

KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY

MA 3rd Sem. Examination, 2014

Subject: English Paper : 09

Modern Drama

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

1. Answer any five from the following questions. $2 \times 5 = 10$
(each within 50 words)
- What is the "Fabian Society"?
 - Name the significant plays of Shaw in his collections "Plays Unpleasant" and "Plays Pleasant".
 - Mention the salient features of Synge's play "The Playboy of the Western World".
 - What is a poetic play? Name two practitioners of poetic play in the 20th Century.
 - What does Eliot's play "Murder in the Cathedral" deal with?
 - What do you understand by the phrase "Angry Young Man"?
 - What is Black Humour?
2. Answer any three from the following questions. $4 \times 3 = 12$
(each within 100-150 words)
- Compare and contrast Shaw's play "Candida" with Ibsen's play "A Doll's House".
 - Explain Shaw's concept of Universal Life Force.
 - Point out the classical elements in T. S. Eliot's play "Murder in the Cathedral".
 - What are the salient features of the "Angry Young Man" movement?
 - Write briefly on the Theatre of the Absurd with reference to Harold Pinter's play "The Caretaker".

3. Answer any three from the following questions. $6 \times 3 = 18$
(each within 200-250 words)

(a) Write a note on Shaw's representation of Candida as the "New Woman".

Or

What is realism in modern drama? Explain with reference to the play "Candida".

- Discuss the role played by the Chorus in "Murder in the Cathedral".
- Analyse the themes of Osborne's play "Look Back in Anger".
- Does "Look Back in Anger" reflect the mood and temper of post-war England? Justify from your reading of the play.
- What is the significance of the title of the play "Murder in the Cathedral".

4. Answer any four from the following questions. $8 \times 2 = 16$
(each within 300-400 words)

- What are the things that Morell and Eugene offer to Candida in order to win her? Whom does Candida accept, and how does she justify her choice?
- Give your views regarding the conclusion of Synge's play "The Playboy of the Western World".
- The custom of holding 'Wakes' has a long history in Ireland. State the function it serves in the context of the play by Synge.
- Comment on Eliot's use of interlude in the play "Murder in the Cathedral". How does it widen the issue of martyrdom in the context of the play?
- "Jimmy Porter is a highly complex personality at odds with the world". Elucidate this statement with reference to the text.

Or

Comment on the role played by Alison and Helena in "Look Back in Anger".

- Discuss the theme of isolation as presented by Pinter in "The Caretaker".