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**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023**

(CBCSS)

English

ENG4C11—ENGLISH LITERATURE IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Annotate any FOUR of the following :

1 The future was a beautiful place, once.

Remember the full-blown balsa-wood town  
on public display in the Civic Hall.

The ring-bound sketches, artists' impressions,

2 My mind has been brutalised

now the pain can't be disguised

I've been listening to the wrong radio  
station

3 Imagine my love and I,

our sundry others, Blair'd in the cash

of our beeswax'd cars, our crash clothes, free,

we raise our chargcd glasses over unparasol'd tables

East, babbling our lingoos, flecked by the chalk of Britannia !

4 ————— I ran into the night.

The night : my shadow growing toward my father.

5 ————— Maybe

what really happened is

This : the old fabie-makers searched hard for a word to convey that what is gone is gone  
forever and never found it.

Turn over

- 6 As someone I now' forget  
once said journeying is hard.  
My face greets  
the evening breeze  
I listen -  
the dream of a place
- 7 At last the homes made on other roads :  
But were these mine to know, mine to be told  
I Should not tell lest they should become mine

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

II. Write short essays on any *four* of the following in 200 words.

- 8 Comment on the conclusion of the poem A Vision.
- 9 Analyse 'Alabanza: in praise of local 100' as a poem in praise of those who have dealt with a tragic loss in their lives in general.
- 10 Attempt a character sketch of Violet Weston.
- 11 Significance of the final image in Disgraced.
- 12 Religion is a crucial theme in Purple Hibiscus, Discuss.
- 13 Discuss the theme of 'Yangtze'
- 14 Nation in 'Detonation'.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

III Write an essay on any *two* of the following in 450 words;

- 15 Racism and fundamentalism in *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*.
- 16 Oppression and silence in *Purple Hibiscus*.
- 17 Dysfunctional nature of family ties in *August : Osage County*.

(2 × 5 = 10 marks)