

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

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

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

(2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. A. Choose the correct answer from the options :

- 1 To whom does the poet say “Don’t stand in the doorway/Don’t block up the hall” ?
  - a) Writers and critics.
  - b) Senators and Congressmen.
  - c) Mothers and fathers.
  - d) None of these.
- 2 Which among the following is considered as the masterpiece of Tennessee William ?
  - a) The Glass Menagerie.
  - b) Mon Amour.
  - c) A Streetcar Named Desire.
  - d) Dragon Country.
- 3 Punch is a \_\_\_\_\_ magazine.
  - a) Humorous.
  - b) Academic.
  - c) Fashion.
  - d) Film.
- 4 What battle is implied in the line “There’s a battle outside and it is ragin” ?
  - a) The youngster’s revolt against corruption.
  - b) Battle between two nations
  - c) The battle between politicians.
  - d) Revolt against Government..
- 5 Who was Mr. Maloney ?
  - a) A Security personnel.
  - b) A detective.
  - c) An FBI agent.
  - d) A spy.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

B. Answer *all* the following questions in a word *or* a phrase :

- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ is the highbrow literary magazine referred to by Miss Cornelia in the play.
- 7 Many of the belief systems at the edge or fringe of science are not subject to crisp \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 8 Who informed Jerome about the death of his father ?
- 9 "But one day something happened that changed everything." What happened ?
- 10 Which feminine image is used by Keats to describe autumn ?

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* from the following in one or two sentences :

- 11 Who are the Colonial Dames ?
- 12 Why do you think that the story is titled "A Shocking Accident" ?
- 13 What characterizes the music of Autumn ?
- 14 Why doesn't Miss Cornelia attend the annual election meeting of the confederate daughters ?
- 15 Why did Peti hate swimming at school ?
- 16 "Words distribute their silence among intricately clustered glyphs"- Explain.
- 17 What method is used in everyday practical matters ?
- 18 What has the poet forgotten and what is his desire ?
- 19 Why does Lucas say that everyone is a bore at some time ?
- 20 How did Mary react to Patrick's news ?
- 21 Why was death surprised at seeing the servant in Baghdad ?
- 22 How does Shakespeare use 'lark' as a symbol in the poem ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph :

- 23 Comment on the significance of roses in the play *Something Unspoken*.
- 24 The story 'Appointment in Samarra' expounds the idea of fatalism. Discuss.
- 25 Why does Lucas describe Boreas as happy man and world's axle trees ?
- 26 Instances of extra sensory perception cited by Sagan.
- 27 How does the poet look at the passage of time ?
- 28 Analyze the symbolic significance of the roadside stand.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay :

- 29 Isolated and frustrated women's plight is a recurrent theme in William's plays. Comment on this statement with reference to his play *Something Unspoken*.
- 30 The story 'A Shocking Accident' conveys the idea that life is essentially absurd and our attempts to give it meaning is equally absurd and vain. Elucidate.
- 31 "Ode to Autumn" is one of the thematically rich odes of English literature. Discuss.
- 32 "Old Folks Laugh" is a celebration of old age. Elucidate.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)