

2017

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

ENGLISH

PAPER—ENG-201

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 2×14

(a) Discuss the theme of dual identity as represented in the context of Oscar Wilde's *The importance of Being Earnest*.

Or

(b) Show how Galsworthy problematizes the notion of justice in his play of the same name.

(c) Would you regard Nora as a victim of patriarchy? Give a reasoned answer.

Or

(d) Discuss Shaw's view of Joan's role in history as revealed in his play, *Saint Joan*.

(Turn Over)

- (e) The question of identity is at the heart of *The Birthday Party*. Discuss.

Or

- (f) Explain how Stoppard deals with the idea of freedom in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*.

2. Comment on the following :

3×4

- (a) Lady Bracknell's snobbery.

Or

- (b) "No one'll touch him now ! Never again ! He's safe with gentle Jesus !"

- (c) The significance of the Christmas tree in *A Doll's House*.

Or

- (d) "She is not a witch. She is a heretic".

- (e) The portrayal of Lulu in *The Birthday Party*.

Or

- (f) The role of the boy actor in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*.