

MAEG 2006

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2022.

Second Year – Non-Semester

English

SHAKESPEARE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

PART A — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer any FIVE out of Eight of the following questions.

1. What is the role of fool in Shakespearean plays?
2. Cleopatra is a pretty woman with hard experience. Discuss.
3. Write the importance of church scene in 'Much Ado about Nothing'.
4. Write a short note on the use of soliloquies in 'Hamlet'.
5. Why does Iago want to destroy Othello, Cassio and Desdemona?
6. Write a note on Lady Macbeth's sleep walking.

7. Attempt a character sketch of Jessica in 'The merchant of Venice'.
8. Discuss Shakespeare's sonnets as an exploration into the theme of love and friendship.

PART B — (5 × 12 = 60 marks)

Answer any FIVE out of Eight of the following questions.

9. What according to Bradley, are the distinctive features of Shakespearean Tragedy.
10. Examine 'Hamlet' as a study of the theme of indecision.
11. Discuss in detail about the tragic flaw of 'Othello'.
12. Consider 'Much Ado about nothing' as a romantic comedy.
13. Discuss the importance of the curses and the prophecies which appear throughout 'Richard II'.
14. Write an essay on the heroines of Shakespeare's plays.
15. Consider 'Macbeth' as a tragedy of ambition.
16. Bring out the significance of the forest of Arden in 'As you like it'.