

2010**M.A.****2nd Semester Examination****ENGLISH****PAPER—ENG-1201**

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.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer all questions.

1. Answer any one of the following (within 300 words) :
10×1
 - (a) What traces of the 'well-made' drama do we find in *A Doll's House*? Wherein does it depart from that?
 - (b) Examine *A Doll's House* as a critique of marriage as an institution.
 - (c) Write a brief note on Shaw's idea of superman as revealed in *Man and Superman*.
 - (d) Analyse the character of Henry Straker as the 'New Man'.
2. Answer any one of the following (within 300 words) :
10×1
 - (a) Examine *The Importance of Being Earnest* as a social satire.
 - (b) Why does Wilde pair and group the characters in *The Importance of Being Earnest*? Discuss with suitable illustrations.

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- (c) Would you regard Thomas Becket as a tragic hero? Justify your answer.
- (d) Bring out the significance of the use of the prose and verse in *Murder in the Cathedral*.
3. Answer any one of the following (within 300 words) :
10×1
- (a) Consider *The Birthday Party* as a comedy of menace.
- (b) Comment on the theme of role-playing in *The Birthday Party*.
- (c) How does Stoppard create the sense of absurdity in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*?
- (d) Comment on the intertextual elements in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*. Would you call Stoppard's play an adaptation?
4. Comment on any two of the following (within 300 words) :
5×2
- (a) (i) The final scene between Helmer and Nora.
Or
(ii) Juan's views on marriage in *Man and Superman*.
- (b) (i) Jack's interview by Lady Bracknell as a prospective son-in-law.
Or
(ii) The Fourth Tempter in *Murder in the Cathedral*.
- (c) (i) Stanley's loss of the power of human communication in the last Act of *The Birthday Party*.
Or
(ii) The tossing of a coin at the beginning of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*.
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