

M.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 2021

ENGLISH

Course Code: ENG203C

Course ID: 20353

(Shakespeare I (Comedy, Tragicomedy and Sonnets))

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Answer all the questions.*

UNIT I

1. Answer *any one* of the following questions: (1x12 = 12)

- a) Comment on the relationship between Caliban and Prospero in *The Tempest*.
- b) Examine the role of the elements in *The Tempest*.
- c) How does Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* question, challenge, and to a major extent, subvert heteronormative ideology? Elucidate with reference to the text.
- d) By subverting established conventions of socialisation, Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* majorly challenges heteropatriarchal standards and stereotypes. Elucidate with reference to the text.

UNIT II

2. Answer *any one* of the following questions: (1x12 = 12)

- a) *Measure for Measure* is profoundly concerned with the themes of justice, mercy and morality. Discuss.
- b) Lucio depicts Vincentio as ‘...the old fantastical duke of dark corners...’ Analyse the character of the Duke in the light of the above observation.
- c) ‘Frequently throughout Shakespeare’s sonnets the poet/speaker criticises himself for his inadequacy.’ Discuss with close reference to the sonnets prescribed in your syllabus.
- d) Comment on the strain of melancholy in Shakespeare’s sonnets with reference to the sonnets prescribed in your syllabus.

### UNIT III

**3. Answer any four of the following short questions:**

**(4 x 4 = 16)**

- a) Write briefly about the three major duties entrusted upon Ariel by Prospero in *The Tempest*.
- b) What is the significance of Stephano - Trinculo episode in *The Tempest*?
- c) 'Love sought is good, but giv'n unsought is better' - Locate and annotate.
- d) 'O, you should not rest/ Between the elements of air and earth/ But you should pity me' - Contextualise Cesario's observation to Olivia.
- e) 'What's open made to justice, / That justice seizes. What knows the laws /That thieves do pass on thieves?' Comment.
- f) 'Because authority, though it err like others, /Hath yet a kind of medicine in itself / That skins the vice o'th'top.' Explain.
- g) Explain with reference to the context the significance of the following lines:  

'So should the lines of life that life repair,  
Which this time's pencil, or my pupil pen,  
Neither in inward worth nor outward fair,  
Can make you live yourself in eyes of men.'
- h) Explain with reference to the context the significance of the following lines:  

'Thus have I had thee as a dream doth flatter:  
In sleep a king, but waking no such matter.'

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