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Fourth Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, August 2022

First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

Language Course - English

EN 1411.1/EN 1411.3 : READINGS IN LITERATURE

(Common for Career Related 2(a) courses)

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions each in a word or a sentence:
1. What was the context for writing "Song to the men of England"?
 2. Where was the poem "The Gift Outright" first recited?
 3. What does Oodgeroo Noonuccal mean by 'Dream Time'?
 4. In which language was the poem "Agony" first written? Who translated it into English?
 5. Where is the tale "The Power of Faith" taken from?
 6. Why did Jerome go to the British Museum?
 7. What does "The end of Imagination" critique?
 8. Where does the play *A Marriage Proposal* begin?

9. Who wrote *The Cherry Orchard*?
10. What did Uma write in the pages of the family almanacs?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. Explain the phrase 'salvation in surrender.'
12. What is the theme of the poem "I Can't Help Blossoming?"
13. How does the poem "Agony" describe the physical features of the old woman?
14. Discuss the memories of home in "House of a Thousand Doors."
15. What does Kochuraman decide to learn?
16. How did marriage affect Uma's education?
17. Who is Pyarimohan?
18. Analyse the title "The Power of Faith."
19. Explain the term 'pro-nuke elite.'
20. Who is Earl Little?
21. Who was Babu Kuruvila?
22. Describe Lomov's and Natalia's first quarrel.
23. Explain 'Ku Klux Klan'.
24. What are the social evils that Tagore critiques in his story 'The Exercise Book'?
25. How does the play *A Marriage Proposal* end?
26. What is Corroboree?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

27. Discuss the humour in "Telephone Conversation."
28. Why cannot the *Classia* flower help blossoming?
29. What are the similarities Atwood draws between the exterior and interior landscapes?
30. Comment on the title 'Madness.'
31. Analyse the significance of the Exercise Book in Tagore's story.
32. Describe the character of Natalia.
33. What role does Tschubukov play in *A Marriage Proposal*?
34. Comment on the relationship between the girl and the narrator in "Identity Card."
35. How did Kochuraman become a wealthy man?
36. Bring out the humour in the story "The Man Who was a Hospital".
37. What will be the impact of nuclear war on environment?
38. How does the social agency displace the family of Malcom?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

39. Discuss the poem "We Are Going" as an aboriginal perspective on colonization.
40. What is the message that the poem "I Can't Help Blooming"? – Convey.
41. Attempt a character sketch of Krishnan in "Madness."
42. Bring out the humour in "The Power of Faith."
43. Comment on Arundathi Roy's views on the Theory of Deterrence.
44. How does Chekov satirize the Contemporary attitude of society to marriage through "*A Marriage Proposal*"?

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)