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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION****APRIL 2023**

B.Com./B.B.A.

English

ENG 2A 03—READINGS FROM THE FRINGES

(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 ?

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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 Ijeawele*.
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)