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Fourth Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, May 2021

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

**Language Course VIII English and Language Course VI English [Career
Related 2 (a)]**

EN 1411.1/EN 1411.3 : READINGS IN LITERATURE

(2015-2018 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer all questions each in a word or a sentence

1. Where exactly is Balu's sister staying?

2. Who said the following lines: "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."?

3. What is meant by 'The Sea of Faith' in "Dover Beach"?

4. What does Ulysses yearn for?

5. What is the pseudonym of H. H. Munro?

6. "And they have their exits and their entrances" . What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' mean?

7. What kind of a poem is "La Belle Dame Sans Merci"?

8. Who was Ulysses?
9. Explain the symbol 'Horn of plenty'
10. Identify the figure of speech in "All the world's a stage."

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. What does Forster mean by 'tolerance'?
12. What does Shakespeare compare human life to?
13. When was the speech "An Ideal for which I am Prepared to Die" delivered?
14. How does J. B. Priestley's "On Doing Nothing" begin?
15. What is the basic message behind "A Prayer for My Daughter"?
16. What is the context of the poem "A Constable Calls"?
17. What bet did the banker and the lawyer have?
18. How does the morning differ from the night before in "Resolution and Independence"?
19. Why does Frost say that there is something that doesn't love, a wall?
20. "I have enjoyed/Greatly, have suffered greatly" –What is Ulysses referring to?
21. What are the characteristics of Keats' poetry?
22. Comment on the structure of the poem "Insensibility."

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

23. Describe the various stages of a man's life depicted in the poem "All the World's a stage."
24. Discuss the theme of the poem "Insensibility."
25. Attempt a critical appreciation of Sarojini Naidu's "A Challenge to Fate"
26. How does Sachidanandan see stammering?
27. What is the theme of Wordsworth's poem, "Resolution and Independence"?
28. Examine critically the character of Dr. Raman.
29. What does Sherlock symbolically stand for?
30. What did the lady do in her cave in "La Belle Dame Sans Merci?"
31. Discuss "Dover Beach" by Matthew Arnold as a dramatic monologue.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

32. Examine critically the story "Yellow is the Colour of Longing" and bring out the narrative techniques used by the author.
33. How does the poem "Dover Beach" imply that in the contemporary spiritual wasteland, love is the only consolation?
34. How does Wordsworth describe the leech-gatherer?
35. Explain the importance of tolerance as discussed by E. M. Forster.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)