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UNIT – I

Choose the Correct Answer

1. What does Dr. Faustus want to attain ?
 - a) Great wealth
 - b) great beauty
 - c) supernatural power
 - d) great wit
2. Who are Valdes and Cornelius?
 - a) Dr. Faustus's servants
 - b) Dr. Faustus's scholar
 - c) Dr. Faustus's neighbours
 - d) Dr. Faustus's enemy
3. Who is Mephistopheles ?
 - a) Prince of Devils
 - b) lieutenant of the prince of hell
 - c) an evil spirit
 - d) prince of the heaven
4. What does the Good Angel advise Dr. Faustus to do?
 - a) Give up the study of the black art
 - b) get wealth and power
 - c) Pray to Lucifer
 - d) Pray to God
5. Whom does Dr. Faustus want as his wife?
 - a) The most beautiful woman
 - b) the cleverest woman
 - c) the wealthiest woman
 - d) the happiest woman
6. What is the name of the horse keeper?
 - a) Ralph
 - b) Robin
 - c) Robert
 - d) Rajan
7. What does the Emperor want Dr. Faustus to raise?
 - a) his ancestor Alexander the Great
 - b) Aristotle
 - c) Pythagoras
 - d) none of the above



8. How many dollars did the horse dealer pay for the magic horse?

- a) 21
- b) 57
- c) 40
- d) 65

9. Who is the most beautiful woman in the world?

- a) Cleopatra
- b) Helen of Greece
- c) Beatrice
- d) Cleopatra and Helen

10. What does the Duchess of vanholt wish to have ?

- a) A dish of grapes
- b) a cup of ice cream
- c) a bunch of flowers
- d) a bunch of fruits

Answers 1. c 2. b 3. b 4. a 5. a 6. b 7. a 8. C 9. b 10. A

Short Answer Questions (2 Marks)

1. Who is Lucifer ?
2. What did the Evil Angel tell Dr. Faustus?
3. Why cannot Dr. Faustus turn to the right path?
4. What does Dr. Faustus's life show?
5. Name the seven deadly sins.
6. How does Dr. Faustus play a practical joke on the horse – courser?
7. Why does Mephistophilis say that he is tormented?
8. Why does Dr. Faustus choose to study necromancy?
9. How is pride represented?
10. How does Dr. Faustus punish the disrespectful Knight?

Paragraph Questions (5 Marks)

1. Write a note on Robin and Ralph.
2. Describe the magical feats of Dr. Faustus in the court of Emperor Charles V.
3. Write a short note on the horse dealer's with Dr. Faustus.
4. Describe how Dr. Faustus surrendered his soul to the Devil.
5. Sketch the character of Mephistophilis .
6. How does Dr. Faustus's death prove the hollowness of the Renaissance?
7. How does Dr. Faustus share the Renaissance love for Classics?
8. Write a paragraph on the first choric speech.
9. Write a note on the character of Lucifer.

10. Why does Dr. Faustus request Mephistophilis to show him Helen of Troy?

Essay Questions (10 Marks)

1. Describe the death scene of Dr. Faustus.
2. Discuss 'Dr. Faustus' as a morality play.
3. Bring out the symbolic meanings of 'Dr. Faustus'.
4. Give an estimate of Marlowe as a dramatist.
5. Discuss the Renaissance elements in Dr. Faustus.
6. Write an essay on relevance of comedy in the play 'Dr. Faustus'?
7. Discuss why does Dr. Faustus reject conventional subjects and choose to study necromancy?
8. Has the play 'Dr. Faustus' organic unity?
9. Write an essay on the role of Valdes and Cornelius, Good Angels and Bad Angels?
10. Discuss the part played by the Chorus in 'Dr. Faustus'?

UNIT – II

Choose the Correct Answer

1. Who wrote the play, 'The Alchemist'?
- a) Shakespeare
- b) Dante
- c) Ben Jonson
- d) John Donne
2. 'The Alchemist' belongs to which category?
- a) Tragedy
- b) Comedy of Humours
- c) Comedy
- d) Sentimental Comedy
3. What does subtle claim to know?
- a) Medicine
- b) astronomy
- c) alchemy
- d) none of the above
4. In what does Dapper want to win money?
- a) Gambling
- b) Business
- c) Profession
- d) none of the above
5. What is Druggier in the play?
- a) Lawyer's Clerk

- b) tobacconist
- c) Spanish Don
- d) Lawyer's friend

6. Who are Tribulation and Ananias?

- a) Patients
- b) Anabaptists
- c) rich men
- d) Poor men

7. What according to Subtle is a crime?

- a) Casting coins
- b) exchanging coins
- c) minting coins
- d) Casting and minting coins

8. Sir Epicure mammon is a lover of What?

- a) Mankind
- b) animals
- c) luxury
- d) plants

9. What does the word Mammon Symbolize?

- a) Extravagance
- b) wealth
- c) power
- d) lazy

10. At the end, to whom is Dame pliant married?

- a) The Spanish count
- b) The alchemist
- c) lovewit
- d) Drugger

Answer: 1. c 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. b 7. c 8. c 9. b 10. c

Short Answer Questions (2 Marks)

1. Who is Drugger?
2. Why did Lovewit leave London?
3. What did Face do in his master's absence?
4. What has Subtle taught Face?
5. What is Surly's opinion about Subtle and Face?
6. Why is Face called as Lungs?

7. Why did Lovewit forgive his butler?
8. What is the play 'The Alchemist' about?
9. Where did Ben Jonson have his education?
10. What did Kastril want?

Paragraph Questions (5 Marks)

1. Bring out the importance of the opening scene of 'The Alchemist'.
2. How is Dapper duped by the cheats Subtle and Face?
3. Comment on the greediness of the Anabaptists.
4. Describe how Sir Epicure Mammon is cheated by the conspirators.
5. Write a paragraph on the character of 'Subtle'.
6. Describe briefly Subtle's relationship with Mammon.
7. Sketch the character of 'Face'.
8. Write a brief note on the cheating character of 'Dol Common'.
9. Write a note on the 'Puritans'.
10. Write a paragraph on the belief in the philosopher's stone.

Essay Questions (10 Marks)

1. Consider the play, 'The Alchemist' as a comedy of humours.
2. Bring out the Satire in 'The Alchemist' ?
3. What is the theme of the play, 'The Alchemist' ?
4. How does the play, 'The Alchemist' reflect the Jacobean London?
5. Bring out the Reflection of London in 'The Alchemist' .
6. Discuss the construction of the plot of 'The Alchemist' .
7. Discuss 'The Alchemist' is conforming to the Aristotelian format.
8. Write an essay on the role of 'The unity of Time and Place' in the construction of the plot of 'The Alchemist'
9. Write an essay on 'The Humour of Dol Common, Sir Epicure Mammon'.
10. Sketch the characters of Ananias and Tribulation Wholesome.

UNIT – III

Choose the Correct Answer

1. 'She Stoops to Conquer' written by whom?
 - a) Oliver Goldsmith
 - b) Sheridan
 - c) Ben Jonson
 - d) Shakespeare
2. What is 'The Three Pigeons'?

a) A hospital

b) an inn

c) old theatre

d) hotel

3. Miss. Neville is in love with whom?

a) Tony Lumpkin

b) Hastings

c) Charles Marlow

d) Sir Charles Marlow

4. Who is the expected gentleman called?

a) Marlow

b) Hastings

c) Tony Lumpkin

d) Hard castle

5. Who loves all that is old?

a) Mr. Hardcastle

b) Mrs. Hardcastle

c) Miss. Hardcastle

d) Hastings

6. Whom does Tony prefer?

a) Neville

b) Kate Hardcastle

c) Bet Bouncer

d) None of the above

7. Where does Hastings want to runaway with Neville?

a) Spain

b) France

c) Sweden

d) Germany

8. Why does Neville count Tony before Mrs. Hardcastle?

a) To amuse

b) Just like that

c) to cheat

d) none of the above

9. How much Pounds will Tony get a year when he comes of age?

a) Fifteen Hundred

b) thousand



c) two hundred

d) six hundred

10. Who directs Marlow to Hardcastle's house as to an inn?

a) Diggory

b) Pedigree

c) Tony Lumpkin

d) Neville

Answers : 1. a 2. b 3. b 4. a 5. a 6. c 7. b 8. c 9. a 10. c

Short Answer Questions (2 Marks)

1. How does Mrs. Hardcastle spoil Tony?

2. What does Miss. Neville tell about Marlow to Kate?

3. What does Mrs. Hardcastle complain?

4. What is Hardcastle's opinion of Tony?

5. How does Marlow answer the questions of Miss. Hardcastle?

6. Where did Mr. Hardcastle serve in his youth?

7. How do Constance and Kate live in the same house?

8. Who is Tony?

9. What are the two titles of the play "She Stoops to Conquer"?

10. Who is Dorothy?

Paragraph Questions (5 Marks)

1. Describe Tony's mischief played upon his mother.

2. Describe the first meeting of Marlow with Miss. Hardcastle.

3. How does Kate encourage Marlow when he blunders and flounders?

4. How does Marlow confess his shortcomings to Hastings?

5. Sketch the character of Miss. Neville.

6. How does Marlow declare his love for Kate?

7. How does Tony fool Mrs. Hardcastle?

8. Describe how Tony wrecks Mrs. Hardcastle's plan.

9. How does Kate stoop to conquer Marlow?

10. Describe what are the mistakes committed at night?

Essay Questions (10 Marks)

1. Justify the title of the play, 'She Stoops to Conquer'.

2. Comment on the plot construction of the play, She Stoops to Conquer.

3. Give an estimate of Goldsmith as a dramatist.

4. Write an essay on 'The Casket Episode'.

5. Write an essay on 'The Screen Scene'.

6. Write an essay on the role of Mr. Hardcastle.

7. Consider the play, 'She Stoops to Conquer' as a comedy.
8. Write an essay on the aptness of the two titles 'She Stoops to Conquer' and 'The Mistakes of a Night'.
9. Write an essay on the role of 'Hastings'.
10. write an essay on the role of 'Tony Lumpkin'.

UNIT – IV

Choose the Correct Answer

1. Who is Henry Higgins?
 - a) a phonetician
 - b) a doctor
 - c) a police officer
 - d) a teacher
2. Why does Eliza come to Higgin's house?
 - a) To take English lessons
 - b) to sell flowers
 - c) to propose love
 - d) None of the above
3. Who is Alfred Doo little?
 - a) Eliza's Husband
 - b) Eliza's father
 - c) Eliza's servant
 - d) Eliza's friend
4. Where does Eliza's first public test is held?
 - a) In a public hall
 - b) In a School
 - c) at the house of higgin's mother
 - d) none of the above
5. What impresses Freddy? Eliza's
 - a) beauty
 - b) polite manners
 - c) simplicity
 - d) rich
6. Whom does Eliza marry?
 - a) Freddy
 - b) Higgins
 - c) Pickering
 - d) Doo Little



7. At the end what does Eliza do?

- a) Starts a School
- b) opens a florist
- c) becomes an actress
- d) starts a business

8. How does Pickering help Eliza?

- a) Takes her to India
- b) gets her a job
- c) provides financial assistance
- d) none of the above

9. What does Higgins think of Freddy to be?

- a) A fool
- b) a scholar
- c) a millionaire
- d) a cheat

10. What does Higgins promise? To transform Eliza in to a

- a) Countess
- b) duchess
- c) Professor
- d) Teacher

Answer: 1. a 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. a 6. a 7. b 8. c 9. a 10. b

Short Answer Questions (2 Marks)

1. Why does Eliza come to Higgins's house?
2. What is the bet laid by Pickering to Higgins?
3. What is Higgins ability?
4. Who are the note taker and the gentleman?
5. How did Pickering treat Eliza?
6. What happens at the end of six months?
7. What did Higgins and Pickering teach Eliza?
8. How does Higgins treat Eliza?
9. Whom does Eliza decide to marry why?
10. Who has a quick ear?

Paragraph Questions (5 Marks)

1. Write a paragraph on the nature of Mrs. Higgins.
2. Write a paragraph on Shaw's concept of visible speech?
3. How is Pygmalion a problem play?

4. Describe how Eliza was trained by Higgins?
5. Describe the Ambassador's party.
6. Write a paragraph on the role of the three major characters?
7. Sketch the character of Freddy.
8. Write a note on 'Clara Eyns Ford'.
9. Why does Higgin say that Doo Little deserves to be minister?
10. How does Shaw run down the earlier phoneticians?

Essay Questions (10 Marks)

1. Consider 'Pygmalion' as a didactic play.
2. Write an essay on the theme of the play Pygmalion?
3. Bring out Shaw's great achievement in 'Pygmalion'.
4. Write an essay on the emotional aspect as revealed in Pygmalion?
5. Write an essay on the concept of Romance and Reality?
6. Bring out the wit and humour in 'Pygmalion'?
7. Compare and contrast between Higgins and Pickering.
8. Write an essay on the importance of Shaw's preface to 'Pygmalion'.
9. Write an essay on the character of Eliza Doolittle.
10. Write an essay on the flawed character of Alfred Doolittle.

UNIT – V

Choose the Correct Answer

1. The boy brings a message from whom?

- a) His brother
- b) Mr. Godot
- c) his master
- d) his sister

2. When will Mr. Godot come?

- a) This evening
- b) tomorrow
- c) next month
- d) next week

3. What does the boy's brother do?

- a) Minds the sheep
- b) studies
- c) works in an office
- d) none of the above

4. How was the tree the day before?

- a) Bare

- b) covered with leaves
 - c) with a few leaves
 - d) covered with flowers
5. Does Vladimir remember yesterday?
- A) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) a little
 - d) none of the above
6. Who is lucky?
- a) Pozzo's slave
 - b) an orphan
 - c) Estragon's son
 - d) Vladimir friend
7. Where is Pozzo going?
- a) To School
 - b) to church
 - c) to the market
 - d) to temple
8. Why does Pozzo take lucky to the Market?
- a) To sell him
 - b) to give him company
 - c) just like that
 - d) none of the above
9. When will they hang themselves?
- a) Next month
 - b) tomorrow
 - c) never
 - d) next week
10. Why should they come back tomorrow?
- a) To wait for Godot
 - b) to meet their friends
 - c) for no reason
 - d) none of the above

Answer: 1. b 2. b 3. a 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. b 10. A

Short Answer Questions (2 Marks)

1. How do Vladimir and Estragon pass the time?



2. Why is Pozzo taking Lucky to the market?
3. What is the message that the boy brings?
4. What do you know about Lucky?
5. How does the play end?
6. Why do Estragon's legs start bleeding?
7. Who are the two tramps in Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot'?
8. How does Samuel Becket call the play?
9. What is the French title of 'Waiting for Godot'?
10. How is Becket representing Pozzo's declines?

Paragraph Questions (5 Marks)

1. Comment on Pozzo – Lucky relationship.
2. Write short notes on Godot's messenger boy.
3. Sketch the character of 'ESTRAGON'.
4. Write a paragraph on the significance of the name 'Vladimir'.
5. Write the character of 'Lucky' .
6. How has Godot appeared in disguise?
7. Write a paragraph on the title of the play ' Waiting for Godot'.
8. Describe the relationship between Vladimir and Estragon.
9. What does the characterization signify in the play?
10. Write a note on the structure of the play ' Waiting for Godot'.

Essay Questions (10 Marks)

1. Bring out the various themes in the play ' Waiting for Godot'.
2. Consider ' Waiting for Godot'. as an absurd play.
3. Bring out the elements of existentialism in ' Waiting for Godot'.
4. Bring out the characteristics of Beckett as a dramatist.
5. Write an essay on the symbols used in the play.
6. Explain the significance of the title ' Waiting for Godot'.
7. Consider ' Waiting for Godot'. as a Tragic comedy.
8. Bring out the humour in the play , ' Waiting for Godot'.
9. Write an essay on the use of language in the play ' Waiting for Godot'.
10. Write an essay on the opening of the play ' Waiting for Godot'.



