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Fourth Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, August 2022

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course : English

EN 1411.2 : READINGS IN LITERATURE

(2015 - 2018 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

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

1. "And they have their exits and their entrances" – What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' convey?
2. Which stage of man's life is associated with the, 'shrunk shank'?
3. Where did the knight meet the lady?
4. What does Ulysses year for?
5. What did Kamala Das want to express in *An Introduction*?
6. Who is the author of *A Passage to India*?
7. What is it theme of "A challenge to Fate"?
8. What was the illness which the woman was suffering from in. "Yellow is the Colour of Longing"?
9. What was the name of Mrs. Sappleton's niece?
10. Who were the persons involved in the bet?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer any **eight** of the following in a short paragraph of 50 words each.

11. What are the features of the fourth stage of a man as described by the poet?

12. Why does the knight call the place where the lady lives, 'elfin grot'?

13. Describe the physical beauty of the lady when the knight met her?

14. What does Ulysses think of the people of his kingdom?

15. What does the poet know about Indian politics in *An Introduction*?

16. According the Forster, what are the two ways of dealing with people and nations?

17. How does Einstein see the relationship between religion and science?

18. What role did Jawaharlal Nehru play after the independence of India?

19. Did Dr. Raman believe that his patient would recover that night? Why do you think so?

20. Why did Mr. Framton rush out wildly?

21. How did the banker feel after reading what was written on the page?

22. what is the moral of the story. "The Bet"?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** of the following in a paragraph of about 100 words.

23. Shakespeare has skillfully brought out the parallels between the life of man and actors on stage. Elaborate this statement with reference to the poem.

24. How did the knight look when the poet met him?

25. What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?

26. What are the main themes in *Insesnsibility*?

27. What, according to E.M. Forster, is the prerequisite for building a new world?

28. Can science and religion coexist?

29. How does the writer describe the friendship between Dr. Raman and Gopal?

30. What does the window symbolise in "Open Window"?

31. What is the significance of the name Sherlock in M.T. Vasudavan Nairs Story?

IV. Answer any **two,** each in about three hundred words. **(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

32. Why is the lady called 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'? Do You think this is a correct description of the lady?

33. *An Introduction* is a revolt against conventionalism and restraints put against Indian women. Discuss.

34. Write in detail about Jawaharlal Nehru's contributions to the freedom struggle.

35. K. R. Meera epitomises the emerging female voice that proclaims the female's undeniable social space. Comment.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
