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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Double Main Programme

English and Malayalam Literature

English and Media Studies

Core Course I

ENM 1131/EML 1131 : INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY STUDIES – I

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** the following questions, each in a word or a sentence.
1. Who is punished by Hera for killing the mating snakes in Greek mythology?
 2. Rhyme scheme of 'I, being born a Woman and Distressed "is _____
 3. "Ode to a Nightingale" is written by _____
 4. The first eight lines of a Petrarchan sonnet is called _____
 5. Who according to the poet is "like a cloud of fire" in 'To a Skylark'?
 6. What falls onto the soul of the speaker like morning dew in "Tonight I can write the Saddest Lines."
 7. The Old Pond is _____ Poem.

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8. _____ wrote the poem “You Laughed and Laughed and Laughed”.
9. _____ is a family friend of Nora and Helmer who visits them daily.
10. “The woman the boy became” is a poem that appears in the collection titled _____ by Kae Tempest

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. What is the difference between a Petrarchan sonnet and a Shakespearean Sonnet?
12. What does the poet mean by “treason against the staggering brain in the poem, “I being a born a Woman and distressed.”
13. How is Sadness signified in the poem, “Tonight I can write the Saddest Lines”?
14. What is Electronic literature?
15. What does the line, “Born to hold the world under the tongue”, signify?
16. What is an elegy?
17. What are the three images depicted in the poem, ‘The Old Pond’?
18. What type of a poem is ‘Possibilities’? Is there a rhyme or meter?
19. What is tragi-comedy?
20. What is the trope in African Literature that is followed by Okara’s poem?
21. What is a lyric? Give an example.
22. What is Graphic poetry?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)



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

23. Define tragedy. Enumerate its components.
24. Comment on the figures of speech used by Shelley in "To a Skylark".
25. How does the poem 'I, Being Born a Woman and Distressed' become a subversive assertion of difference between lust and love?
26. What is the power of poetry according to Pablo Neruda?
27. Comment on the character of Torvald Helmer in A Doll's House?
28. How does the poet deal with the theme of individuality in the poem, "Possibilities"?
29. What are the literary devices used in 'The Old Pond'?
30. Comment on the contradictory traits in the character of Tiresias in the poem by Kae Tempest.
31. "Literature is a term that has been defined in various ways." Elaborate.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

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

32. In what ways does the poet consider the Skylark superior to Human beings? Discuss Shelley's poem in detail.
33. What are the different types of Drama? Elaborate.
34. How does Pablo Neruda's poem explore the themes of love, pain and heart-ache following a break-up?
35. Comment on A Doll's House as a play dealing with the message of 'Emancipation of Women'.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

