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Second Semester B.A. Degree Examination, September 2023 First Degree Programme under CBCSS English Language and Literature Core Course

EN 1241: INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY STUDIES – II (2020 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or a sentence.
- 1. How did the child read to Kabuliwallah?
- 2. What is the name for Earth on the Little Prince's planet?
- 3. What is Indir's response to Sarbajaya's scolding?
- 4. What claim of Gandhi, according to Ramachandra Guha, was seen as wrong and militated against the facts of his own life?
- 5. What word would Atwood prefer to the word 'convocation'?
- 6. Why does Harari call the Stone Age as 'the wood age'?
- 7. Kathleen Beuchamp Murry is better known as _____
- 8. What was the gift the King of China received?

- 9. What did Laura bring to the dead man's family after the garden party?
- 10. Who is the wolf in 'Dracula's Guest'?

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

- II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. What was the joke that Mini and the Kabuliwala shared?
- 12. Why do historians fail to comprehend beliefs and rituals of hunter-gatherers?
- 13. How can we alter reality, in Atwood's view?
- 14. How did the Emperor of China recover?
- 15. Justify the title 'An Honest Thief'.
- 16. What is the significance of the games played by Johnny in 'The Ransom of Red Chief'?
- 17. Why did Laura want to stop the garden-party when she heard about the accident?
- 18. What is unique about the night in which the narrator of 'Dracula's Guest' goes to Munich?
- 19. What is Gothic fiction?
- 20. What is the significance of Mrs Mallard's heart trouble?
- 21. How do you differentiate a novel from a novella?
- 22. What is the significance of the title 'Girl'?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

- III. Answer any six, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 23. Element of humour in 'The Ransom of Red Chief'.
- 24. Attempt a Character sketch of Laura.
- 25. Hopelessness and moral corruption in 'The Shawl'
- 26. Analyse the structure of the story, 'An Honest Thief'.
- Consider 'The Nightingale' as a celebration of freedom and comment upon the meaning of freedom.
- 28. Why does the narrator describe Mini's mother as a timid lady?
- 29. Describe the bond that existed between man and dog before the agricultural revolution.
- 30. What makes Harari say that 'at an individual level ancient foragers were the most knowledgeable and skilful people in history?
- 31. Sibling relationship in Pather Panchali.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$

- IV. Answer any two, each in about 300 words.
- 32. Examine the use of journey as a metaphor in the Little Prince.
- 33. Discuss the theme of Margaret Atwood's essay 'Attitude.'
- 34. Critically analyse the paradox that underlies Gandhi's claim that "India lives in her villages".
- 35. Attempt a reading of Pather Panchali as a bildungsroman.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$