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Second Semester B.A. Degree Examination, September 2023

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Core Course

EN 1241 : INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY STUDIES – II

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. How did the child read to Kabuliwallah?
2. What is the name for Earth on the Little Prince's planet?
3. What is Indir's response to Sarbajaya's scolding?
4. What claim of Gandhi, according to Ramachandra Guha, was seen as wrong and militated against the facts of his own life?
5. What word would Atwood prefer to the word 'convocation'?
6. Why does Harari call the Stone Age as 'the wood age'?
7. Kathleen Beuchamp Murry is better known as \_\_\_\_\_
8. What was the gift the King of China received?

9. What did Laura bring to the dead man's family after the garden party?
10. Who is the wolf in 'Dracula's Guest'?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. What was the joke that Mini and the Kabuliwala shared?
12. Why do historians fail to comprehend beliefs and rituals of hunter-gatherers?
13. How can we alter reality, in Atwood's view?
14. How did the Emperor of China recover?
15. Justify the title 'An Honest Thief'.
16. What is the significance of the games played by Johnny in 'The Ransom of Red Chief'?
17. Why did Laura want to stop the garden-party when she heard about the accident?
18. What is unique about the night in which the narrator of 'Dracula's Guest' goes to Munich?
19. What is Gothic fiction?
20. What is the significance of Mrs Mallard's heart trouble?
21. How do you differentiate a novel from a novella?
22. What is the significance of the title 'Girl'?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

23. Element of humour in 'The Ransom of Red Chief'.

24. Attempt a Character sketch of Laura.

25. Hopelessness and moral corruption in 'The Shawl'

26. Analyse the structure of the story, 'An Honest Thief'.

27. Consider 'The Nightingale' as a celebration of freedom and comment upon the meaning of freedom.

28. Why does the narrator describe Mini's mother as a timid lady?

29. Describe the bond that existed between man and dog before the agricultural revolution.

30. What makes Harari say that 'at an individual level ancient foragers were the most knowledgeable and skilful people in history?'

31. Sibling relationship in *Pather Panchali*.

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

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

32. Examine the use of journey as a metaphor in the *Little Prince*.

33. Discuss the theme of Margaret Atwood's essay 'Attitude.'

34. Critically analyse the paradox that underlies Gandhi's claim that "India lives in her villages".

35. Attempt a reading of *Pather Panchali* as a bildungsroman.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**