**DECEMBER 2023** **P/ID 36518/PEN2H**

Time : Three hours Maximum : 80 marks

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer any TEN questions in 50 words each.

1. Define Sentimental Comedy.

2. Name the forerunners of the Absurd theatre.

3. How did WB Yeats contribute to the Irish Literary Renaissance?

4. What is the tragic flaw of Cassius?

5. How does Fainall blackmail Wishfort?

6. Why is Mirabell upset?

7. Which type of comedy is *The Playboy of the Western World*?

8. Who is Widow Quin?

9. What is the message of *Mother Courage*?

10. Why is the play *The Birthday Party* considered as an absurd drama?

11. Who are Lucky and Pozzo?

12. Who is the protagonist in *Waiting for Godot*?

PART B — ($5 \times 6 = 30$ marks)

Answer any FIVE questions in 250 words each.

13. Give a brief note on Sentimental Comedy.

14. What is Comedy of Menace? Explain.

15. Sketch the character of Mrs. Fainall.

16. Why does Pegeen fall in love with Christy?

17. Write a note on the theme of violence in "The Birthday Party".

18. Consider "Mother Courage" as a tragedy.

19. Why do you think Vladimir and Estragon stay together, despite their frequent suggestions of parting?

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in 500 words each.

20. Write an essay on Post-Absurd theatre and Women's Theatre.

21. Critically analyze the character of Antony in *All for Love*.

22. Discuss the relationship between Christy and Pegeen in "The Play boy of the Western World".

23. What is the role of religion in *Mother Courage*? Isolate two or three examples for comparison.

24. Many of the names in Beckett's play can be seen as having hidden meanings. Explain from the play *Waiting for Godot*.

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