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# C. U. SHAH UNIVERSITY

## Winter Examination-2021

Subject Name: Absurd Literature (E)

Subject Code: 5AH03ABL1

Branch: M.A. (English)

Semester: 3

Date: 17/12/2021

Time: 02:30 To 05:30

Marks: 70

### Instructions:

- (1) Use of Programmable calculator and any other electronic instrument is prohibited.
  - (2) Instructions written on main answer book are strictly to be obeyed.
  - (3) Draw neat diagrams and figures (if necessary) at right places.
  - (4) Assume suitable data if needed.
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### SECTION – I

**Q-1 Attempt the Following questions (07)**

- a. Why does Vladimir wake Estragon from his nap in "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett?
- b. Why does Roquentin begin keeping a diary in "Nausea" a novel by Jean-Paul Sartre?
- c. Who are Petey Boles and Meg Boles in the play "Birthday Party"?
- d. What is the central theme of the play "Endgame"?
- e. What is the role of Arthur in the play "The Balcony" by Jean Genet?
- f. Who coined the term The Theatre of Absurd?
- g. How does the family feel after Gregor dies "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka?

**Q-2 What is the significance of the title of the play Waiting for Godot? (14)**

**OR**

**Q-2 Write a note on the salient characteristics of Absurd literature.**

**Q-3 Discuss general characteristics of Existentialism in detail. (14)**

**OR**

**Q-3 Justify Samuel Backet as an absurdist writer.**

### SECTION – II

**Q-4 Attempt the Following questions (07)**

- a. Where does Roquentin decide to move at the end of the book? What will he do there in "Nausea" a novel by Jean-Paul Sartre?
- b. What does Gregor Samsa do for a living in the novella "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka?
- c. What are the names of the protagonists of the play "Endgame"?
- d. What is the setting of the entire play "The Balcony" by Jean Genet?



- e. What was/were the reason/s behind Absurd Theatre?
- f. How is the phrase "waiting for goddot" being used by people?
- g. What is the role of Nat Goldberg and Dermot McCann in the play "Birthday Party"?

**Q-5** Explain Beckett's play, Waiting for Godot, as tragicomedy. **(14)**

**OR**

**Q-5** Elucidate the techniques of surrealistic writing in detail. **(14)**

**Q-6** What are the key characteristics of Surrealism in literature? Describe in detail. **(14)**

**OR**

**Q-6** What are the major themes of The Stranger by Albert Camus? **(14)**

