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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Double Main Programme

Language Course I – English

EN 1411.5 : READINGS IN LITERATURE

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

I. Answer **all** questions, **each** in a word or sentence.

1. What is a bora ring?
2. Use the word 'magnificence' in a sentence of your own.
3. What were the two things that Krishnankutty understood from his neighbour-friend's visit?
4. What is the significance of the yellow colour of the cassia flower?
5. What was the only malady that "the man who was at hospital" did not have?
6. Who were the Ku Klux Klan?
7. What is the antonym of the word 'artless'?
8. What will be indefensible according to Arundhati Roy?

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9. Who were Ugadi and Otkatai?
10. Give the synonym of the word 'Sepulchre'.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight, each** in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. What does the poet mean by "salvation in surrender"?
12. Comment on the ending of the poem "Telephone Conversation".
13. "The eagle is gone, the emu and the kangaroo are gone from this place." Explain.
14. Who is Theyyamma? Why does she keep a vigil on her husband?
15. Why does the poet say that "The tricolour stings like a venomous asp"?
16. What's the attitude of Krishnankutty's wife towards his family?
17. The poet's memories of her ancestral home as expressed in "House of a Thousand Doors".
18. Uma's life before her marriage.
19. "Whatever I do I must keep my head." Why?
20. What does Arundhati Roy mean by the Theory of Deterrence?
21. Why is Malcolm called a Mulatto?
22. What are Lomov's thoughts about Natalia as his prospective wife?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six, each** in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.

23. Comment on the theme of exploitation in "Song to the Men of England."
24. Discuss the idea of patriotism in Robert Frost's poem.



25. The character of the landlady in "Telephone Conversation."
26. "Identity Card" as a critique of the caste system in Kerala.
27. Significance of the title "Journey to the Interior".
28. The elements of humour in "The Power of Faith."
29. What are the diseases that Jerome K. Jerome thought he was suffering from?
30. What, according to Arundhati Roy would be the consequences of a nuclear war?
31. The character of Earl Little.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two**, **each** in about **300** words.

32. "We are Going" is about an Aboriginal's perspective on colonization. Discuss.
33. Describe the trials and tribulations Malcolm had to face after the death of his father.
34. The poems of Anil Gharai and S. Joseph are set against the backdrop of casteism in our society. Analyse.
35. Chekhov's *A Marriage Proposal* is a satire on the manners of the Russian upper class society. Examine.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)



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