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BCMENL 231

**III Semester B.Com. Examination, April 2021
(2020 – 21 Batch Onwards)
(Choice Based Credit System)
COMPULSORY FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

(One Act Plays)

I. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages **each** : **(2×10=20)**

- 1) Attempt a detailed character sketch of Dona Laura's role in 'A Sunny Morning'.
- 2) Analyze the character of Matilda Walters in the play 'Fail Not Our Feast'.
- 3) Explain how the events unfold in the first act of Rostand's 'The Romancers'.
- 4) Attempt a character sketch of Prince Dimitri from your reading of the play 'The Death Trap'.

II. Answer **any five** of the following in about **a** page **each** : **(5×6=30)**

- 1) What were the circumstances that led Gonzalo to flee Valencia in 'A Sunny Morning' ?
- 2) What is the reason for Nora's imprisonment in 'Fail Not Our Feast' ? How does she manage to attend the annual reunion ?
- 3) How does Percinet justify his presence in the garden in 'The Romancers' ?
- 4) Write a note on the instances of irony in the play 'The Death Trap'.
- 5) How do Laura and Gonzalo conceal their real identities in 'A Sunny Morning' ? Why ?
- 6) Write a note on the role played by the maid, Mason, in the play 'Fail Not Our Feast'.
- 7) What is the ultimate goal of Bergamin and Pasquinot in the play 'The Romancers' ?

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III. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them :

- 1) Here they come! They know just when to expect me. These are for the spryest, these for the gluttons, and these for the little ones which are the most persistent.
 - a) Who is the speaker in the passage ? 1
 - b) Who are referred to as 'they' in the passage ? How do they know when to expect the speaker ? 2
 - c) What qualities does the speaker ascribe to 'them' ? What does this tell us about the speaker ? 2

- 2) You'd be in the devil of a tangle if they found me here. I'm not going to get you into a mess. I shouldn't have come.
 - a) Who is the speaker addressing in the passage ? 1
 - b) Explain the phrase 'devil of a tangle'. 2
 - c) What is the speaker referring to when she says, "I shouldn't have come" ? 2

- 3) The thought often pains me and makes me cry when I am alone. Last month, when I came home from the convent, my father pointed out your father's park, and said to me : 'My dear child, you behold there the domain of my mortal enemy Bergamin.'
 - a) Who is the speaker in the passage ? 1
 - b) Which 'thought' is the speaker speaking about ? Why does it make her cry ? 2
 - c) Explain the last line of the passage with reference to the context. 2

- 4) Yes, I do. I am trapped. Since I came to the throne three years ago as a boy of fourteen. I have been watched and guarded against this moment, but it has caught me unawares.
 - a) Who is 'trapped' ? 1
 - b) Since when has the speaker been watched and guarded ? Why ? 2
 - c) What has caught him 'unawares' ? 2



SECTION – B
(Composition)

IV. Do as directed :

- 1) Write an essay on **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages :
(1×10=10)
 - a) Harmful effects of Junk Food.
 - b) Covid-19 Pandemic, Lockdown and its effects.
 - c) Online shopping.
 - 2) Write a dialogue of about **10 – 15** sentences on **any one** of the following :
(1×5=5)
 - a) Two friends are discussing a film they both have watched.
 - b) Two ladies are comparing their cooking skills.
 - c) Two citizens are complaining about the pot holes on the roads in their city.
 - 3) Write an application with CV for the post of Chief Accountant. (1×5=5)
The letter should be addressed to : Manager, Rodeo Enterprises,
Ashoknagar, Bengaluru.
Sender's address : Samarth Devadiga, Motidhaam, 7th Main, 5th Cross,
Hosahalli, Ramanagaram.
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