Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

Readings from Drama (HSS F221)

Semester I, 2016-2017

Mid-Semester Evaluation (Open Book)

October 08, 2016 Time: 90 Minutes Full Marks: 20

**Marks will be deducted for spelling mistakes and illegible handwriting. The word limit is 300-350 for each question.**

**1.** Taunted by Lady Macbeth, as he vacillated between killing or sparing King Duncan, Macbeth famously commented, "I dare do all that may become a man;/ Who dares do more is none". Shakespeare's tragedy, *Macbeth*, plays on with the theme of valor and manhood all through. Trace the symbolic, rhetorical and ironical use of manhood in the play commenting on how it has shaped Macbeth's character. **10**

**2.** Mrs. Meldon: If Eddie had been a statesman, he would not have gone to the war. He would have compelled some other person to go.

St. John Ervine's *Progress* juxtaposes "anti-war emotion" to "scientific progress" that creates weapons of mass destruction. Keeping in mind the above observation, analyze the title of the play and comment on its suitability. **10**