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**Fourth Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, May 2021**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**Language Course : English**

**EN 1411.2 : READINGS IN LITERATURE**

**(2019 Admission Regular)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, **each** in a word or sentence.
1. Which country does Oodgeroo Noonuccal belong to?
2. Whom does Lomov desire to marry?
3. Which social evil does the story "You are Under Surveillance" deal with?
4. Who are the characters in the poem "Telephone Conversation"?
5. What is Corroboree?
6. What does the essay "The End of Imagination" criticize?
7. Who is Theyyamma?
8. Give the synonym of the word 'gaze'.
9. What is a bora ring?
10. Write the antonym of the word 'cheap'.

**(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

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- II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.
11. Explain the phrase "salvation in surrender".
  12. Why does the speaker in "Telephone Conversation" reveal that he is an African?
  13. What is the 'Gift Outright'?
  14. Why does the poet make an overt reference to Massachusetts and Virginia in the poem 'The Gift Outright'?
  15. In the poem "Telephone Conversation," what does the speaker tell about the location of the apartment?
  16. Why does Krishnan's wife ignore his folks?
  17. What is the importance of golden cassia?
  18. What is the theme of the poem "I Can't Help Blossoming"?
  19. What are the basic needs of the poor woman in the poem "Agony"?
  20. Comment on the title of C. Ayyappan's short story "Madness".
  21. What is the attitude of daughter of Krishnan to his mother?
  22. Why does Theyyamma keep a constant vigil over her husband?
  23. What happened to Krishnan's sister?
  24. What will be the impact of nuclear war on the environment?
  25. Why does Lomov want to marry Natalia?
  26. Why did Lomov and Natalia quarrel about their dogs?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

27. Describe the change in the character of American people.
28. How does the poem 'The Gift Outright' become a celebration of the American national character?
29. In the poem "Telephone Conversation," how does the poet describe his complexion?
30. Discuss 'We are Going' as a poem on dispossession.
31. How does the poem "I Can't Help Blossoming" convey the festivity of Vishu?
32. What was the problem that worries John Kurian in "You are Under Surveillance"? How did he try to overcome it?
33. What are the main themes discussed in the poem "We Are Going"?
34. Consider "The End of Imagination" as a timely protest and an assertion of the human right for survival.
35. According to Arundhati Roy, what is the significance of May 1998?
36. Why does John Kurian compare awards to garbage bags?
37. Briefly sketch the character of Lomov.
38. Comment on the Literary Techniques used in the poem "Telephone Conversation".

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

IV. Answer any **two**, **each** in about **three hundred** words.

39. Consider the poem "We are Going" as an aboriginal perspective on colonization.
40. "The Gift Outright" is a poem which compresses within it the history of America as a nation. Discuss.

41. Critically evaluate "Telephone Conversation" as a poem on racial prejudice.
42. Bring out the humour in Chekhov's Play "A Marriage Proposal".
43. Depict "Madness" as an indictment of the predicament of the Dalit community.
44. Elucidate Arundhati Roy's arguments against India's nuclear policy.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**

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