



Seat No. : _____

TN-116
M.A. Sem.-III
May-2013
English (501)
(World Drama)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

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

1. (a) “The Theatre of Absurd Portrays the meaninglessness of modern human existence.” Justify.

OR

- (b) “*The Birthday Party* is the perfect illustration of the theatre of Absura.” Comment.

2. (a) Critically comment on the major characteristics of modern American Drama.

OR

- (b) “*All My Sons* is a critique of the modern American dream of success.” Discuss.

3. Write notes on any **two** :

- (1) Vasant Sena
- (2) The main theme of *Cherry Orchard*.
- (3) The title *Balcony*
- (4) Dramatic technique in *Mother Courage*

4. Answer in brief :

- (1) List the major dramatists of the Theatre of Absurd.
- (2) Comment on Pinter’s use of language in *The Birthday Party*.
- (3) Critically evaluate the end of the Play *The Birthday Party*.
- (4) Discuss the major writers of modern American drama.
- (5) Show why Larry’s mother does not accept his death.
- (6) Bring out the significance of the title *All My Sons*.
- (7) Discuss the symbolism in *The Birth Day Party*.

5. Tick mark the correct answer :

- (1) _____ philosophy influenced the Absurd dramatists.
- (a) Greek (b) Modernist
(c) Existential (d) Classical
- (2) *The Birthday Party* was published in
- (a) 1955 (b) 1935
(c) 1925 (d) 1926
- (3) _____ is the female protagonist of *The Birthday Party*.
- (a) Kate (b) Meg
(c) Jenny (d) Elizabeth
- (4) Stanley lives in _____.
- (a) Guest house (b) Hotel
(c) Boarding house (d) Home
- (5) The term 'Absurd' is taken from the field of _____.
- (a) Literature (b) Science
(c) Music (d) Painting
- (6) Stanley plays _____ in *The Birthday Party*.
- (a) Drum (b) Trumpet
(c) Piano (d) Flute
- (7) Modern American dramatists are influenced by _____.
- (a) Freud (b) Camus
(c) Satre (d) Hemingway
- (8) *All My Sons* was published in _____.
- (a) 1964 (b) 1974
(c) 1947 (d) 1967
- (9) *Death of a Salesman* is a play by _____ dramatist.
- (a) Arthur Miller (b) Engune'O Neill
(c) Edward Albee (d) Tennessee William

- (10) *All My Sons* begins on _____.
- (a) Monday (b) Sunday
(c) Tuesday (d) Wednesday
- (11) *All My Sons* is divided in _____ Acts.
- (a) one (b) three
(c) four (d) two
- (12) Joe Keller produces _____ for Air Force planes.
- (a) wings (b) seats
(c) radars (d) cylinders
- (13) Which tree falls in the beginning of the play *All My Sons* ?
- (a) Pine (b) Apple
(c) Chestnut (d) Pear
- (14) Modern American family challenged the _____ morality.
- (a) Western (b) Eastern
(c) Modern (d) Puritan
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