

2018

ENGLISH

(Major)

Paper : 5.1

(**Modern Drama—I**)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

SECTION—I

1. Answer the following as directed (any
three) : 1×3=3

(a) Who used the 'flower way' of the
Chinese theatre?

(b) _____ has revealed to us a physical
and non-verbal idea of the theatre.

(Fill in the blank)

(c) The principle consists in introducing _____ in place of sympathetic understanding what we will call _____.

(Fill in the blank)

(d) What is everything for the Occidental theatre?

2. Answer any *two* of the following as directed : 2×2=4

(a) Write the names of independent and autonomous arts Artaud mentions in his essay.

(b) What can be substituted for _____ and _____, the twin-yoked classical cause of Aristotle's catharsis?

(Fill in the blanks)

(c) To change the role of speech in theatre is to make use of it in a _____ and _____ sense.

(Fill in the blanks)

3. Write a short note on any *one* of the following :

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(a) Artaud's idea of the 'untranslatability' of true feeling

(b) Brecht's idea of 'sympathetic understanding'

4. Answer any *one* of the following :

10

(a) Write a note on Brecht's analysis of the two priorities of dramatic practice, namely entertainment and instruction.

Or

"The theatre no longer seeks to intoxicate him, supply him with illusions; make him forget the world, to reconcile him with his fate. The theatre now spreads the world in front of him to take hold of and use for his own good." Explain these words in the context of Brecht's idea of alienation.

(b) Why is it necessary, in the view of Artaud, to change of speech in the theatre?

Or

Make a comparison between Oriental theatre and Occidental theatre following Artaud.

SECTION—II

5. Answer any *four* of the following : $1 \times 4 = 4$

(a) Who, in *Arms and the Man*, is Swiss officer in the Servian Army?

(b) Who utters the words 'what a man! what a man!' to conclude the play?

(c) How many wordless roles are there in Brecht's play, *Galileo*?

(d) What is the new name Brecht gave to 'Epic Theatre' during the last year of his life?

(e) What is Lopakhin?

(f) Whose nickname is Anichka?

6. Answer any *two* of the following as directed : $2 \times 2 = 4$

(a) "She is a witch! She is a witch!"
Who says this, to whom?

(b) "The depths are _____, the heights
are _____,
The streets are _____, the court is
_____."

(Fill in the blanks)

(c) "Such news. There has been a
battle!" Who says this, to whom?

(d) When and where is Act-III of *Arms
and the Man* set?

(e) "Don't cry, little peasant." Who
utters these words and when?

7. Answer any *two* of the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) Write a short note on Priuli, the
curator or Virginia Galilei.

(b) "If they prescribe a lot of remedies
for some sickness or other, it means
that the sickness is incurable. I
think, I strain my brain, I come up
with a lot of remedies, a lot, but that
means, in fact, that I don't have
one." Explain with reference to the
context.

(c) "You can always tell an old soldier by the inside of his holsters and cartridge boxes. The young ones carry pistols and cartridges : the old ones grub." Explain with reference to the context.

8. Answer any *two* of the following : $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Discuss *Arms and the Man* as an anti-romantic comedy.

Or

Write a note on G. B. Shaw as a dramatist of ideas with special reference to *Arms and the Man*.

(b) Would you call *The Cherry Orchard* a comedy or tragedy? Give a reasoned answer.

Or

"*The Cherry Orchard* captures the moment of displacement in Russian history." Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

- (c) Make an assessment of Galileo's character as presented in Brecht's play.

Or

"The figures portrayed in Brecht's plays are not matter for empathy; they are there to be understood." Discuss this remark with reference to Galileo Galilei.

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