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V Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS-Reg./Sup./Imp.) Examination,
November 2017

(2014 Admn. Onwards)

CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH

5 B08 ENG – Drama : Theory and Literature

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

1) Character is destiny in Shakespearean drama. Substantiate this comment in the light of your reading of *Macbeth*.

2) Comment on the supernatural element in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. (1×8=8)

II. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

3) Examine O'Neill's *Emperor Jones* as a psychological play, revealing the disintegration of the psyche of Brutus Jones.

4) Examine Shaw's treatment of Cleopatra in *Caesar and Cleopatra*. (1×8=8)

III. Answer **any two** of the following in about **80** words **each** :

5) Shakespeare's comedies.

6) Theatre of the Absurd

7) Plot in drama. (2×4=8)

IV. Annotate **any two** of the following :

8) Out, out, brief candle !

Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage'
And then is heard no more ; it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.

9) It is not the lion I fear, but the jackal.

10) It's playin' out my bluff. I has de silver bullet moulded and I tells 'em when de time comes I kills myself wid it. (4×2=8)

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V. Answer **any eight** of the following in **one or two** sentences :

- 11) Name the four great tragedies written by Shakespeare.
- 12) What are the three titles best owed on Macbeth by the three witches in the opening scene ?
- 13) Give an instance of dramatic irony from *Macbeth* ?
- 14) What is the condition put forth by the three witches to defeat Macbeth ?
- 15) Who is the maid of Cleopatra ?
- 16) Name another history play written by Shaw.
- 17) Who is Caesar's antagonist in Shaw's play ?
- 18) Name another play, apart from *Emperor Jones*, written by O'Neill, that employs the expressionistic technique.
- 19) Name the only white character in *Emperor Jones*.
- 20) What is the significance of the crocodile and the witch doctor in O'Neill's play ?

(1×8=8)
