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Continuous Internal Assessment I - February 2025
SEMESTER II

Class : I M.A
Branch: English

Time: 2 Hours
Max. Marks: 60

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

6x1=6

Choose the Correct Answer

1. Who called Shakespeare "an upstart crow" CO1K1
a. Robert Greene b. Thomas Nashe c. Thomas Lodge d. George Peele
2. The tragic flaw of the main character, and the term that had its origin in the Greek language is _____ CO1K1
a. catharsis b. anagnorisis c. peripeteia d. hamartia
3. Who forges a love letter to Malvolio, mimicking Olivia's handwriting? CO2K1
a. Sir Toby Belch b. Sir Andrew c. Maria d. Fabian
4. Who eulogises Cleopatra saying "Age cannot wither her nor custom stale/ Her infinite variety" CO3K1
a. Lepidus b. Enobarbus c. Antony d. Caesar
5. Portia is the beautiful and wealthy heiress of _____ CO1K1
a. Belmont b. Tripolis c. Morocco d. Aragon
6. Which play of Shakespeare was called by Shelley "the most perfect specimen of the dramatic art existing in the world" CO3K1
a. Macbeth b. Othello c. King Lear d. Hamlet

Part B

3x6=18

Answer ALL questions.

Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

7 a. How are Shakespeare's plays divided? Give an example to each division. CO1K2

(or)

7 b. Explain how Cassio lost his position and favour with Othello? CO2K2

8 a. Was Cesario able to accomplish the first duty assigned to him by Olivia? How?

CO2K4

(or)

8 b. Comment on the responses given by King Lear's daughters when he asks them which of them loves him the most?

CO4K4

9 a. What are the attributes of the quality of mercy?

CO5K2

(or)

9 b. What is the central conflict between love and duty in the play *Antony and Cleopatra*?

CO5K2

Part C

3 x 12 = 36

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages

10 a. Discuss Shakespeare's use of imagery and language with examples. CO4K4

(or)

10 b. Evaluate Othello as a tragic hero. CO2K5

11 a. How does the play *King Lear* explore the themes of betrayal and misjudgment.

CO4K4

(or)

11 b. Discuss the significance of disguise and mistaken identity in the play *Twelfth Night*.

CO2K4

12 a. Analyse the role of Portia in the play *The Merchant of Venice*.

CO2K4

(or)

12 b. Compare and contrast the characters Caesar and Antony.

CO2K5

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