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**FIRST SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG)/B.VOC./ INTEGRATED P.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2025**

B.Com./B.B.A./B.H.A./B.T.H.M./B.A./B.Sc.

English

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

(2019 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

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

- 1 Why does Dilip Chitre invoke the seasons of spring and summer ?
- 2 What is the attitude of the city dwellers towards the roadside stand ?
- 3 What are the reasons for which a car may stop in front of the roadside stand, according to the farmer ?
- 4 How do the images of 'grindstone' and 'brass figurines' conjure up the world of the grandmother ?
- 5 Why does Bob Dylan say that the present now will later be past ?
- 6 What do you mean by "ice-block-cold eyes" ?
- 7 What does 'appointment' mean in the tale ?
- 8 What bothers Jerome about his aunt ?
- 9 How could Dad buy a new car ?
- 10 Why did Peti hate swimming at school ?
- 11 What can be the reasons for strange light in the sky, according to Sagan ?
- 12 Why is Lucas' peer described as eccentric ?

(Ceiling 20 marks)

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

- 13 Comment on Keats's treatment of nature.
- 14 How does the meaning of the word "state" change with each occurrence in "Sonnet 29" ?

Turn over

- 15 Autobiographical elements in the poem "The House of My Childhood."
- 16 Do you think Mary really loved her husband ? Support your answer by quoting from the text.
- 17 Snobbery as a mask conceals the wounded inner self of Miss Cornelia. Explain.
- 18 Why does the speaker in sonnet 29 say that he is out of favour with "Fortune and men's eye" ?
- 19 Comment on the theme of the poem 'Once Upon A Time.'

(Ceiling 30 marks)

III. Answer any *one* out of the two questions in an essay of 200 words. 10 marks :

- 20 Write an essay on E V Lucas as an observer of life in the light of Bores ?
- 21 Describe Jerome's inner conflicts about his father's death and his attempts to overcome them ?

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)

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**FIRST SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2024**

(B.Com./B.B.A./B.A./B.Sc.)

English

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

(2019—2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

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

- 1 What does the poet mean when she uses the word “simpering” in “Old Folks Laugh” ?
- 2 What constitutes the music of autumn ?
- 3 What is the significance of the colour grey in the expression ‘grey hills’ ?
- 4 What are the exceptions of furniture that the speaker talks about ?
- 5 Why does Bob Dylan say that the present now will later be past ?
- 6 What do snakes stand for in “snake’s bare fangs” ?
- 7 What is the battle implied in “There’s a battle outside and it is ragin’ ?”
- 8 Why did Mum toot the horns of the car on Wednesday mornings, when she was out on the road ?
- 9 Why do you think that the story has been titled as “A Shocking Accident” ?
- 10 Why did Peti hate swimming at school ?
- 11 What is a “coloured funeral” ?
- 12 What is the Confederate Daughters ?

(Ceiling 20 marks)

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

- 13 How does the poet personify autumn in Keats’s poem ?
- 14 Theme of “Sonnet 29.”

Turn over

- 15 Autobiographical elements in the poem "The House of My Childhood."
- 16 How does Sagan distinguish between those who promote borderline belief systems and those who accept them ?
- 17 What images of aging do you see in "Old Folks Laugh" ?
- 18 How is the country's sale of gain contrasted with that of the city ?
- 19 Write a note on the need for professional scientist to make a choice in their research goals.

(Ceiling 30 marks)

III. Answer any *one* out of the two questions in an essay of 200 words. 10 marks :

- 20 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.
- 21 Discuss the humour in the story 'It Used to Be Green Once.'

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)

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NOVEMBER 2024**

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English

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

(2019—2021 Admissions)

(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

Time : 15 Minutes**Total No. of Questions : 15****Maximum : 15 Marks****INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE**

1. This Question Paper carries Multiple Choice Questions from 1 to 15.
2. The candidate should check that the question paper supplied to him/her contains all the 15 questions in serial order.
3. Each question is provided with choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) having one correct answer. Choose the correct answer and enter it in the main answer-book.
4. The MCQ question paper will be supplied after the completion of the descriptive examination.

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

(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. Who wrote the book Extraordinary popular delusions and the madness of crowds ?
 - (A) Alexander of Abonutichus.
 - (B) Lamar Keene.
 - (C) Charles Markay.
 - (D) Harry Houdini.

2. The preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience :
 - (A) Precognitive experience.
 - (B) Post-judice.
 - (C) Prejudice.
 - (D) None of these.

3. SETI means :
 - (A) Space educational technology information.
 - (B) Search for extra - terrestrial intelligence.
 - (C) Stock exchange technology information.
 - (D) Search engine tech intelligence.

4. Who toddled around the empty house in the poem “The house of my childhood ” ?
 - (A) Poet.
 - (B) Grandmother.
 - (C) Child.
 - (D) Father.

5. How many autobiographies were written by Maya Angelou ?
 - (A) Seven.
 - (B) One.
 - (C) Three.
 - (D) None of these.

6. Which landscape did Robert frost frequently employ as setting of his poems ?
 - (A) New France.
 - (B) New Atlantis.
 - (C) New Africa.
 - (D) New England.

7. Which among the following is the first published work of Roald Dahl ?
- (A) Kiss Kiss.
(B) Going Solo.
(C) James and the Giant Peach.
(D) A Piece of Cake.
8. Which among the following is an autobiographical work of Roald Dahl ?
- (A) Someone Like You. (B) Fantastic Mr fox.
(C) Going Solo. (D) BFG.
9. The style of E.V Lucas is described as :
- (A) Harsh. (B) Witty.
(C) Ironical. (D) Satirical.
10. John Keats was an _____ before he turned to writing.
- (A) Teacher. (B) Soldier.
(C) Pardoner. (D) Apothecary.
11. One of the common themes found in Keats' poems are :
- (A) Art versus life. (B) Innocence versus experience.
(C) God versus Man. (D) Comedy versus tragedy.
12. In the third stanza of "Ode to Autumn" the poet is being nostalgic about :
- (A) Rain. (B) Snow.
(C) Spring. (D) Warm days.
13. Who said "as close to perfect as any shorter poem in the English Language" about 'Ode to Autumn'.
- (A) F.R Leavis. (B) Harold Bloom.
(C) Matthew Arnold. (D) Leigh Hunt.
14. Who is the author of 'A Streetcar Named Desire' ?
- (A) Maya Angelou (B) Tennessee Williams
(C) G.B Shaw. (D) Gabriel Okara.

Turn over

15. What is the name of the society club in 'Something Unspoken' ?
- (A) Confederation of Women.
 - (B) Daughters of the Confederation.
 - (C) Society of daughters.
 - (D) Confederation Club.

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**FIRST SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2023**

(B.A./B.Sc./B.Voc.)

English

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

(2019—2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

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

- 1 What was the particular state of mind of Shakespeare when the poem was written ?
- 2 Why is it said that summer has over brimmed the clammy cells of bees ?
- 3 Why are the old folks able to forgive life ?
- 4 How do the images of 'grindstone' and 'brass figurines' conjure up the world of the grandmother ?
- 5 What is "the best and worst of remembering" ?
- 6 What does Bob Dylan ask the writers and critics ?
- 7 Do you think Sally is an ideal companion for Jerome. Why ?
- 8 Why was Death surprised at seeing the servant in Baghdad ?
- 9 How could Dad buy a new car ?
- 10 "It wasn't till then that she began to get frightened." What finally frightened Mrs. Maloney ?
- 11 Why did Mum toot the horns of the car on Wednesday mornings, when she was out on the road ?
- 12 Who is the "dark horse" mentioned in the play ?

(Ceiling 20 marks)

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

- 13 What is the persona of the farmer that is revealed in 'A Roadside Stand' ?
- 14 How does the meaning of the word "state" change with each occurrence in Sonnet 29 ?

Turn over

- 15 Discuss how the story 'Appointment in Samarra' expounds fatalism.
- 16 What picture of the mother do you get at the end of the story 'It Used to Be Green Once' ?
- 17 Bring out the relevance of the title, 'Something unspoken.'
- 18 Explain the symbolism of the pig in 'A Shocking Accident.'
- 19 Pick out the evidence from the story to show that Patrick is uneasy about revealing to his Wife that he is leaving her ?

(Ceiling 30 marks)

III. Answer any one out of the two questions in an essay of 200 words (10 marks) :

- 20 Write an essay on the intricacies of the relationship between Miss Cornelia and Miss Grace Lancaster.
- 21 Write an essay on EV Lucas as an observer of life in the light of Bores?

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)

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

English (B.A./B.Sc)

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

(2019—2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

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

- 1 What is the attitude of the city dwellers towards the roadside stand ?
- 2 Do you think Sally is an ideal companion for Jerome ? Why ?
- 3 What makes Sagan say “playing fast and loose” with the truth is a very serious matter ?
- 4 What is “apostasy” ?
- 5 Who are the 'beneficent beasts of prey' and the 'greedy good doers' mentioned in 'A Roadside Stand' ?
- 6 Discuss the significance of the word 'toddle' in the poem '*The House of my Childhood*'.
- 7 What was the compact made by Lucas' acquaintance with the page boy to escape from bores ?
- 8 What was the invitation from the office of the president in 1977 that NASA received and why did it decline it ?
- 9 What is the significance of “Fourth of July” referred to by Miss Cornelia ?
- 10 What are the Confederate Daughters ?
- 11 The word “state” occurs thrice in the poem Sonnet 29. How does the meaning of this word change with each occurrence ?
- 12 Do you think that the murder of Mr. Maloney is a planned murder ? Why ? Why not ?

(Ceiling 20 marks)

Turn over

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

- 13 Comment on Keats's treatment of nature in 'Ode to Autumn'.
- 14 Comment on the autobiographical elements in the poem 'The House of My Childhood'.
- 15 Why does the poet call death "dear and painless" in 'Old Folks Laugh' ?
- 16 Why do you think death is gendered in the tale "Appointment in Samarra" ?
- 17 Consider Bob Dylan's "The Times -They are A -Changing" as a song of protest.
- 18 Discuss the symbolism of the car in the story 'It used to be Green Once'.
- 19 Comment on the style of E. V. Lucas in 'Bores'.

(Ceiling 30 marks)

III. Answer any *one* of the two questions in an essay of 200 words :

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- 20 What picture of the grandmother do you get from the poem 'The House of My Childhood' ?
- 21 "Once Upon a Time" as a commentary on the hypocrisies of the society.

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**FIRST SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2021**

English (B.A./B.Sc.)

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

(2019—2020 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

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

- 1 Why is it said that summer has over brimmed the clammy cells of bees ?
- 2 How does Shakespeare use the lark as a symbol in his sonnet ?
- 3 What are the reasons for which a car may stop in front of the roadside stand, according to the farmer ?
- 4 What are the exceptions of furniture that the speaker talks about ?
- 5 Why does Bob Dylan say that the present now will later be past ?
- 6 What do you think is the theme of 'Appointment in Samarra' ?
- 7 Do you think Sally is an ideal companion for Jerome. Why ?
- 8 What bothers Jerome about his aunt ?
- 9 The author does not reveal what Patrick's reasons were, for leaving his wife. Why do you think the author does so ?
- 10 Why did Peti hate swimming at school ?
- 11 Why according to Lucas are bores happy ?
- 12 Who is the "dark horse" mentioned in the play ?

(Ceiling 20 marks)

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

- 13 How does the poet personify autumn in Keats's poem ?
- 14 Why does Maya Angelou calls death "dear and painless" ?
- 15 Autobiographical elements in the poem 'The House of My Childhood'.

Turn over

- 16 How does Sagan distinguish between those who promote borderline belief systems and those who accept them ?
- 17 What images of aging do you see in “Old Folks Laugh” ?
- 18 Why does the speaker in sonnet 29 say that he is out of favour with “Fortune and men’s eye” ?
- 19 How is the country’s sale of gain contrasted with that of the city ?

(Ceiling 30 marks)

III. Answer any *one* out of the two questions in an essay of 200 words (10 marks) :

- 20 Write an essay on the intricacies of the relationship between Miss Cornelia and Miss Grace Lancaster.
- 21 Describe Jerome’s inner conflicts about his father’s death and his attempts to overcome them.

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)

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

English (B.A./B.Sc.)

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

(2021 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

Section A*Answer at least **eight** questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 24.*

1. What constitutes the music of autumn ?
2. What is the comparison made about the bellies ?
3. What is the significance of the colour grey in the expression 'grey hills' ?
4. Why do you think are the cracks in grandmother's house 'colourless' ?
5. What is "the best and worst of remembering" ?
6. What do you mean by "ice-block-cold eyes" ?
7. What is the battle implied in "There's a battle outside and it is ragin' ?"
8. Why did the servant flee to Samarra ?
9. Why do you think that the story has been titled as 'A Shocking Accident' ?
10. "It wasn't till then that she began to get frightened "what finally frightened Mrs. Maloney ?
11. What was the invitation from the office of the president in 1977 that NASA received and Why did it decline it ?
12. What is the Confederate Daughters ?

(8 × 3 = 24 marks)

Turn over

Section B

*Answer at least **five** questions.*

Each question carries 5 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 25.

13. Comment on the theme of the poem 'Once Upon A Time'.
14. Theme of Sonnet 29.
15. Discuss how the story 'Appointment in Samarra' expounds fatalism.
16. Do you think Mary really loved her husband? Support your answer by quoting from the text.
17. Bring out the relevance of the title, 'Something unspoken'
18. The need for professional scientist to make a choice in their research goals.
19. How did the winning of the lottery affect the parents and children ?

(5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Section C

*Answer any **one** question.*

The question carries 11 marks.

20. 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.
21. Discuss the humour in the story 'It Used to Be Green Once'.

(1 × 11 = 11 marks)

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FIRST SEMESTER (CBCSS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020

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

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

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

Section A*Answer at least **eight** questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 24.*

1. Why does Dilip Chitre invoke the seasons of spring and summer ?
2. What is the attitude of the city dwellers towards the roadside stand ?
3. Why are the old folks able to forgive life ?
4. What are the different faces that the speaker wears in 'Once Upon A Time' ?
5. Who is called the bosom friend of maturing sun ?
6. What do snakes stand for in "snake's bare fangs" ?
7. What is the context of the song "The Times They are A- Changin" ?
8. Why was Death surprised at seeing the servant in Baghdad ?
9. How did Jerome's father die ?
10. What can be the reasons for strange light in the sky, according to Sagan ?
11. Why is Lucas' peer described as eccentric ?
12. What are the meteorites ?

(8 × 3 = 24 marks)

Turn over

Section B

*Answer at least **five** questions.*

Each question carries 5 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 25.

13. "Once Upon A Time" displays the pain of growing up, and the loss of innocence. Comment.
14. How does the meaning of the word "state" change with each occurrence in Sonnet 29 ?
15. Discuss the element of black humour in 'A Shocking Accident' ?
16. Describe the changes brought over the mind of the speaker of sonnet 29 by the "sweet memories".
17. Why does Lucas describe Bores as happy men and world's axle trees ?
18. Explain the symbolism of the pig in 'A Shocking Accident'.
19. Discuss the symbolism of the car in the story 'It Used to Be Green Once'.

(5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Section C

*Answer any **one** question.*

The question carries 11 marks.

20. Write an essay on EV Lucas as an observer of life in the light of Bores ?
21. Describe Jerome's inner conflicts about his father's death and his attempts to overcome them ?

(1 × 11 = 11 marks)

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

English

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

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

Section A

Answer at least eight questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 24.

1. How does Shakespeare use the "lark" as a symbol in the sonnet 29 ?
2. Who is called the bosom friend of maturing sun ?
3. What is the promise offered by the motion pictures ?
4. What is the significance of the colour grey in the expression 'grey hills' ?
5. What is the shake of the bellies of the old folks compared to ?
6. What effect does the poet create by using the phrase 'once upon a time' ?
7. What is the battle implied in "There's a battle outside and it is ragin" ?
8. When Jerome hears of his father's accident from his house master, how does he imagine his father has died ?
9. What might be the probable reasons for Patrick to leave his wife ?
10. What are the meteorites ?
11. What is "apostasy" ?
12. Who are Colonial Dames ?

(8 × 3 = 24 marks)

Turn over

**Section B**

Answer at least five questions.

Each question carries 5 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 25.

13. How did Grace differentiate her own grey hair from that of Cornelia ?
14. The word "state" occurs thrice in the poem. How does the meaning of this word change with each occurrence ?
15. Explain the lyrical imagery in "Ode to Autumn".
16. Who are the 'beneficent beasts of prey' and the 'greedy good doers' ?
17. How does the poet look at the passage of time ?
18. Why does the poet call death "dear and painless ?"
19. "Once Upon A Time" displays the pain of growing up, and the loss of innocence.

(5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Section C

Answer any one question.

The question carries 11 marks.

20. Bring out the relevance of the title, 'Something unspoken'.
21. Discuss the humour in the story of *It used to be green once*.

(1 × 11 = 11 marks)

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**FIRST SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2019**

(CBCSS—UG)

English

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

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

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

- 1 How does Shakespeare use the lark as a symbol in his sonnet ?
- 2 What constitutes the music of autumn ?
- 3 What is the significance of the colour grey in the expression 'grey hills' ?
- 4 Why do you think are the cracks in grandmother's house 'colourless' ?
- 5 What is the comparison made about the bellies ?
- 6 What do snakes stand for in "snake's bare fangs" ?
- 7 What is the context of the song "The Times They are A- Changin" ?
- 8 Why did the servant flee to Samarra ?
- 9 Why do you think that the story has been titled as 'A Shocking Accident' ?
- 10 "It wasn't till then that she began to get frightened "what finally frightened Mrs. Maloney ?
- 11 Why did Mum toot the horns of the car on Wednesday mornings, when she was out on the road ?
- 12 What is a "coloured funeral ?"

(Ceiling 20 marks)

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

- 13 Why does Maya Angelou calls death "dear and painless ?"
- 14 Comment on the theme of the poem 'Once Upon A Time'.
- 15 Discuss how the story 'Appointment in Samarra' expounds fatalism.
- 16 How did the winning of the lottery affect the parents and children ?

Turn over

- 17 Why does Lucas describe Bores as happy men and world's axle trees ?
- 18 The need for professional scientist to make a choice in their research goals.
- 19 Describe the changes brought over the mind of the speaker of sonnet 29 by the "sweet memories".

(Ceiling 30 marks)

III. Answer any *one* out of the two questions in an essay of 200 words (10 marks) :

- 20 Describe Jerome's inner conflicts about his father's death and his attempts to overcome them ?
- 21 Write an essay on the intricacies of the relationship between Miss Cornelia and Miss Grace Lancaster.

(1 × 10 = 10 marks)