

2023
SRCMUJ
M.A.
1st Semester Examination
English
ENG-105
(SHAKESPEARE)

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any two of the following questions:

5×2

- a) Comment on any two stage conventions of Elizabethan age.
- b) What role does Puck serve in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
- c) Comment on the line-“Bless thee, Bottom! Bless thee! Thou art translated”.
- d) What, according to Dr Johnson, are the structural weaknesses of some of Shakespearean plays?

2. Answer any three of the following questions:

10×3

- a) Discuss how Renaissance Humanism contributed to the development of themes and characters in Shakespeare's plays.
- b) “In *Hamlet* Shakespeare presents an incisive analysis of the conventions of the contemporary revenge play.” Discuss.
- c) Is Hamlet's madness real or feigned? Answer with reference to the text.
- d) Discuss how power and gender equations are reversed in the forest scenes of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- e) Discuss how Johnson defends Shakespeare's penchant for mingling

tragic and comic elements in his plays.

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