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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course: English

EN 1411.2 : READINGS IN LITERATURE

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** the questions in a word or a sentence.
 1. What is the title of the poem that was recited at the swearing-in-ceremony of John F. Kennedy as the President of USA?
 2. Who was the first African to win the Nobel Prize in Literature?
 3. What does the word 'corroboree' mean?
 4. Write the antonym of the word 'wither'
 5. What is meant by 'sweltering heat'?
 6. Use in a sentence: 'to slouch around'
 7. Whom did Babu Kuruvila quote when he told Kurian about keeping secrets to themselves?

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8. Why was the rich criminal arrested in the story "You are Under Surveillance"?
9. What is meant by the 'gullible subjects' in Arundhati Roy's article?
10. What does Natalia's accusation of Lomov's 'embezzlement' mean?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. What made the people weak in Frost's poem?
12. Why was the landlady's accent clinical in Soyinka's poem?
13. Why do the aboriginal people call themselves the 'shadow-ghosts' in the poem "We are Going"?
14. What are the adversities mentioned by the Cassia flower in the poem "I Can't Help Blossoming"?
15. Comment on the line "She is a sketch in black and white" in the poem "Agony".
16. Comment on the predicament of Krishnan in the story "Madness".
17. What role does Jameela play in Chandrika Balan's story?
18. What is the nature of Chandrika Balan's short story "You are Under Surveillance"?
19. Why does Arundhati Roy say "silence would be indefensible"?
20. What is the consequence of all countries making nuclear bombs, according to Arundhati Roy?
21. What happened to Lomov's dog and how does that lead to a quarrel?
22. What does Tschubukov mean when he said "A load off my shoulder" at the end of Chekhov's play?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** from the following not exceeding **100** words.

23. Frost's poem "The Gift Outright" is the history of America compressed in sixteen lines' - Elucidate
24. Explain why the poet warns the landlady by saying "I hate a wasted journey- I am African".
25. " We are as strangers here now" - why does the speaker lament so?
26. Why cannot the Cassia flower help blossoming in Dr. Ayyappa Paniker's poem?
27. "Between the dream and the reality
Falls the shadow of pestilence" - What does the poet Gharai mean here?
28. What would have happened if Krishnan took his sister to mental asylum?
29. Describe how the social vices in contemporary society are exposed by Chandrika Balan in her short story.
30. What are the flaws in the Theory of Deterrence, according to Arundhati Roy?
31. Describe the character of Lomov in Chekhov's play.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** from the following in about **300** words.

32. Describe the impact of colonialism on aboriginal people as presented in the poem "We are Going".
33. Examine the poet's use of humour and satire in presenting an agonising truth in the poem "Telephone Conversation".
34. Analyse how C. Ayyappan presents the predicament of Dalit community and the Social practice of discrimination in his short story "Madness".
35. Comment on Arundhati Roy's statement: "The only good thing about nuclear war is that it is the single most egalitarian idea that man has ever had".

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)