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**V Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS – Reg./Sup./Imp.)**  
**Examination, November 2020**  
**(2014 Admission Onwards)**  
**CORE COURSE IN ENGLISH**  
**5 B08 ENG – Drama : Theory and Literature**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

I. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 1) Briefly explain how the desire for power corrupted the character of Macbeth which ultimately led to his downfall.
- 2) "The imagery of darkness, the eerie and the uncanny and of nature being disrupted and perverted makes *Macbeth* truly an incredible play" – Elucidate.

(1×8=8)

II. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200** words :

- 3) "Eugene O'Neill in *The Emperor Jones* depicts the journey of the protagonist through the forest as a symbol of the soul's quest for self-realization with an overtone of atavism" – Explain.
- 4) Attempt a character sketch of Cleopatra and her transformation from the infantile nature to maturity with reference to G. B. Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra*.

(1×8=8)

III. Answer **any two** of the following in about **80** words **each** :

- 5) Elements of supernaturalism in Macbeth.
- 6) Theatre of the Absurd.
- 7) Expressionism in Drama.

(2×4=8)

IV. Annotate **any two** of the following :

- 8) Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player  
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage  
And then is heard no more : it is a tale  
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing.

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- 9) Oh, they would eat us if they caught us. They are barbarians. Their chief is called Julius Caesar. His father was a tiger and his mother a burning mountain ; and his nose is like an elephant's trunk. They all have long noses and ivory tusks, and little tails, and seven arms with a hundred arrows in each ; and they live on human flesh.
- 10) You'll 'ave to cut through the big forest – an' these blacks 'ere can sniff and follow a trail in the darklike 'ounds. You'd 'ave to 'ustle to get through that forest in twelve hours even if you knew all the bloomin' trailslike a native.

(2×4=8)

V. Answer **any eight** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences :

- 11) Define a Problem play.
- 12) What is a Mystery Play ?
- 13) Name any two Problem Plays written by Shakespeare.
- 14) Where is the play Macbeth set ?
- 15) How many scenes are there in the play *The Emperor Jones* ?
- 16) What promise does Caesar give to Cleopatra at the end of the play, *Caesar and Cleopatra* ?
- 17) Who is Lem in *The Emperor Jones* ?
- 18) What is the true identity of Emperor Jones ?
- 19) Why does Macbeth kill Banquo ?
- 20) What is 'Tom -Tom' in *The Emperor Jones* ?

(8×1=8)