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**SECOND SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
APRIL 2024**

(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 Tirunagai ?

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.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)