

**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)