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THIRD SEMESTER M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020
ENGLISH
FENG3E07 - WORLD DRAMA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

Part A: Short Essay Question. Answer any five questions. Each carries 2 weightage.

1. Brecht once mentioned: “Yvette Pottier is the only character in the play *Mother Courage and Her Children* who strikes it rich; she has sold herself for a good price.” Examine Yvette’s character in the light of this assertion.
2. How are fate and free will depicted by the playwright in *Oedipus Rex*?
3. Examine the presentation of the grotesque in *Amédée*.
4. *The Other Shore* is an archetypal battle between the individual and the collective. Comment.
5. Examine how the play *The Accidental Death of an Anarchist* follows the Italian theatre tradition of *commedia dell’arte*?
6. How does Shakespeare establish the parallels between the stories of Lear and his daughters on the one hand and the story of Gloucester and his sons on the other hand in the first scene of *King Lear*?
7. The expressionist elements in “A Dream Play” by August Strindberg.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

Part B: Long Essay. Answer any four questions. Each carries 5 weightage.

8. Working on multiple levels *The Other Shore* can be described as an experimental theater class, a political allegory, and, in the words of critic Rob Kendt, a “series of individuation psychodramas.” Elaborate.
9. *The Balcony* is a critique of the modern state. Elucidate.

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10. How the notion of representation is questioned in the play *Six Characters in Search of an Author*?
11. Money, property, and possessions play a significant role in the play *The Little Clay Cart*. How does the material wealth (or lack thereof) affect the relationship between the two main characters caught in the strict Indian caste system?
12. Brecht is said to be a pioneer of the Avant-garde theatre. Discuss.
13. Why does Chekhov stage some of the most dramatic events outside the confines of the play *The Cherry Orchard*? What effect does this have on the play?

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)