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**First Year Bachelor of Arts  
(Semester II)**

**24ENG12101 – Major Forms of Literature**

**Program: BA**  
**Program Specific: BA English**  
**Course Type: Major**  
**Paper:**

**Credits: 4**  
**Time: 3 Hours**  
**Max. Marks:60**  
**SET: A**

**Instructions to the candidate:**

- 1) All questions are compulsory.
- 2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- 3) Draw a well labelled diagram wherever necessary.

**SECTION: A**

**Q1) Answer the following questions in about 40 words each. (Any 7)**

**[7X2=14]**

1. What is the significance of the title *The Importance of Being Earnest*?
2. How does Jack Worthing justify his double identity?
3. What is Lady Bracknell's opinion about marriage?
4. Describe briefly the character, George from the novel, *Of Mice and Men*.
5. What is the significance of Lennie's obsession with petting soft things?
6. What does the poet mean by "the marriage of true minds"?
7. How does Shakespeare describe love's permanence in the sonnet?
8. Why does the speaker hesitate before revealing his skin colour?
9. How does the landlady's attitude reflect racial prejudice?

**SECTION: B**

**Q2) Answer the following questions in about 100 words each. (Any 4)**

**[4X4=16]**

1. How does Oscar Wilde use satire to criticize Victorian society in *The Importance of Being Earnest*?
2. Explain the significance of the title *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
3. Discuss the relationship between George and Lennie in *Of Mice and Men*.
4. What does Shakespeare mean by "Let me not to the marriage of true minds / Admit impediments"?
5. How does Shakespeare define true love in Sonnet 116?
6. How does *Telephone Conversation* depict racial discrimination?

**SECTION: C**

**Q3) Answer the following questions in about 120 words each. (Any 2)**

**[2X5=10]**

1. Explain Shakespeare's idea of true love as presented in Sonnet 116.
2. How does Shakespeare use imagery to convey the permanence of true love in Sonnet 116?
3. How does the poem highlight the issue of racial discrimination through the telephone conversation?
4. Discuss the role of irony in Wole Soyinka's *Telephone Conversation*.

**SECTION: D**

**Q4) Answer the following questions in about 200 words each. (Any 2)**

**[2X10=20]**

1. Discuss *The Importance of Being Earnest* as a social satire. How does Wilde critique Victorian society through humour and wit?
2. Examine the theme of identity and mistaken identity in the play. How do these elements contribute to the comedy?
3. Discuss the theme of friendship in *Of Mice and Men*. How does the relationship between George and Lennie contrast with the loneliness experienced by other characters?
4. Analyse the role of dreams in the novel. How does the idea of the "American Dream" affect different characters?

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