

**BA ENGLISH  
FIFTH SEMESTER  
THE MODERN PERIOD (1900-2000): DRAMA  
BEN-505**

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Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

**( Objective )**

*Choose the correct answer from the following:*

*1 × 20 = 20*

- When did Samuel Beckett get Nobel Prize for Literature?
  - 1969
  - 1967
  - 1955
  - 1948
- Where are Estragon and Vladimir supposed to meet Godot?
  - By a park bench
  - Under a city bridge
  - Near a fountain
  - By a tree
- What book do the two men discuss at length in the beginning of the play?
  - The Bible
  - A Tale of Two Cities
  - The Great Gatsby
  - The Canterbury Tales
- Goldberg and McCann have come to the boarding house to:
  - See Petey and Meg
  - Enjoy a holiday
  - Do a job
  - Visit Stanley
- The broken drum that symbolises mental instability represents:
  - Petey
  - Stanley
  - Goldberg
  - McCann
- Stanley's mental breakdown was caused by:
  - Being forced to confront his past sins and delusions
  - The sudden entrance of two more boarders
  - Meg's amorous advances
  - The birthday party
- "My motto. Work hard and play hard. Not a day's illness" is said by:
  - Stanley
  - Petey
  - Goldberg
  - McCann
- What does Celia compare Edward to?
  - A Worm
  - An Ant
  - A Beetle
  - A Bat
- What is the central conflict in "The Cocktail Party"?
  - A love triangle between Edward, Lavinia and Celia
  - The struggle for power within the Chamberlayne family
  - The characters' quest for self-discovery and purpose
  - The societal pressure to conform to conventional norms

10. What is the significance of the character Sir Henry Harcourt-Reilly in the play?
  - a. He is the protagonist's long-lost brother
  - b. He is a psychiatrist who helps unravel the characters' emotional struggles
  - c. He is a government official investigating the characters' pasts
  - d. He is a ghost from the past seeking redemption
11. Which of the following events is the subject of discussion at the very beginning of the play, *A Doll's House*?
  - a. Nora's deal with Krogstad
  - b. Torvald and Nora's trip to Italy
  - c. Forvald's promotion to become Manager of the Bank
  - d. Krogstad and Christine's marriage
12. Which character complains that society is being turned into a "sick house"?
  - a. Krogstad
  - b. Torvald
  - c. Mrs. Linde
  - d. Dr. Rank
13. Nickname/nicknames for Nora given to her by her husband.....
  - a. Singing lark
  - b. Little Squirrel
  - c. Little Spendthrift
  - d. All of these
14. Where did the action of the play, *A Doll's House* take place in Helmer's house?
  - a. In the courtyard
  - b. In the living room
  - c. In the study
  - d. None of these
15. What was the theatre form that Brecht founded?
  - a. Dramatic Theatre
  - b. Epic Theatre
  - c. Post-war Theatre
  - d. Absurd Theatre
16. What is the name of Mother Courage's only daughter?
  - a. Katrin
  - b. Eilif
  - c. Doris
  - d. Anne
17. How many of Mother Courage's children die at the end of the play?
  - a. Eilif
  - b. Eilif & Katrin
  - c. Swiss Cheese
  - d. All of them
18. What is the main symbol in the play, *Mother Courage and Her Children*?
  - a. War
  - b. The Wagon cart
  - c. The Drum
  - d. Songs
19. What was George Bernard Shaw's occupation?
  - a. Playwright & writer
  - b. Scientist
  - c. Politician
  - d. Athlete
20. Which of the character is a part of the play, *Doctor's Dilemma*?
  - a. Dr. Blenkinsop
  - b. Walpole
  - c. Both a & b
  - d. Only a

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( Descriptive )

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]

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| 1. Examine the theme of despair and hope in "Waiting for Godot." How do the characters grapple with the seemingly hopeless situation they find themselves in, and is there any indication of hope or redemption in the play? | 10     |
| 2. Comment on the role played by the Songs in the play, <i>Mother Courage &amp; Her Children</i> .   | 10     |
| 3. Examine the role of the Unidentified Guest in "The Cocktail Party." How does this mysterious character contribute to the unfolding of the plot and the development of other characters?                                   | 5+5=10 |
| 4. Why did Nora forge her father's signature? What repercussions she had to face finally?  | 2+8=10 |
| 5. Discuss the role of Stanley in "The Birthday Party." How does his character contribute to the overall atmosphere of menace, and what might he symbolize in terms of power dynamics and societal expectations?             | 5+5=10 |
| 6. Which is more significant female character in terms of plot development, Nora or Kristine? Explain with reference to the play, <i>A Doll's House</i> .  | 1+9=10 |
| 7. Write short notes on:<br>a) Comedy of Menace<br>b) Rise of Absurd Drama   | 5+5=10 |
| 8. Write short notes on:<br>a) The character of Mother Courage<br>b) The Thirty Years War  | 5+5=10 |

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