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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Double Main Programme

Language Course English

EN 1411.5 – READINGS IN LITERATURE

(2020 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions in a word or sentences.
1. Write the antonym of the word 'comfort.'
2. Write the synonym of the word 'implore.'
3. Use the word 'magnificence' in a sentence of your own.
4. Which historical event was the immediate inspiration for the poem 'Song to the Men of England?'
5. What does Margaret Atwood mean by the title of her poem 'Journey to the Interior?'
6. Why does Krishnan, the protagonist of the story 'Madness' ignore his parents?
7. Why did Jerome K. Jerome go to the British museum?
8. Who according to Arundhati Roy, will be our foes in a nuclear war?
9. Why did Malcolm's family leave Milwaukee and settle in Lansing?
10. Why did Lomov go to Chubukov's house?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer any **eight** from the following not exceeding **50** words.

11. Why does Shelley say that a worker should not be like a bee?
12. How does the speaker in 'Telephone Conversation' describe his complexion?
13. What is the attitude of the speaker in 'Identity Card' towards the boy and girl lost in themselves?
14. What is the importance of the golden Cassia?
15. Why was John Kurien careful to pretend ignorance of the notice that appeared before his home?
16. How did Jerome K. Jerome deduct that he had Brights' disease?
17. What happened at the front door of Vaidyan's house?
18. What according to Pyarimohan, would education do to a woman?
19. With what exhortation does Arundhati Roy conclude her essay. 'The End of Imagination?'
20. What are the safety measures recommended by scientists in the event of nuclear wars or accidents at nuclear power plants?
21. What was the attitude of the State Welfare People towards Malcolm's family?
22. Why did the neighbours call Malcolm's mother 'crazy?'
23. How was Malcolm's family affected by the death of his father?
24. What is the first quarrel between Lomov and Natalia about?
25. Why did Natalia direct her father to bring Lomov back?
26. How does the play 'A Marriage Proposal' end?

**(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)**

III. Answer any **six** from the following not exceeding **120** words.

27. What is the theme of the poem 'The Agony?'
28. What does the yellow colour signify in the poem 'I Can't Help Blossoming?'
29. How does the poet paint a typical Kerala house in 'House of a Thousand Doors?'



30. Comment on the domestic images brought into the poem 'Journey to the Interior.'
31. How did Kochuraman treat the King against venom?
32. Why did the policeman come in search of Kuruvila?
33. How does Krishnan in the story 'Madness' justify his attitude to his family?
34. Describe Jerome K. Jerome's visit to the doctor.
35. What, according to Arundhati Roy, are the dangers of having nuclear weapons?
36. How does the social agency displace the family of Malcolm?
37. Why is the marriage proposal important to all the characters in Chekhov's play?
38. Describe the character of Natalia.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

39. Robert Frost's poem 'The Gift Outright' can aptly be called the history of America compressed in sixteen lines. Discuss.
40. How does Margaret Atwood narrate the journey into the human psyche in 'Journey to the Interior?'
41. Critically examine Tagore's handling of gender issues in the short story 'The Exercise Book.'
42. Why did Jerome K. Jerome call himself a hospital?
43. How does Malcolm X describe the traumatic experiences of his childhood?
44. How does Anton Chekhov satirise the institution of marriage in the play 'A Marriage proposal?'

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)



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