## U.G. 4th Semester Examination 2022

## **ENGLISH (Honours)**

Paper Code: 403 ENGH - DC - 10

(CBCS)

Full Marks: 32 Time: Two Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any four of the following questions in about 200 words each:

 $6 \times 4 = 24$ 

(a) Consider Henrik Ibsen's *Ghosts* as a naturalist play.

Or,

- (b) Comment on Henrik Ibsen's portrayal of Osvald in Ghosts.
- (c) How do material conditions govern morality in the play *The Good Woman of Szechwan*? Answer with reference to the text.

Or;

- (d) Bring out the significance of the title of the play The Good Woman of Szechwan.
- (e) Discuss Samuel Beckett's presentation of the parent-child relationship in *Endgame*.

Or;

- (f) How do elements of existentialism and the absurd bear upon Samuel Beckett's *Endgame*? Explain with reference to the text.
- (g) Discuss Luigi Pirandello's major thematic concerns in Six Characters in Search of an Author.

Or;

(h) Critically examine the portrayal of the Father in Six Characters in Search of an Author by Luigi Pirandello.

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about 60 words each :  $2\times4=8$ 

(a) Why is the stage kept bare in Beckett's play? Explain briefly.

Or

(b) "Finished, it's finished, nearly finished ...."Explain with reference to the context.

(c) "Yes-law and order. I often think they cause all the misery in the world." Explain with reference to the context.

Or,

- (d) What role does Engstrand play in Henrik Ibsen's Ghosts? Discuss in brief.
- (e) What is the significance of the play that the Actors are rehearsing when the Characters arrive in Pirandello's play?

Or,

- (f) "Yes, but haven't you perceived that it isn't possible to live in front of a mirror which not only freezes us with the image of ourselves, but throws our likeness back at us with a horrible grimace?" Explain with reference to the context.
- (g) How does Brecht alienate the audience in the epilogue of the play *The Good Woman* of Szechwan?

Or,

(h) "I sell myself for a living. Even so I can't make ends meet, there's too much competition." Explain with reference to the context.