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Second Semester B.A. Degree Examination, March 2024

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Double Main Programme

English and Malayalam Literature / English and Media Studies

Core Course

EML 1231/ENM 1231 : POPULAR LITERATURE AND CULTURE

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions each in a word or a sentence.
1. What task was assigned to the soldier by the king in The Shoes That Were Danced to Pieces?
 2. In the wizarding world, what are knuts, sickles and galleons?
 3. Ron is adept at playing which particular game?
 4. Name a Graphic novel,
 5. Agatha Christie mostly wrote _____
 6. Which brand is Zoya in charge of?
 7. What would you call multi panel illustrations that attempt to tell a story and usually appear in newspapers?

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8. Which notable award in literature did Bob Dylan win?
9. Name any two social media apps.
10. Who is the narrator in the Sherlock Holmes series?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight** in short paragraphs not exceeding **50** words.

11. Would you agree with the assumption that popular literature is non-serious literature?
12. Is Chick-Lit a derogatory term?
13. Comment on the relationship between Harry and Hagrid.
14. Grimm's Fairy Tales.
15. What is the significance of Asian pears in Koren culture?
16. Is there any difference between folktales and fairy tales?
17. Why does the poet say that "the answer is blowin in the wind"?
18. When did the author's mother send across red azaleas and why?
19. How does the cricket team arrive at the conclusion that Zoya is their lucky charm?
20. What role does fairy tales play in popular culture and imagination?
21. Detective fiction.
22. What was the mystery in "The Shoes That Were Danced to Pieces"?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)



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

23. What elements common to fairy tales can you find in the story “The Shoes That Were Danced to Pieces”?
24. Describe the incident with the troll in Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone.
25. Describe the incident at Fu’s grocery store.
26. What is the appeal of popular literature?
27. Children’s Literature.
28. What is popular culture?
29. What do Ron’s and Harry’s experiences with the Mirror of Erised tell us about them?
30. Symbolism in “Asian Pears and Red Azaleas”.
31. What does honor fiction aim to achieve?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** each in about three hundred words.

32. “Blowin” in the wind” as a song of protest.
33. What makes Harry Potter an unlikely hero?
34. How does popular fiction reflect and engage with questions of gender, race, class and identity?
35. Elements of authority and freedom in “The Shoes That Were Danced to Pieces”.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

