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# FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (CUCSS) EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2013 English

# EN IE 03 - WORLD DRAMA (2012 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

- I. Answer all the following questions in a word, phrase or sentence:--
  - 1. How did Dr. Rank get his disease?
  - 2. In Oedipus the King, whose murder must be avenged to end the plague in Thebes?
  - 3. Why is Lear so angry with Cordelia during the love test?
  - 4. What crime earned Krogstad his bad reputation?

(4x1/2=2)

- 5. What is the name of Mother Courage's only daughter?
- 6. What upsets Yank when he hears a tenor yearningly sing "about a lass at home?"
- 7. The play The Lion and the Jewel is set in ------
- 8. Who said the following, "I grow; I prosper; / now, gods, stand up for bastards."

(4x1/2=2)

- 11. Answer any six of the following questions in a paragraph each:--
  - 9. The significance of the subplots in the play The Little Clay Cart.
  - 10. Divine justice in the play King Lear.
  - 11. Kattrin in Mother Courage.
  - 12. The Theatre of the Absurd.
  - 13. Nameless characters in the play The Hairy Ape.
  - 14. The theme of the old versus new in the play The Lion and the Jewel.
  - 15. The role of chorus in Oedipus Rex.
  - 16. Nora and Krogstad in A Doll's House.
  - 17. Theatre of cruelty.
  - 18. The protagonist in The Little Clay Cart.

(6x2=12)

III. Write essays on any four of the following, choosing one from each section :--

### Section A

- 19. "The old seer has eyes." Discuss ideas of sight and blindness in the play Oedipus Rex.
- 20. Comment on the dramatic techniques employed in the play The Little Clay Cart.
- 21. Examine the specific way in which Lear contributes to his fall.

## Section B

- 22. Attempt an essay on the relationship between Torvald and Nora in A Doll's House.
- 23. What is Madame Ranevsky's character flaw? How is it expressed, and how does it affect the outcome of the play?
- 24. Attempt an essay on the real and the illusory in the play, A Dream Play.

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#### Section C

- 25. Comment on Mother Courage as a courageous woman.
- 26. Write an essay on Eugene Ionesco as a dramatist.
- 27. Dramatic techniques employed in the play The Balcony.

#### Section D

- 28. Write an essay on the use of symbols in the play, The Hairy Ape.
- 29. Comment on the depiction of cultural conflict in the play The Lion and the Jewel.
- 30. Attempt an essay on the depiction of woman in the play The Little Clay Cart.

(4x5=20)

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