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

(2019 Admission Regular)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or a sentence
- 1. Which historical event was the immediate inspiration for the poem "Song to the Men of England"?
- 2. Who are the characters in the poem "Telephone Conversation"?
- 3. To which country does Oodgeroo Noonuccal belong?
- 4. What is Corroboree?
- 5. When does the cassia flower bloom?
- 6. To which country does Margaret Atwood belong?
- 7. Where is the tale "The Power of Faith" taken from?

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- 8. Who translated the Bengali poem "Agunburi" into English?
- 9. What was the narrator reading in "The Man who was a Hospital"?
- 10. What does the essay "The End of Imagination" critiques?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. Who is a Visha Vaidyan?
- 12. Which social evil does the story "You are Under Surveillance" deal with?
- 13. Where was the essay "The End of Imagination" first published?
- 14. Who was Malcolm?
- 15. Who were Ku Klux Klan?
- .46. What is the theme of the poem "I Can't Help Blossoming"?
- 17. What does Oodgeroo Noonuccal mean by dream time?
- 18. Who is Theyyamma?
- 19: Explain the title of Frost's poem "The Gift Outright"?
- 20. Comment on the writing technique adopted by Meena Alexander in "House of a Thousand Doors".
- 21. Who was John Kurian?
- 22. What are the subject matters discussed in "Journey to the Interior"?
- 23. What are the basic needs of the poor woman in the poem "Agony"?

- 24. Explain the phrase "salvation in surrender".
- 25. What happened to Krishnan's sister?
- 26. What is the underlying theme of the story "Madness"?

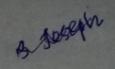
 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

- III. Answer any six, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words
- What does Shelley ask the workers to do?
- 28. What is the meaning of the two terms 'Oodgeroo' and 'Noonuccal'? Why did Kath Walker change her name?
- Comment on the yellow colour of the cassia flower.
- How is the question of caste brought into the poem "Identity Card"?
- 31. Explain the paradox in the poem "The Gift Outright".
- 32. What are the main themes discussed in "We Are Going"?
- Comment on the title "The Power of Faith".
- Bring out the humour in the story "The Man Who was a Hospital".
- 35. Why does Shelley ask the people to rise up and throw off their chains?
- How is colour highlighted in the poem "Telephone Conversation"?
- 37. Attempt a character sketch of Uma.
- 38. What is the importance of the exercise book in Uma's life?

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 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$

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



- 39. Discuss the poem "We Are Going" as an aboriginal perspective on colonialism.
- 40. Discuss the poet's experience with the lady in the poem "Telephone Conversation" by Wole Soyinka. The lady in the poem "Telephone with the lady in th
- 41. Depict "Agony" as a critique of the difference of the world towards the Dalit community.
- Comment on Arundhati Roy's views on the theory of Deterrence.
- 43. Bring out the humour in the story "The Power of Faith".
- 44. Depict "Madness" as an indictment of the predicament of the Dalit community

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$