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B.A. English Language and Literature

Core Course—READING DRAMA

(2014—2016 Admissions—Mercy Chance)

[For Private Registration Candidates]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Instructions : *This question paper contains two sections. Answer Section I questions in the answer book provided. Section II Internal Examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under Section II.*

Section I

PART A

Answer all questions in this Part.

Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.

Choose the correct answer from the following :

- I. 1 The story of Macbeth begins in a barrenland in :
- (a) Scotland. (b) Ireland.
- (c) England. (d) None of these.
- 2 Who was assigned with the task of suppressing the riot under the leadership of Macdonwald ?
- (a) Malcolm. (b) Donalbain.
- (c) Macbeth. (d) None of these.
- 3 Which witch greeted Macbeth as the great lord of Cawdor ?
- (a) The first witch. (b) The second witch.
- (c) The third witch. (d) None of these.

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- 4 Who had seen a vision of a dagger floating in the air ?
- (a) Lady Macbeth. (b) Macbeth.
(c) Duncan. (d) Banquo.
- II. 5 Who said that King Duncan's most well behaved horses behaved weirdly and ate one another ?
- (a) Ross. (b) Sinel.
(c) Macdonwald. (d) The Norwegian King.
- 6 To which place Duncan's body was carried in order to be placed in the tomb of his ancestors :
- (a) Scone. (b) Colmekill.
(c) Foress. (d) None of these.
- 7 Who comes with the news that Lady Macbeth is dead ?
- (a) Hecate. (b) Lennox.
(c) Seyton. (d) None of these.
- 8 Who kills young Siward in the battle ?
- (a) Macbeth. (b) Malcolm.
(c) Donalbain. (d) None of these.
- III. 9 Which among the visions or evil spirits warned Macbeth against Macduff ?
- (a) A floating head.
(b) A child soaked completely in blood.
(c) A crowned child holding a tree.
(d) None of these.
- 10 Who reaches the castle of Macduff to console Lady Macduff ?
- (a) Lord Lennox. (b) Macbeth.
(c) Lord Ross. (d) None of these.





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- 11 Why does Ivanitch, the prompter spend his nights in the dressing room ?
- (a) He finds it more comfortable there than anywhere else.
 - (b) He gets more time for rehearsals if he sleeps there.
 - (c) He has nowhere else to spend the night.
 - (d) The manager has asked him to remain in the dressing room.
- 12 What is Mr Bompas' reaction when Henry lies to him that he does not admire Mrs Bompas enough to write poems about her ?
- (a) He is relieved.
 - (b) He feels insulted.
 - (c) He is in different.
 - (d) He is elated.
- IV. 13 Mrs Rowland does not want to leave her husband and go back to her parents. Why ?
- (a) She still loves Alfred very much.
 - (b) Her parents would not accept her back.
 - (c) She is too proud to let her parents know that her husband has been a failure.
 - (d) She believes that her husband would mend his ways in course of time.
- 14 Why do Laura and Gonzalo spin stories about themselves ?
- (a) To fool each other.
 - (b) To conceal each other's identity.
 - (c) To forget the sad story of their youth.
 - (d) All of these.
- 15 Why was Kamuli sad when Mukasa died ?
- (a) Because he would always greet her and make her forget her loneliness.
 - (b) Because he was related to her and she was attached to him.
 - (c) Because he died in an accident and this was pathetic.
 - (d) None of these.

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- 16 What is the fisherwoman's attitude to modern plywood boats ?
- (a) She finds them more convenient for fishing.
 - (b) She likes them because they are maintenance - free.
 - (c) She does not like them.
 - (d) She finds no difference between country boats and plywood boats.

(4 × 1 = 4)

PART B

*Answer any **five** of the following questions in a sentence **or** two each.
Each question carries a weight of 1.*

- 17 What, according to Kamuli, is the curse that her husband had put on her that morning ?
- 18 Where did the witches meet Hecate ?
- 19 Why does the eighth in the show of kings hold a glass in his hand ?
- 20 Why does Macbeth Say " For Banquo's issue have I filed my mind " ?
- 21 What were the strange things noticed by Rosse and the old man ?
- 22 How did Macbeth Kill Macdon wald ?
- 23 What was the significance of coronation of Malcolm as "the prince of Cumberland" ?
- 24 What do we gather from Macbeth's decision to visit the witches ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

PART C

*Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 100 words each.
Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 What was the topical interest of the Porter's Scene ?
- 26 Write a short note on the scene of the boiling Cauldron.
- 27 Attempt a character sketch of Sviet Lovidoff.
- 28 Why does Mrs Rowland shriek and come running out of the bedroom ?





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29 Attempt a character sketch of Don Gonzalo.

30 What sort of the person is Kazungu ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

PART D

*Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 300 words each.*

Each question carries a weight of 4.

31 Discuss the tragic plot of the play 'Macbeth'.

32 Discuss 'A Sunny Morning' as a blend of romance and comedy.

33 Discuss the significance of the title 'Swan Song.'

(2 × 4 = 8)

