

2023

M.A. 2nd Semester Examination

ENGLISH

Paper – ENG- 201

(Special Exam)

(Drama II (19th AND 20th Centuries))*Full Marks: 40**Time : 2 Hours**The Figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.**Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

GROUP- A

Answer any *two* questions:

10 x 2

1. Oscar Wilde called the *The Importance of Being Earnest* “a trivial comedy for serious people”. Do you agree? Substantiate your views.

Or

What kind of portrayal of Victorian society do you find in *The Importance of Being Earnest*? Discuss.

2. Comment on the significance of the title, *A Doll's House*.

Or

Write a note on the use of symbols in *A Doll's House*.

3. Bring out the dramatic significance of the dialogue of the Knights after Becket's murder in *Murder in the Cathedral*.

Or

Critically evaluate *Murder in the Cathedral* as a poetic drama.

4. Discuss Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party* as a Comedy of Menace.

Or

Comment on the significance of the title of *The Birthday Party*.

GROUP- B

Comment on any **four** of the following:

4 x 5

5. The food symbol used in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
6. Helmer's dogmatism in the last act of the play, *A Doll's House*.
7. Choric role of Cokeson in *Justice*.
8. Role of the Fourth Tempter in *Murder in the Cathedral*.
9. "It is not we alone; it is not the house, it is not the city that is defiled, But the world that is wholly foul."
10. The trope of blindness in *The Birthday Party*.