

2024
SRMUJ
1st Semester Examination
M.A.
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) Briefly explain how the political environment of Jacobean England influenced the content and themes of Shakespeare's plays.
- b) Comment on the following lines "As flies to wanton boys are we to th' gods; / They kill us for their sport."
- c) Comment on the significance of the use of play-within-a-play in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- d) In Shakespeare's plays 'character is destiny'. Do you agree?

2. Answer *any three* of the following questions:

10×3

- a) Write a note on the Indian responses to Shakespeare's stage with special reference to *Macbeth*.
- b) How does *King Lear* portray the tragedy of kingship? Discuss
- c) Discuss the role of mistaken identity and confusion in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- d) Analyze the portrayal of love in *Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- e) What are the key features of A. C. Bradley's interpretation of tragedy?