 marks each.*

16. Comment on the role played by science in World War II.
17. How does Sameer Tanti describe the present condition of democracy in his poem 'How Many More Days, Democracy' ?
18. Describe Sylvia's relationship with the cow in *A White Heron*.
19. Comment on the idea of Earth University.
20. Discuss 'Fire' as a feminist poem.
21. What was the reaction of Saravana's family when they learned that he was a *tirunangai* ?
22. Discuss how "a Nation's dream and aspirations" are articulated through the Objectives Resolution.
23. Comment on the use of irony in the poem 'History Lesson'.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

### Section C

*Answer any two of the following question in about 200 words each.*

*10 marks each.*

24. How does P Sainath portray the hollowness of our society that forgets fighters like Salihan and focuses on celebrities ?
25. Critically analyse Elizabeth Bishop's poem 'The Fish'.
26. "Childcare is an equal responsibility of both parents". Comment on the basis of *Dear Ijeawe*.
27. Critically analyse the article "Love in the Time of Chaturvarna" in terms of caste discrimination and inequality that persist in India.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)