

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600086
(for candidates admitted during the academic year 2019-20 & thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE:19EL/MC/DR 23

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION APRIL/MAY 2021
BRANCH XII - ENGLISH
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE: MAJOR CORE
PAPER: DRAMA

TIME: 1 ½ HOURS
MARKS: 50

SECTION A

I. Answer any two of the following questions in about 150 words. (2x10=20)

1. Comment on the importance of setting in a play.
2. What purpose does Rosalind's disguise serve in *As You Like It*?
3. Write a note on the three unities.
4. Attempt a character sketch of Grusha in *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*.

SECTION B

II. Answer any one of the following in about 300 words. (1x15=15)

5. Comment on the features of comedy with reference to *As You Like It*.
6. Aristotle said that comedy aims at representing men as worse, tragedy as better than in actual life. Do you agree? Elucidate your response with examples from the plays you have studied.

SECTION C

III. Analyse the given passage keeping in mind the dramatic theories and concepts prescribed for study. (1x15=15)

7.
GOVERNOR'S WIFE: I hardly know if my head's still on.
Where's Michael? Don't hold him so clumsily. Pile the trunks onto the carriage. No news from the city, Shalva?

ADJUTANT: None. All's quiet so far, but there's not a minute to lose. No room for all those trunks in the carriage. Pick out what you need. (Exit quickly.)

GOVERNOR'S WIFE: Only essentials! Quick, open the trunks! I'll tell you what I need. (The trunks are lowered and opened. She points at some brocade dresses.) The green one! And, of course, the one with the fur trimming. Where are Niko Mikadze and Mika Loladze? I've suddenly got the most terrible migraine again. It always starts in the temples. (Enter GRUSHA.) Taking your time, eh? Go and get the hot water bottles this minute! (GRUSHA runs off, returns later with hot water bottles; the GOVERNOR'S WIFE orders her about by signs.) Don't tear the sleeves.

A YOUNG WOMAN : Pardon, madam, no harm has come to the dress.

GOVERNOR'S WIFE: Because I stopped you. I 've been watching you for a long time. Nothing in your head but making eyes at Shalva Tzereteli. I 'll kill you, you bitch! (She beats the YOUNG WOMAN.)

ADJUTANT (appearing in the gateway): Please make haste, Natella Abashwili. Firing has broken out in the city. (Exit.)

GOVERNOR'S WIFE (letting go of the YOUNG WOMAN): Oh dear, do you think they'll lay hands on us? Why should they? Why? (She herself begins to rummage in the trunks.) How's Michael? Asleep?

WOMAN WITH THE CHILD: Yes, madam.

GOVERNOR'S WIFE: Then put him down a moment and get my little saffron-colored boots from the bedroom. I need them for the green dress. (The woman puts down the child and goes off) Just look how these things have been packed! No love! No understanding! If you don't give them every order yourself. .. At such moments you realize what kind of servants you have! They gorge themselves at your expense, and never a word of gratitude! I'll remember this.