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# BACHELOR'S DEGREE (C.B.C.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2024 2022 ADMISSIONS REGULAR SEMESTER IV - CORE COURSE (ENGLISH LITERATURE) CE4B14B18 - Acts on the Stage

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 80

#### Part A

## I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks

(10x2=20)

- 1. Explain what comic relief is with reference to the Fool in King Lear.
- 2. Define 'Rising Action' in a 'Freytag's Triangle'
- 3. Comment on the fate of Cordelia in King Lear.
- 4. Define tragedy
- 5. Duke of Albany is a character possessing a balance of good and bad. Comment.
- 6. Describe about the spirit whom Fool sees in the hovel where he takes shelter
- 7. Explain the character of Helena Ivanovna Popov in The Boor.
- 8. Explain the significance of the title "The Boor".
- 9. Describe the character of Mr. Underwood?
- 10. Describe the final scene of the play 'The Intruder'.
- 11. Recall why the granddaughter moves towards the window in 'The Intruder'.
- 12. Explain David Robert's definition of Capital in 'Strife'.

## Part B

## II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks

(6x5=30)

- 13. Explore the theme of betrayal in "King Lear," examining the various betrayals that occur among family members and trusted allies, and discussing their impact on the outcome of the play.
- 14. Analyze Act 3 of King Lear
- 15. Comment on the title King Lear.
- 16. Comment on the value of relationships in King Lear as Shakespeare has portrayed it.
- 17. Present George Bernard Shaw's characterisation of William Shakespeare.
- 18. Convey your understanding of the term 'boorish' in relation to Chekhov's 'The Boor'.
- 19. Comment upon the relationship between John Anthony and Mrs. Underwood in 'Strife'.
- 20. Introduce the various female characters in the play 'Strife'.
- 21. Explain Roberts's illustration of the God of Capital in 'Strife'.

### Part C

# III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

(2x15=30)

- 22. Analyse all the themes in the play King Lear.
- 23. If you proposed a different ending to King Lear how would it be and why would you propose this ending?
- 24. Elucidate on Realism as an art movement with respect to The Boor.
- 25. Attempt a thematic analysis of The Intruder.

