



**G-053009**

Seat No. \_\_\_\_\_

**M. A. (Sem. III) Examination**

**April / May – 2019**

**MAOOC - 301 : English**

**(World Drama)**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Total Marks : 70**

**Instructions :** (1) Clearly mention the options you attempt  
(2) All the questions carry equal marks.

- 1** "Theatre of the absurd links with an older tradition which has almost completely disappeared from western culture". Justify. **14**

**OR**

Harold Pinter brings out the absurdity through confusion and chaos in 'The Birthday Party'. Elaborate.

- 2** Discuss in detail the significant characteristics of Modern American drama. **14**

**OR**

Discuss in detail the main themes of the play 'All My Sons'.

- 3** Write short notes on any **two** : **14**

- (1) Six Characters in Search of an Author
- (2) The Little Clay Cart
- (3) Mother Courage
- (4) The Balcony

- 4** Answer in brief : **14**

- (1) Write the names of the dramatists of 'Theatre of Absurd'.
- (2) What are the characteristics of 'Theatre of Absurd'?
- (3) Explain the character of Stanley Webber in 'The Birthday Party'

- (4) List the major plays of Harold Pinter.
- (5) Who are the American dramatists? And write down the works of Arthur Miller.
- (6) Significance of the title 'All My Sons'.
- (7) Write a note in brief on the themes in "The Birthday Party".

5 Write the correct option : 14

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is the first play which clearly belongs to the 'Theatre of the Absurd'.  
 (A) Waiting for Godot (B) The Bald Soprano  
 (C) Ubu Roi (D) Amedee
- (2) 'Theatre of the Absurd' is the most demanding, the most \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) Realistic theatre (B) Powerful theatre  
 (C) Contemporary theatre (D) Intellectual theatre
- (3) Who wrote the novel 'The Trial'?  
 (A) Samuel Beckett (B) Franz Kafka  
 (C) Arthur Adamov (D) Ionesco
- (4) What is Petey reading at the kitchen table in Act I?  
 (A) A book (B) A newspaper  
 (C) A note (D) A magazine
- (5) What instrument does Stanely play professionally?  
 (A) Piano (B) Violin  
 (B) Flute (D) Drums
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ morality was challenged by the modern American dramatist.  
 (A) Puritan (B) Catholic  
 (B) Religious (D) Traditional

- (7) Modern American Drama highlighted the \_\_\_\_\_ status of the American people.  
(A) Economic (B) Psychological  
(C) Intellectual (D) Familial
- (8) In which month does the play 'All My Sons' took place?  
(A) December (B) April  
(C) October (D) August
- (9) In which year was 'All My Sons' first produced?  
(B) 1951 (B) 1949  
(D) 1945 (D) 1947
- (10) What is Jim Bayliss's profession?  
(A) Research (B) Manufacturing  
(B) Law (D) Medicine
- (11) Esslin says, "Absurd is that which is devoid of \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Life (B) Purpose  
(B) Happiness (D) Content
- (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is the first full length play by Pinter.  
(A) The Room (B) The Caretaker  
(B) The Home-Coming (D) The Birthday Party
- (13) Modern American dramatists were influenced by \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Freud (B) Derrida  
(B) Camus (D) Sartre
- (14) Play by Henrik Ibsen served as a source for 'All My Sons'.  
(A) The Wild Duck  
(B) A Doll's House  
(B) Ghosts  
(D) An Enemy of the People