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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2015

EL 1811 - BRITISH DRAMA

Date : 11/11/2015

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 01:00-04:00

SECTION – A

PART - A

I Answer any TWO of the following in about 200 words each. (2x10=20)

1. *How do the comic scenes enhance the momentum of the play Doctor Faustus? Explain.*
2. *How does Murder in the Cathedral express and explore the conflict between "action" and "suffering"? Explain.*
3. *Attempt a thematic study of Every Man in His Humour.*
4. *Do you think George Bernard Shaw has rendered a historically faithful version of Joan of Arc? Give reasons.*

PART - B

II Answer the following in about 400 words each. (2x15=30)

5. a) *Why do critics consider Doctor Faustus as a clash between the values of the medieval world and the emerging spirit of the sixteenth-century Renaissance? Give reasons.*

(OR)

b) *Does the play Doctor Faustus come under the category of Aristotelian tragedy? Justify your answer.*

6. a) *"Murder in the Cathedral is at its core, based on Christian faith and optimism." Discuss.*

(OR)

b) *"Murder in the Cathedral in many ways resembles a medieval morality play whose purpose is to enlighten as well as entertain." Discuss.*

SECTION – B

PART – C

I Answer any TWO of the following in about 200 words each. (2x10=20)

7. Analyse whether *Rock n Roll* is play of music or revolution.
8. How does the play *Rock n Roll* stand for both communism and democratic socialism?
9. Analyse the three pairs in the play *The Birthday Party*.
10. Is the play *The Birthday Party* classifiable according to the Absurd Theatre? Argue for and against.

PART - D

II Answer the following in about 400 words each. (2x15=30)

11. a) Analyse the theme music vs revenge as a predominant factor in *Amadeus*.
(OR)
b) Bring out the importance of all the minor characters in *Amadeus* to carry out the main action of the play
12. a) “*The Importance of Being Earnest* is the play of hypocritical values.” Discuss.
(OR)
b) Critically analyse the love pairs in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
