**Discrimination**

**Osborne shows his concerns over the class problems of the society. His plays deal with social discrimination, alienation, man’s rebellion against the bonds of custom, anger, despair and frustration of the post-war generation, man-woman relationship and similar socio-psychological themes.**

**He highlights the class conflict that exists in the English society, meaning the class inequality between those who belong to the comfortable upper middle class and those who fought their way up in the social ladder by their hard work and intelligence.**

**Jimmy is the representative of the entire culture who remains nostalgic for the past glory. He is born as a revolutionist, fails to be satisfied with almost anything around him. He is dissatisfied with the society, the legal system, the socio- political system, the educational system, the environment, his wife, his friend and with himself. He wants the things to move in his own way but it does not happen; so he is the most helpless young man who gets irritated with all the happenings in the society.**

**Throughout the play he passes scathing (mocking, or scornful) remarks, criticizing his friends and his wife mainly because she comes from the upper-class society.**

**Jimmy’s anger is directed towards the members of the upper class to which his wife belongs to. He wages a constant battle against the upper class and treats his wife as a hostage. By attacking his wife, he wants to take revenge on the upper middle class which he detests.**

**Jimmy feels that the upper class society must stop its exploitation of the working–class people. He is angry because of these various aspects of life. Jimmy utterly hates Alison’s family for their upper- class behaviour. Jimmy is certainly opposed to many aspects of modern life, striking out, in turn, at the Sunday papers, the church, the apathy (indifference) of everyone else, women in general, marriage, sex and the establishment. He reveals that, all is required in this society is more understanding and adjustment to live a harmonious life.**