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Sixth Semester

English – Main

SHAKESPEARE

(For those who joined in July 2012 – 2015)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Who is the motiveless malignant villain in Shakespearean tragedy?
 - (a) Shylock
 - (b) Iago
 - (c) Macbeth
 - (d) Goneril

2. Which casket has the inscription "Who chooseth me shall get as much he deserves"?
- (a) Gold (b) Silver
(c) Bronze (d) Lead
3. Which of these is NOT a choice of casket?
- (a) lead (b) bronze
(c) silver (d) gold
4. Before the battle between the French and English armies, whose camp is Lea brought to?
- (a) Cordelia's (b) Edmund's
(c) Gloucester's (d) Albany's
5. Goneril and Regan are attracted to —————.
- (a) Edmund (b) Edgar
(c) Albany (d) Cornwall
6. Who was the king before Henry IV?
- (a) Richard III (b) Richard II
(c) Henry III (d) Edward III

7. Which family does Hotspur belong to?
- (a) Percy (b) Woodville
(c) Lancaster (d) Plantagenet
8. Which country was Alonso's ship returning from, when it was caught in the tempest?
- (a) Naples (b) England
(c) Tunis (d) Bermudas
9. Who appears in the opening scene of *The Tempest*?
- (a) King of Naples
(b) Duke of Milan
(c) Miranda
(d) Trinculo
10. Which is last play written by Shakespeare _____?
- (a) *Macbeth*
(b) *Twelfth Night*
(c) *The Tempest*
(d) *As you like it*

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What is the tragic flaw of King Lear?

Or

- (b) Henry IV is a historical play – Justify.

12. (a) Sketch the character of Shylock.

Or

- (b) Explain the significance of the scene “The Trial of the Caskets”.

13. (a) Why did Edgar pretend to be a madman?

Or

- (b) What did Cordelia say about her love for her father?

14. (a) Describe the conditions that existed in the inn at Rochester.

Or

- (b) Explain how Falstaff deals with the “thieves” who rob him.

15. (a) Caliban is a good person – Justify.

Or

- (b) Critically analyse the character of Ariel.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write an essay on Shakespearean Comedy.

Or

- (b) Explain in detail the historical plays of Shakespeare.

17. (a) How does Portia's character develop over the course of Act III?

Or

- (b) Compare and contrast the role of Morocco and Aragon in the casket scene.

18. (a) King Lear is a play about sacrifice – Justify.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the evil characters in *King Lear*.

19. (a) Write an essay on the central theme of the play *Henry IV*.

Or

- (b) Analyse the complexity in the character of Prince Hal.

20. (a) Explain the symbolism in *The Tempest*.

Or

- (b) Critically analyse the play *The Tempest*.
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