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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2026**

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

English

ENG 2A 03—READINGS FROM THE FRINGES

(2022—2023 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

Answer the following questions in two *or* three sentences. Each question carries 2 marks. (Maximum ceiling : 25 marks) :

- 1 How was gunpowder invented ?
- 2 Why did the women of Saliha take lathis as they went to work in the fields or forest ?
- 3 When was the Objectives Resolution presented ?
- 4 Name the two most popular courses taught at the Earth University ?
- 5 What does Nikita Gill mean by “you remind them what hell looks like when it wears the skin of a gentle man” in the poem “Fire” ?
- 6 How does the speaker hold the fish at the beginning of the poem, “The Fish” ?
- 7 What is a ‘reet’ ?
- 8 What did the hunter think of Sylvia’s grandmother’s house when he first entered it ?
- 9 Why does Hiromi Goto say “my vision is oblique” ?
- 10 What is ADAPT ?
- 11 What was the advice given by Marlene Sanders to the younger journalist ?
- 12 According to Chandra Bhan Prasad, what would unfold the secrets of the Chatur varma order ?

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- 13 What is the 'green paper' mentioned in "History Lesson" ?
- 14 Why does Tanti call democracy 'barren' ?
- 15 What is the surprisingly recent phenomenon regarding science and technology mentioned by Harari ?

Answer the following questions in a paragraph. Each question carries 5 marks. (Maximum ceiling : 35 marks)

- 16 What is the Objectives Resolution ? What were the ideals presented in the Objectives Resolution ?
- 17 Comment on the decisive role played by science in World War II.
- 18 Discuss the childhood experiences of Vandana Shiva that bonded her to nature.
- 19 What advice does the poet give to the readers in the poem "Fire" ?
- 20 Narrate the tragic incident of Hardoi as discussed by Chandra Bhan Prasad.
- 21 Explain the significance of the title "History Lesson."
- 22 Describe Sylvia's relationship with the cow.
- 23 Explain the critique of orientalist stereotypes in Hiromi Goto's "The Body Politic."

Write essays on any *two* of the following. Each question carries 10 marks :

- 24 Compare the past glory of Salihan's resistance with her present condition of social indifference and poverty.
- 25 Discuss how Elizabeth Bishop's "The Fish" illustrates the oppression and cruelty imposed upon the animal world by human beings.
- 26 "Childcare is an equal responsibility of both the parents." Comment on this statement with reference to Chimamanda Adichie's "Dear Ijeawele."
- 27 Narrate and critically analyse Malini Chib's visit to the University town of Berkeley and its impact on her perspective.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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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.

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(B.A./B.Sc./B.C.A./B.S.W)

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 “I hear your bedlam, democracy.” Explain.
- 2 How did ‘Salihan’ and the women come to know of the attack by British police on their village ?
- 3 “There’s a spark in those eyes that’s still you.” Explain.
- 4 Why do most people have a hard time digesting modern science ?
- 5 Why did Sylvia not speak about the nest of the white heron to the stranger ?
- 6 How does the speaker hold the fish at the beginning of the poem ?
- 7 What does Earth University teach us ?
- 8 What is the main theme of the poem “Fire” by Nikita Gill ?
- 9 Why did Ayah ask Vidya to change her name ?
- 10 Why does Chimamanda Adichie advise to reject the ‘language of help’ ?
- 11 What kinds of challenges does an individual in India encounter when faced with the inability to walk ?
- 12 Why does she say “My vision is oblique” ?
- 13 Who is Meera Bhai ?

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14 “Civilization has reached the promised land”. Explain.

15 What is the green paper mentioned in the poem “The History Lesson” ?

(Ceiling 25 marks)

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

16 “I wish this house, if I may say so respectfully, should consider this resolution not in a spirit of narrow legal wording, but rather to look at the spirit behind the Resolution.” Explain.

17 What is the theme of the poem “For Demathi Sabar ‘Salihan’”?

18 How can science be used in defence ?

19 Discuss “Fire” as a feminist poem.

20 What was the reaction of Saravan’s family when they learned that he was a Tirunangai ?

21 Why is the University town of Berkeley recognized as a disabled-friendly place ?

22 Explain the Chaturvama order in terms of Manudharmashastra.

23 Explain the significance of the title “History Lesson.”

(Ceiling 35 marks)

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

24 Discuss how “a Nation’s dream and aspirations” are articulated through the Objectives Resolution.

25 Trace the history of the development of military weapons.

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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EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023**

(CBCSS—UG)

B.A./B.Sc.

English

ENG 2A 03—READINGS FROM THE FRINGES

(2022 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

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

1. Explain the line, "I hear your bedlam, democracy."
2. What was the real value of forests according to women of Garhwal Himalaya ?
3. Why was Sylvia suddenly horror-stricken in the woods ?
4. What is the tone of the poem 'Fire' ?
5. What was the advice given by Marlane Sanders to the younger journalist ?
6. Why was Meera Bai poisoned twice ?
7. How was gun powder invented ?
8. Why did Ayah ask Preeti to change her name ?
9. What stereotypical concept is held by the society about disabled people ?
10. What is page 3 of a newspaper ?
11. What is "Ke-mo-nees" ?
12. What is the real step or real work of the Constituent Assembly as mentioned in his speech by Nehru ?
13. What did the whites bring as gifts in the poem 'History Lesson' ?
14. Explain 'chaturvarna'.
15. Define 'Human rights'.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

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

16. Write a note on Malini Chib's visit to Berkeley.
17. Discuss Adichie's opinion about motherhood.
18. What is Chipko movement ?
19. Comment on the significance of the pine tree in *A White Heron*.
20. What issue does Elizabeth Bishop's poem 'The Fish' raise ?
21. Discuss 'Fire' as a feminist poem.
22. How can science be used in defence ?
23. What are the customs followed by *tirunangais* ?

(Ceiling 35 marks)

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

24. Discuss how 'The Fish' illustrates the oppression and cruelty imposed upon the animal world by human beings.
25. What is the Objectives Resolution ? What were the ideals presented in the Objectives Resolution ?
26. Critically evaluate Chimamanda Adichie's concept of gender.
27. Examine the racial discriminations portrayed by Hiromi Goto in 'The Body Politic'.

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