



**MAR IVANIOS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**  
**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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**Fourth Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, June 2016**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**Language Course: English – IV**

**AUEN411.3: Readings in Literature**

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

**SECTION – A**

*Answer ALL questions each in a word or in a sentence.*

1. What is a popular / traditional ballad ?
2. What kind of symmetry does the poet find in the tiger ?
3. Why is it that Keats's poem, "To Autumn" is regarded as an ode ?
4. To whom does Ted Hughes compare the moon ?
5. What, according to Lynd, is regarded by most men as gewgaw ?
6. Where did Martin Luther King deliver his speech, "I Have a Dream?"
7. Where does the action of "To Sir, With Love" take place ?
8. Mention the name of the writer Rosemary thought about, when Miss Smith approached her with a request.
9. Which part of the city was preferred by artists and painters in the story – world of "The Last Leaf" ?
10. What does Schatz wait for, in the story "A Day's Wait" ?

**(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

**SECTION – B**

*Answer any EIGHT questions, each in a short paragraph not exceeding 50 words.*

11. What is an Ode ? Mention two examples.
12. What is the central mystery addressed in the poem, "The Tiger" ?
13. Explain the context of Hamlet's soliloquy, "To be or not to be."
14. Why did Lucy Gray go out with a lantern on a snowy day ?

15. How does Tagore regard the traditional forms of worship in his poem, “Leave this Chanting” ?
16. Why does Braithwaite insist on treating his students as adults ?
17. What is the significance of the “symbolic shadow” mentioned by Martin Luther King ?
18. What was Miss Smith’s request? How did Rosemary respond to it ?
19. What is the condition of Ratan at the end of the story, “The Postmaster” ?
20. What made the swallow stay back, when all his friends left for Egypt ?
21. Why did Schatz want to isolate himself in his room ?
22. What was Mason’s lie about the evening paper ? Why did she choose to lie ?

**(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)**

### SECTION – C

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

23. How does the narrative evolve in “Lucy Gray” ?
24. How does Blake establish a connection between the Tiger and the Lamb ? What is the significance of this ?
25. What are the pleasures of ignorance ?
26. How did Pamela Dare enter the classroom? What was Braithwaite’s response to it ?
27. Why was Miss Smith sent away from Rosemary’s house ?
28. Write a short note on the character of the Swallow in “The Happy Prince”.
29. How does Ratan look after the Postmaster when the latter was down with fever ?
30. What was Schatz confused about? How was the problem resolved ?
31. What do we learn about the condition of Nora in the early part of the play “Fail Not Our Feast”? How does she manage to attend the reunion ?

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

### SECTION – D

*Answer any TWO questions, each in about 300 words.*

32. Attempt a critical analysis of Keats’ poem, “To Autumn”.
33. Write an essay on the historical significance of Martin Luther King’s speech, “I Have a Dream”.
34. What is the significance of the title of the play “Fail Not Our Feast” ?
35. Write an essay on the plot construction in O Henry’s story, “The Last Leaf”.

**(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)**

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