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Fourth Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, July 2024

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course : English

EN 1411.1/EN 1411.3 : READINGS IN LITERATURE

(Common for CBCSS B.A./B.Sc. & Career Related 2(a) Courses)

(2015-2018 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or sentence.
1. The picture of the lover in Shakespeare's poem.
2. How does Wordsworth come out of the state of anguish?
3. Theme of 'A Prayer for my Daughter'.
4. What does Kamala Das explore in 'An Introduction'?
5. What does 'La Belle Dame sans Merci' mean?
6. What does Priestly mean by the statement that 'the devil is the busiest creature in the world'?
7. Mandela's response to the charge that he was a communist.
8. What was the speciality of Dr Raman in his dealings with his patients?
9. What was Vera's explanation for the frantic exit of Framton?
10. The lawyer's opinion on capital punishment.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. Why do we say that Wordsworth's character the leech gatherer is very real?
12. How does 'Dover Beach' become a precursor to 20<sup>th</sup> century crises of faith like existentialism or absurdism?
13. What is Owen's main target in 'Insensibility'?
14. How does 'Ulysses' end?
15. What childhood experience of Seamus Heaney is dealt with in "A Constable Calls"?
16. What does Kamala Das say about her multi-lingual background?
17. What is the theme of 'La Belle Dame sans Merci'?
18. What does Forster think about 'love' as a binding force in the world?
19. Why did Mandela form a group that wanted to use forms of violence in their fight against apartheid?
20. Why was Gopal worried so much about dying?
21. The bet entered into by the banker and the lawyer.
22. How does the relocation to the USA affect the protagonist in 'Sherlock'?

**(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)**

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

23. Why is Ulysses unhappy about his present life?
24. What is Sarojini Naidu's 'A Challenge to Fate' about?
25. What does Sachitanandan say about stammering?
26. Forster's assessment of tolerance as a binding force in the modern world.

27. What is the social or moral conception of god, according to Einstein?
28. What assessment does Mandela provide about the evolution of ANC?
29. Why didn't Gopal's wife call for Dr. Raman earlier although they were close friends?
30. The ending of Saki's 'The Open Window'.
31. Conditions about the lawyer's solitary confinement.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

32. How does 'Dover Beach' highlight the transition from an age of certainty and faith into an era of uncertainty and melancholy?
33. Attempt an appreciation of 'Mending Wall'.
34. The three kinds of religions discussed by Einstein.
35. The story of 'The Open Window'.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)