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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course VIII English and language Course VI English
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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 × 1 = 10 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?

16. 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 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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

27. 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?

29. Comment on the yellow colour of the cassia flower.

30. 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"?

33. Comment on the title "The Power of Faith".

34. 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?

36. 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?

(6 × 4 = 24 Mark

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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.

41. Depict "Agony" as a critique of the difference of the world towards the Dalit community.

42. 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 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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