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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India

Master's Degree Examination – May 2025

II Semester

Class : I P.G.
Major : English

Time: 3 Hours
Max. Marks: 100

23MENC08 Shakespeare

Course Outcomes:

CO1: Understand the dramatic forms of Shakespeare

CO2: Analyse characters, plots, themes and techniques

CO3: Appreciate the uniqueness of Shakespeare among the world literatures

CO4: Explicate the effect that Shakespeare drama has on the culture of this age

CO5: Apply the knowledge of tenets of Shakespeare's works on a universal level

Part A

10 x 1 = 10

Choose the Correct Answer

- Who ultimately reveals Iago's villainy?
a. Cassio b. Emilia c. Desdemona d. Roderigo CO1K1
- Which of King Lear's daughters is truly loyal to King Lear?
a. Goneril b. Regan c. Cordelia d. Emelia CO1K1
- What is the main theme of *Twelfth Night*?
a. Revenge b. Betrayal c. Love and mistaken identity d. Political power CO2K2
- What does Shylock demand in return for the loan that he lends to Antonio?
a. A chest of gold b. A ship filled with spices
c. A pound of Antonio's flesh d. A contract of friendship CO2K2
- What does Cleopatra contribute to Antony's battle with Caesar?
a. A fleet of sixty ships b. An array of ten thousand soldiers
c. An amulet to protect Antony in battle d. A golden dagger CO3K2
- Why does King Richard II banish Henry Bolingbroke?
a. Bolingbroke plotted to kill him b. Bolingbroke insulted the Queen
c. Bolingbroke was accused of treason by Thomas Mowbray
d. Richard feared Bolingbroke would seize the throne CO3K1
- What lesson does *All's Well That Ends Well* ultimately teach?
a. True love can overcome obstacles b. Revenge is necessary to achieve justice
c. Ambition is more important than love d. Fate determines one's future CO4K2
- What crime has Claudio committed that leads to his arrest?
a. Theft b. Treason against the Duke c. Impregnating Juliet out of wedlock d. Murder CO4K2
- What does the phrase "Eternal Summer" symbolize in SONNET 18?
a. The everlasting beauty of the beloved b. The endless cycle of seasons
c. The warmth of summer day d. The changing nature of time CO5K2
- According to Sonnet 116, if the poet's definition of love is proven wrong, he claims.
a. He will stop writing b. No man has ever truly loved
c. Love is a lie d. He will write a new sonnet CO5K3

Part B

5 x 6 = 30

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

- 11.a. How does Iago manipulate Othello throughout the play? CO1K2
- (or)
- 11.b. What role does Edmund play in the downfall of the kingdom? CO1K2
- 12.a. Sketch the role of Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*. CO2K2
- (or)
- 12.b. What does Shylock's character reveal about prejudice in *The Merchant of Venice*? CO2K2
- 13.a. Sketch the character of Cleopatra. CO3K2
- (or)
- 13.b. Character contrast Bolingbroke and Richard II. CO3K2
- 14.a. How does Helena challenge traditional gender roles in *All's Well That Ends Well*? CO4K3
- (or)
- 14.b. Evaluate how *Measure for Measure* criticizes hypocrisy in authority? CO4K3
- 15.a. Why does the speaker argue that the beloved is superior to a summer's day? CO5K4
- (or)
- 15.b. Discuss the metaphors Shakespeare used in Sonnet 116 to describe true love. CO5K4

Part C

5 x 12 = 60

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages

- 16.a. Discuss the role of jealousy in *Othello*. CO1K2
- (or)
- 16.b. *King Lear* explores the theme of power and its consequences - Discuss CO1K2
- 17.a. Describe the theme of love explored in *Twelfth Night*. CO2K2
- (or)
- 17.b. Evaluate the character of Portia in the play *The Merchant of Venice*. CO2K2
- 18.a. Evaluate the reasons for the downfall of Antony and Cleopatra. CO3K2
- (or)
- 18.b. Shakespeare's portrayal of leadership in Richard the II. CO3K3
- 19.a. Justify the title *All's Well That Ends Well*. CO4K3
- (or)
- 19.b. "The theme of justice versus mercy" - Discuss. CO4K4
- 20.a. Analyze the tone of "Sonnet 73" and discuss how it reflects the speaker's attitude towards aging and death. CO5K4
- (or)
- 20.b. Explain the rhetorical questions in Sonnet 138 and their effect on the poem's meaning. CO5K4