

(For the candidates admitted from 2024-25 onwards)

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2025.

Second Semester

English

SHAKESPEARE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

1. When and where was the first play house built?
2. Who were called the tools?
3. Why does Iago hate othello?
4. What was the first gift given by Othello to Desdemona?
5. Why does Prospero Call Antonio a ‘false uncle’?
6. What does Ariel do to lead the men astray and interrupt their plans?
7. Why did King Henry VIII sign the treaty of Bruges with Emperor Charles V?
8. What were the Ten Articles?
9. Why did Dramio (s) refuse to open the door to antipholus (E) when he comes for lunch?
10. What is the significance of the term black in Sonnet 131?

PART B — (3 × 5 = 15 marks)

Answer any THREE of the following questions.

11. Briefly describe Shakespeare’s stage.
12. What led Dedemona to marry Othello?
13. Why was Prospero banished?
14. What were the main consequences of Henry VIII’s religious reforms?
15. What is the significance of the “dark” aspects of Shakespeare’s beloved’s appearance in sonnet 127?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer the following questions.

16. (a) Examine Shakespeare's delineation of villains.

Or

- (b) Explain how Shakespeare has presented the different facets of feminine principle.

17. (a) Discuss Othello's tragic flaw which leads to his demise in detail.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the dramatic irony in 'Othello'.

18. (a) Write an essay on the supernatural elements in "The Tempest".

Or

- (b) Comment on the relationship between Ferdinand and Miranda.

19. (a) How did Henry VIII centralize power in his government?

Or

- (b) How did the reformation impact English Society and Culture?

20. (a) Discuss the perspectives on marriage found in "The Comedy of Errors".

Or

- (b) Write an essay on Shakespeare's language and imagery in his sonnets.

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