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**First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, August 2021.**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**English Language and Literature**

**Core Course – I**

**EN 1141: INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY STUDIES I**

**(2020 Admission Regular)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions. each in a word or a sentence.
1. What is an elegy?
  2. Why were the angels envious towards Annabel Lee?
  3. What is meant by Free verse?
  4. What does the poet want the skylark to teach him?
  5. Who is referred to as 'the Pilot of the Galilean lake'?
  6. What is an octave?
  7. What does the black cross on Dr. Rank's calling card signify?
  8. The title of the play 'Matsyagandhi' is based on which mythical character?
  9. What is a melodrama?
  10. What was Aunt Jane's gift to Jack and Jill during their marriage?

**(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

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

11. Petrarchan sonnet.
12. Dramatic monologue.
13. The poet's reconciliation with the death of Lycidas.
14. The message of the poem 'I, Being Born a Woman and Distressed'.
15. Define a ballad.
16. Why does the poet tell the skylark that "Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought"?
17. Why does the poet say that 'do not stand at my grave and weep'?
18. Define a tragedy.
19. Why was Aunt Jane surprised on reaching Jack's home?
20. Why did Torvald argue that Nora shall not raise the children anymore?
21. Characteristics of a Haiku.
22. What did Jill do with the money that Aunt Jane gave for the second time?
23. Why were the fisherfolk happy at the news that a harbour is being built on the shore?
24. Define a Mime.
25. Who is referred to as 'sisters of the sacred well'? Why?
26. What is performance poetry?

**(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)**

- III. Answer **any six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.
27. The characteristics of pastoral elegy as seen in Lycidas.
  28. Thematic significance of the poem 'You Laughed and Laughed Laughed'.
  29. Define sonnet as a poetic form and explain various sonnet forms.
  30. The central argument of the poem 'On Children'
  31. Describe the theme of lost love in Neruda's poem.
  32. The character of Aunt Jane in the play 'The Never Never Nest'. '.
  33. The characteristics of one act plays.
  34. The character of Torvald Helmer.
  35. How does the narrator of the play interpret 'Matsyagandham'- The fish stink.
  36. What meaning does the title 'The Never Never Nest' convey?
  37. Describe different forms of poetry and explicate their characteristics with examples.
  38. "To a Skylark' remains a quintessential example of Romantic poetry."- Explain.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

39. Comment on the philosophical dimension and social relevance of the poem 'On Children'.
40. Discuss how Amrita Pritam portrays the spirit and power of sincere love in her poem.
41. Explain the nature and characteristics of drama as an art form and describe some of its variants.

42. Comment on the message of the play 'The Never Never Nest'.
43. Attempt a detailed character sketch of Nora Helmer.
44. Explain how 'Matsyagandhi' addresses some of the economic and social concerns of contemporary society.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**

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