

M.A. Examination, 2018
Semester- II & IV
English
Course - M. Op. 52 (Optional Paper)
(Literature of the Absurd)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks-40

Questions are of equal value

Question Number 1 is compulsory. Answer any three from the rest.

1. a) What is meant by the term “Absurd”, and what are the major dramatic features of the absurd movement in theatre? Discuss.
OR
b) What are the major philosophical ideas that shaped the Absurdist position? Discuss with special reference to the texts you have read.
 2. Is *Waiting for Godot* a play about waiting, or about the desire to move on? Justify your response.
 3. Consider *The Dumb Waiter* as a Comedy of Menace.
 4. Albee’s *The Zoo Story* is a powerful comment on violence and aggression inherent in human beings and in society. Do you agree? Discuss.
 5. Consider *Evam Indrajit* as a play which depicts a journey from existentialism to absurdity.
 6. ‘Wit is a reliever of habit in Beckett’s *Murphy*’. Discuss.
 7. What does the insect stand for in *Metamorphosis*? Answer with textual reference.
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