

M.A. Part-II Examination, 2012

ENGLISH

PAPER – V

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

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

1. Answer any *two* of the following : 16 × 2


(a) Comment critically on the comic scenes in *Doctor Faustus*. Do you think they unite with the main action to form a tragic design ?

(b) Examine the role of Bosola in *The Duchess of Malfi*. Would you consider his transformation convincing ?

(Turn Over)

- (c) Consider *The Way of the World* as a comedy of manners.
- (d) Critically examine the treatment of the theme of martyrdom in *Murder in the Cathedral*.
2. Answer any *two* of the following : 16 × 2
- (a) "Nothing is purposed but mirth." Do you think that this is an appropriate estimate of *The Shoemaker's Holiday*? Give reasons.
- (b) Do you think that *The Importance of Being Earnest* is more of a farce than true comedy? Give reasons in support of your answer.
- (c) Examine Shaw's art of making Ann a comic heroine as well as an embodiment of Life Force in *Man and Superman*.
- (d) How does *The Birthday Party* communicate the theme of absurdity? Discuss.
3. Explain with reference to the context any *two* of the following : 10 × 2
- (a) But, think'st thou heaven is such a glorious thing?

- (b) Now, for this act I am certain to be rais'd.
And men that paint weeds to the
life, are prais'd.
- (c) Your ladyship has frowned a little too
rashly, indeed, madam.
There are some cracks discernible in
the white varnish.
- (d) Some presage of an act
Which our eyes are compelled to witness has
forced our feet
Towards the Cathedral. We are forced to bear
witness.
4. Comment on any *four* of the following : 4 × 4
- (a) Faustus's rejection of Divinity in *Doctor Faustus*.
- (b) The Duchess's proclamation "I am Duchess of Malfi still".
- (c) The Echo-scene in *The Duchess of Malfi*.
- (d) The relationship between Mirabell and Lady Wishfort.

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- (e) The Third Knight's justification of the murder of Becket.
- (f) The symbol of 'wheel' in *Murder in the Cathedral*.
- (g) Straker as the 'New Man' in *Man and Superman*.
- (h) The symbol of the drum in *The Birthday Party*.
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