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

(B.Com/B.B.A./B.H.A./B.T.H.M.)

## 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 What is the real step or real work of the Constitutional Assembly as mentioned in the speech?
  - 2 Why is Demathi Dei Sabar called 'Salihan'?
  - 3 How was gunpowder invented?
  - 4 How can nano-technology find a solution to terrorism?
  - 5 What was the offer given by the stranger to anybody who helped him find the white heron's nest?
  - 6 Why did the speaker let the fish go at the end of the poem?
  - 7 Where did Vandana Shiva learn about ecology?
  - 8 What does "every dragon, every wolf, every monster" mean?
  - 9 How is the harassment of Tirunangais different from the ragging of college students?
  - 10 What does your job do for you?
  - 11 Why is it advisable for a disabled person to have an electric wheelchair at the University town of Berkeley?
  - What is "That which you carry with you at all times and cannot be removed like a costume or eaten like a five-course dinner"?
  - 13 What happened to the Dalit boy and Rajput girl in Hardoi?

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- 14 Explain the line "farmers sowing skulls and bones."
- 15 What did the whites bring as gifts?

(Ceiling - 25 marks)

- II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words: (5 marks each):
  - 16 How does Sameer Tanti describe the present condition of Democracy?
  - 17 What was the condition of 'Salihan' when the writer visited her a year later?

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- 18 Comment on the role played by science in World War II.
- 19 Comment on the ambiguous endings of the story "A White Heron."
- 20 What advice does the poet give to the readers in the poem "Fire"?
- 21 Comment on the first meeting of Vidya and her parents.
- 22 How do personal attendants help a disabled person?
- 23 What is the theme of "History Lesson"?

(Ceiling - 35 marks)

- III. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 200 words each:
  - What is the Objectives Resolution? "What were the ideals presented in the Objectives Resolution?
  - 25 Analyze the "regionalism" or "local colour" in the story "A White Heron."
  - 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.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$