

MAEG 2006

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2021.

Second Year

English

SHAKESPEARE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

PART A — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer any FIVE of the following.

1. Why does Iago hate Othello?
2. Vivify the relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.
3. Elaborate the tragic flow in *Hamlet*.
4. Discuss various types humour in the play *As You Like It*.
5. In what way is Henry IV a play about atonement?
6. How does Shakespeare draw a historical picture of England through his plays?
7. What are the arguments put forward by Brutus to convince Caesar?
8. Analyse the merits and demerits of Shakespeare as given in Johnson's 'Preface to Shakespeare'.

PART B — (5 × 12 = 60 marks)

Answer any FIVE of the following.

9. Sketch of Character of Desdemona.
10. Discuss the theme of loyalty and disloyalty in the *Merchant of Venice*.
11. Identify and discuss the elements of melodrama in Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*.
12. Richard II is a cultured and charming man but a failure as King-Justify.
13. Why is Coriolanus a tragic character?
14. Bring out the power of 'Speech' in *Julius Caesar*.
15. Elaborate the mood and tone of Shakespeare's sonnets.
16. According to A. C. Bradley, what are substances of Shakespearean tragedy?