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FIRST SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2023

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

English

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

(2019—2021 Admissions)

Time: Two Hours

Maximum: 60 Marks

- I. Answer the following questions in two or three sentences (2 marks each):
 - 1 What was Cornelia's biggest fear?
 - 2 What all things did the mother do to embarrass her children?
 - 3 What happens to the poet's childhood house as he evokes the nostalgic past?
 - 4 What does the father talk about the changing behaviour of the new generation?
 - 5 Why are the people asked to gather round in the song "The Times They are A-Changing"?
 - 6 What does Jerome think about his aunt?
 - 7 How does Mary establish her alibi?
 - 8 Briefly describe the attitude of the city dwellers towards the roadside stand.
 - 9 Comment on the speaker's frequent use of economic and political terms in "Sonnet 29"?
 - 10 How does the poet embrace the present in the poem "Ode to Autumn"?
 - 11 What does the poet aim to establish in the poem "Old Folks Laugh"?
 - 12 What is the foundation of bores?

(Ceiling 20 marks)

- II. Answer the following questions in a paragraph (5 marks each):
 - 13 Explain Sagan's views on objectivity in scientific belief systems.
 - 14 How did the event of winning the lottery change the lives of the family in the story "It Used to be Green Once"?

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- 15 How does Maugham illustrate the fear of dying in the story "Appointment in Samarra"?
- 16 Discuss the themes employed by Okara in "Once Upon a Time."
- 17 How does the poet contrast the olden times with the modern way of living in the poem "The House of My Childhood"?
- 18 Comment on the employment of black humour in the short story "A Shocking Accident."
- 19 What were the expectations of the peasants in the poem "A Roadside Stand"?

(Ceiling 30 marks)

- III. Answer any *one* of the two questions in an essay of 200 words:
 - 20 Elucidate the concept of fate in Maugham's story "Appointment in Samana."
 - 21 Keats' "Ode to Autumn" is one of the most thematically rich of all the odes and manages to embody complex themes in a simple poem. Discuss.

 $(1 \times 10 = 10 \text{ marks})$