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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

**SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

ELI 3251: EUROPEAN LITERATURE

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Critically analyse the statement that all animal are equal but some are more equal than others drawing your illustrations from 'The Animal farm' by George Orwell. (10 Marks)
- b) Natural forces seem to contribute to the tragic ending in Romeo and Juliet by Shakespeare. Discuss. (10 Marks)
- c) Explain how materialism has been presented in 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' by Bertolt Brecht. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Focussing on 'An Enemy of the People' by Henrik Ibsen discuss dissatisfaction in human nature and its impacts. (10 Marks)



b) Discuss the role of the original seven commandments in the endeavour of equality for all in, 'The Animal farm. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss how naivety and ignorance contributes to economic status of the working class. Draw your illustrations from 'An Enemy of the People and 'The Government inspector'. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Family conflicts and enmity can be disastrous. Explain this statement using 'Romeo and Juliet' by Shakespeare. (10 Marks)

b) Those who control the resources are the ones who enjoy the benefits. Discuss this contention drawing your examples from 'The Animal Farm' and 'The Caucasian chalk circle.' (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Discuss absurdity as portrayed by Samuel Becket's Waiting for the Godot. (10 Marks)

b) Explain the use of symbolism in 'The animal farm' by George Orwell. (10 Marks)

