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Fifth Semester

English – Core

SHAKESPEARE

(For those who joined in July 2021 & 2022 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. In which play, the Fool makes his last appearance by saying 'I will go to sleep at noon'?
(a) Macbeth (b) King Lear
(c) Hamlet (d) As You Like it
2. The tragic hero in Shakespearean tragedy is a _____.
(a) Poor man (b) Simpleton
(c) Man in high state (d) Old man

3. In sonnet 116, Shakespeare says that the 'marriage of true minds' ends in
(a) Perfect love
(b) Love that is susceptible to change
(c) Futile love
(d) Love that can be shaken by storms
4. The rhyme scheme in Shakespeare's sonnet 121 is _____.
(a) aabb ccdd eeff gg (b) abab cdcd efef gg
(c) abab ccdd eeff gg (d) abcd cdef efeg cc
5. Which character in Midsummer Night's Dream is noted for his mischievous pranks?
(a) Oberon (b) Egeus
(c) Bottom (d) Puck
6. To whom does Don Pedro propose marriage?
(a) Hero (b) Beatrice
(c) Ursula (d) Margaret
7. 'I love you majesty/According to my bond- no more nor less'. These are the words of _____.
(a) Cordelia (b) Goneril
(c) Reagan (d) Curan



8. After dividing the kingdom between his two daughters, King Lear wants to retain _____ knights to serve him.

(a) 100 (b) 200
(c) 50 (d) 40

9. Octavius Caesar is the _____ of Mark Antony

(a) Father (b) Son
(c) Brother (d) Great Nephew

10. Mark Antony marries _____ Octavius's widowed sister as his second wife.

(a) Cleopatra (b) Olympa
(c) Octavia (d) Agrippa

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What are the features of a tragic hero, as mentioned by A.C. Bradley in his lecture on 'Substance of Shakespearean Tragedy'?

Or

- (b) How are the supernatural elements used in Shakespeare's plays?

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12. (a) How does Shakespeare employ the theme of love in Sonnet 116?

Or

- (b) Analyze the technical excellences in Shakespeare's sonnet 18.

13. (a) Comment on the happy ending of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Or

- (b) How does Hero fake her death?

14. (a) Examine the importance of the first scene in 'King Lear'.

Or

- (b) Describe the circumstances that drive King Lear into the storm.

15. (a) Trace the significance of Enobarbus in 'Antony and Cleopatra'.

Or

- (b) Consider Octavius Caesar as a contrast to Mark Antony.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Explain how Tiffany points out the unique features of Shakespearean Theatre and the audience in her essay.

Or

- (b) Bring out the significance of Fools and Clowns in Shakespeare's plays.

17. (a) Explain how Shakespeare eternalizes the beauty of his beloved resisting the power of time on Sonnet 65.

Or

- (b) Give a critical analysis of Shakespeare's sonnet 121.

18. (a) Consider 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' as a typical romantic comedy of Shakespeare.

Or

- (b) Compare and contrast the characters - Beatrice and Benedick.

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19. (a) Consider 'King Lear' as a typical Shakespearean tragedy.

Or

- (b) King Lear is 'every inch a king' with all his faults' - Substantiate.

20. (a) 'The Keynote of Cleopatra's character is her infinite variety' - Discuss.

Or

- (b) Critically analyze the themes in 'Antony and Cleopatra'.

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