

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

24PEL414

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024

ONLY)

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N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) : POLLACHI

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS : MAY-2026

MA ENGLISH LITERATURE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER-IV

TIME : 3 HOURS

24PEL414- WORLD DRAMA

SECTION – A (10 X 1 = 10 Marks)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K1)

1. Who buys the estate and the cherry orchard at an auction when the Ranevsky family is unable to pay their debts?
a) Pishchik b) Trofimov c) Gayev d) Lopakhin
2. What is Swiss Cheese's real name in *Mother Courage and her Children*?
a) Eilif b) Feyos c) Victor d) Henry
3. Where does the play *Six Characters in Search of an Author* take place?
a) A hospital b) A bungalow c) A school d) An empty theatre
4. Which of these terms best describe the character of Sidi?
a) Smart b) Rude c) Shy d) Superficial
5. What does the interview scene with Amal, Vimal, Kamal, and Indrajit primarily reveal about the society in *Evam Indrajit*?
a) Celebration of wealth b) Futility of talent c) Exploitation of underprivileged
d) Importance of family concerns

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES (K2)

6. Why does Trofimov not accept Lopakhin's money?
7. How did Anne Doubtfire get the nickname in *Mother Courage and her Children*?
8. What does the boy in *Six Characters in Search of an Author* expect to happen?
9. Why does Lakunle want to marry Sidi in *The Lion and the Jewel*?
10. What is the central theme of Badal Sircar's *Evam Indrajit*?

SECTION – B(5 X 5 = 25 Marks)

ANSWER EITHER (A) OR (B) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K3)

11. a) "Life has slipped away as if I haven't lived." says Fir. What is the plight of Fir in *The Cherry Orchard*?
(OR)
b) What does the cherry orchard symbolize in *The Cherry Orchard*?

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12. a) What is the significance and symbolic representation of Mother Courage's wagon?

(OR)

b) What does the symbolic death of Kattrin denote in *Mother Courage and her Children*?

13. a) What does the fountain and the revolver signify in the final scene of *Six Characters in Search of an Author*? (OR)

b) Explore the conflict between reality and illusion in *Six Characters in Search of an Author*?

14. a) What importance does the postage stamp carry in exploring the theme of tradition versus modernity in *The Lion and the Jewel*? (OR)

b) Why is Sidi considered to be a jewel in *The Lion and the Jewel*?

15. a) What role does Manasi play in the journey of Indrajit?

(OR)

b) What do the characters Amal, Vimal, and Kamal symbolize in *Evam Indrajit*?

SECTION – C (5 X 8 = 40 Marks)

Answer either (a) or (b) in each of the following questions. (K4 (Or) K5)

16. a) Sketch the character of Lopakhin in *The Cherry Orchard*:-

(OR)

b) The main theme of Anton Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard* is the inevitability of change and the passage of time. Justify:-

17. a) The social and historical context of *Mother Courage and her Children* are vital to the play. Explain with evidences:-

(OR)

b) Explain the significance of the title *Mother Courage and her Children*?

18. a) How is the concept of identity handled in *Six Characters in Search of an Author*? (OR)

b) Pirandello illustrates the impossibility of true mutual understanding as the words are inherently unreliable. How does he justify it?

19. a) Robert Willis writes, "The play *The Lion and the Jewel* has an allegorical level." Explain with reference to the context in the play:

(OR)

b) The conflict between Lakunle and Baroka is an ideological struggle between modernity and tradition. Elaborate:.

20. a) How does *Evam Indrajit* reflect the characteristics of an absurdist play?

(OR)

b) What is the significance of the title *Evam Indrajit*?
