

THIRD SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019

(CUCBCSS—UG)

English

ENG 3B 01/DMENG 3B 01—READING DRAMA

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

1 According to Helmer. Nora inherited from her father ———.

- (a) His habit of spending money lavishly.
- (b) All her father's vices.
- (c) His lack of Moral principles.
- (d) All the above.

2 The theme of the play "Riders to the Sea" is ———.

- (a) The unequal fight between the sea and the humble humanity.
- (b) The emancipation of women in society.
- (c) Resolution and independence of man.
- (d) None of these.

3 "they are all gone, and there is'nt.

Anything more the sea can do to me" Identify the speaker of these words.

- (a) Nora Helmer.
- (b) Maurya.
- (c) Lady Macbeth.
- (d) Cathleen.

4 In which among the following plays of Shakespeare is the element of 'masque' introduced ?

- (a) The tempest.
- (b) Macbeth.
- (c) Hamlet.
- (d) Othello.

5 Drama originated in ancient ———.

- (a) Greece.
- (b) Italy.
- (c) Rome.
- (d) India.

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- 6 From whom did Nora borrow money ?
- (a) Nils Krogstad. (b) Mrs. Lyde.
(c) Dr. Rank. (d) Bank.
- 7 Whose is the soliloquy which begins with “tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow” ?
- (a) Macbeth’s. (b) Lady Macbeth’s
(c) Hamlet’s. (d) King Lear’s.
- 8 Macbeth responds to the news of the death of Lady Macbeth with :
- (a) Sympathy. (b) Pity and fear.
(c) Calm resignation. (d) Shock.
- 9 The air-drawn dagger in “Macbeth” is :
- (a) Reality.
(b) Result of Macbeth’s heat-oppressed brain.
(c) A puppet show.
(d) None of the above.
- 10 Who is referred to as the fourth witch ?
- (a) Lady Macduff. (b) Lady Macbeth.
(c) Portia. (d) Ophelia

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer *ten* of the following questions in two or three sentences (2 marks) :

- 11 Define Comedy of manners.
- 12 Write a note on Chorus.
- 13 Why does Helmer say that Nora is very much like her father ?
- 14 Why does Nora have to take her Husband to Italy ?
- 15 How does Maurya respond when Bartley leaves for Connemara ?
- 16 What do the wooden planks placed against the kitchen wall of Maurya’s Cottage symbolize ?
- 17 How does the witches’ prediction that no man born of woman shall hurt Macbeth turns futile ?

- 18 What is the fancy of the porter of Macbeth's castle? What is its significance ?
- 19 Why does not Lady Macbeth kill King Duncan herself ?
- 20 What prediction do the witches make to Banquo ?
- 21 What was the second apparition ? What was its bidding to Macbeth ?
- 22 How does Macbeth behave in the Banquet scene ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer four of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words each. (5 marks) :

- 23 Theatre of the Absurd.
- 24 What is Nora's secret ?
- 25 The theme of resignation and reconciliation in the play *Riders to the Sea*.
- 26 Sleep walking scene of Lady Macbeth.
- 27 The character of Lady Macbeth.
- 28 The air-drawn dagger in Macbeth.

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. (15 marks).

- 29 Attempt a critical appreciation of the play *The Riders to the Sea*.
- 30 Attempt a character sketch of Macbeth.
- 31 Evaluate *A Doll's House* as a social drama.
- 32 Write an essay on the elements of a drama.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)