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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course – English

EN 1411.1/EN 1411.3 : READINGS IN LITERATURE

(Common for CBCSS B.A./B.Sc. & Career Related 2(a) Courses)

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

1. What is the question the poet asks the labourers of England?
2. List the main themes of "The Gift Outright".
3. What is the central theme of "Telephone Conversation"?
4. What is the meaning of the word 'interior' in Atwood's poem?
5. What does the sound of the flute signify in "House of a Thousand Doors"?
6. Why is the colour yellow associated with the Indian bride?
7. Theme of "The Exercise Book".
8. How did the narrator understand that his liver was out of order?
9. What does "You are Under Surveillance" talk about?
10. Who was Kochuraman in "The Power of Faith"?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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

11. What are the things the poor labourers do not get although they work very hard?
12. What helped Frost establish his reputation as a truly national poet?
13. The protagonists of "Telephone Conversation".
14. What does 'The House of a Thousand Doors' symbolize?
15. Comment on card in the poem "Identity Card".
16. What did the white men do to the aboriginals according to Oodgeroo Noonuccal?
17. What does "Agony" depict?
18. The sad fate of Uma in "The Exercise Book".
19. The attitude of Krishnan's daughter to her grandmother.
20. The character of Lomov.
21. What effect did John Kurian's notice about the surveillance camera have on his daughter Sini?
22. What is Arundhati Roy's first comment on nuclear weapons?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

23. What does Frost's "The Gift Outright" convey?
24. Write a note on the aesthetics of "I cannot help blossoming".
25. How does Atwood describe her journey to the interior?
26. How does the poem "We are Going" end?
27. Why did Krishnan refuse to help his sister when she was ill?

28. The disease of the protagonist in "The Man Who was a Hospital".

29. What was peculiar in the character of Natalya Stepanovna?

30. What does Malcolm X say about Marcus Garvey?

31. What is Arundhati Roy's opinion about the common people of India?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

32. What is Shelley's exhortation to the men of England?

33. "The Exercise Book" as the story of the sad predicament of the Indian girl child.

34. Chekhov's use of humour and exaggeration in "A Marriage Proposal".

35. What does Arundhati Roy say about India's last nuclear test?

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)