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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course : English

EN 1411.2 : READINGS IN LITERATURE

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

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

1. What is the meaning of the title *The Gift outright*?
2. Write the antonym of the word 'wither'.
3. What is the theme of the poem *I Can't Help Blossoming*?
4. Write the synonyms of the following – salvation, enhance.
5. In what way is nuclear was different from another kind of war?
6. Use in a sentence of your own 'refrain'.
7. What are the basic needs of the poor woman in the poem *Agony*?
8. Write the synonym for the words – hoax, emit.
9. Which did the members of the Residents Association not help Kuruvilla to find out the culprit in the story *You are under Surveillance*?
10. Why does Lomov want to marry Natalia?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer any **eight** from the following not exceeding **50** words.

11. What will be the condition of nuclear war survivors?

12. Describe the episode of Lomov's and Natalia's quarrel about their dogs.

13. Why was John Kuruvilla forced to remove all the garbage bags in the story *You are Under Surveillance*?

14. Why does Krishnan ignore his family?

15. Why does the poet make an overt reference to Massachusetts and Virginia in the poem *The Gift Outright?*

16. How does the landlady simplify her question to make the man understand it in the poem *Telephone Conversation*?

17. What will be the impact of nuclear war on the environment?

18. Explain the phrase 'salvation in surrender' in the poem *The Gift Outright*?

19. Comment on the title 'Madness'.

20. What social evil does the story *You are Under Surveillance* deal with?

21. Why does Krishnan's wife ignore his folks?

22. What is the importance of the golden cassia in the poem *I Can't Help Blossoming*?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** from the following not exceeding **100** words.

23. Why is the land 'unstoried' according to frost?

24. Describe the character of Natalia in the play *The Marriage Proposal.*

25. Describe the predicament of Krishnan in the story *Madness*?

26. Describe Lomov's and Natalia's quarrels in the play *The Marriage Proposal.*

27. What are the precautions suggested in the case of a nuclear war?

28. Elaborate the significance of the yellow colour as mentioned in the poem *I Can't Help Blossoming*?

29. Why did the policeman come in search of Kuruvila in the story *You are Under Surveillance*?

30. How does the poet present the history of colonisation through the poem *The Gift Outright*?

31. How does the speaker describe his complexion in the poem *Telephone Conversation*?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** from the following in about **300** words.

32. *The Gift Outright* is a poem which compresses within it the history of America as a nation. Discuss.

33. "The course of true love never did run smooth" Discuss this saying with relevance to the story of Lomov and Nataila.

34. Consider *Telephone Conversation* as a poem on racial prejudice.

35. Elucidate Arundhati Roy's argument against India's nuclear policy.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)