

Seat No. : _____

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M.A., Sem.-III
Course-501 : English
(World Drama)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instructions : (1) Attempt **all** questions.
(2) **All** questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) "The Theatre of the Absurd attacks the comfortable certainties of religious or political orthodoxy". Elaborate. **14**
- OR**
- (b) "The Birthday Party demonstrates how language is very often abused to overpower and demoralize the underdog." Illustrate.
2. (a) Write a detailed note on the chief characteristics of Modern American Drama. **14**
- OR**
- (b) "All My Sons teaches morality to a nation driven by market economy." Discuss.
3. Attempt any **two** short notes : **14**
- (1) Six characters in search of an Author
(2) Mother Courage
(3) The Cherry Orchard
(4) The Balcony
4. Write the correct option : **14**
- (1) Albert Camus' essay The Myth of Sisyphus was published in the year _____.
(a) 1947 (b) 1940 (c) 1941 (d) 1942
- (2) Who amongst the following is not a writer of the Theatre of Absurd ?
(a) Harold Pinter (b) Arthur Miller
(c) Arthur Adamov (d) Eugene Ionesco
- (3) In the Theatre of Absurd there is little _____ action.
(a) visual (b) subtle (c) dramatic (d) profound

- (4) In which year was The Birthday Party first performed at Cambridge's Arts Theatre ?
 (a) 1958 (b) 1955 (c) 1965 (d) 1945
- (5) The Birthday Party is also known as the comedy of _____.
 (a) Humor (b) Manners (c) Menace (d) Blackness
- (6) Stanley is said to have been a successful _____ in the past.
 (a) Vocalist (b) Drummer (c) Dancer (d) Pianist
- (7) Who shreds newspaper in Act II ?
 (a) McCann (b) Stanley (c) Goldberg (d) Meg
- (8) Name the author of the play The Emperor Jones.
 (a) Arthur Miller (b) Eugene O'Neill
 (c) Edward Albee (d) Tennessee Williams
- (9) American drama can foremost be known for its _____ in dramatic forms.
 (a) Dialogues (b) Props
 (c) Music (d) Experimentalism
- (10) Most modern American dramatists included _____ elements in their play.
 (a) Autobiographical (b) Surreal
 (c) Marxist (d) Natural
- (11) All My Sons was awarded the _____ award.
 (a) Nobel (b) Pulitzer
 (c) New York Drama Critic's Circle (d) American Drama Critic's Circle
- (12) Kate asks _____ to prepare Larry's horoscope.
 (a) Jim (b) Steve (c) Henry (d) Frank
- (13) Ann brings Larry's _____ with her from New York.
 (a) Photograph (b) Souvenir (c) Baby (d) Letter
- (14) Who's morality does Arthur Miller question in All My Sons ?
 (a) Joe Keller (b) Steve Deever (c) Kate Keller (d) Chris Ketter

5. Answer in brief :

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- (1) Make a list of the major dramatist of the Theatre of Absurd.
- (2) Briefly discuss the characteristics of the Theatre of Absurd.
- (3) Write a brief note on Meg relationship with Stanley.
- (4) Discuss in brief Joe Keller's character.
- (5) Briefly discuss the title All My Sons.
- (6) Discuss in brief Kate's role in keeping Joe out of jail.
- (7) Write a brief note on Larry's and Chris's reaction to the death of the 21 pilots.