

FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2017

(CUCSS)

English

ENIE 01—SHAKESPEARE

(2012 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weightage : 36

I. Answer *all* the questions in a word, phrase or sentence :

- 1 What was the place meant for the commoners in the Elizabethan theatre ?
- 2 What does a black flag on Globe theatre mean in Shakespeare's times ?
- 3 Which play includes Shakespeare's famous lines 'All the World is a stage' ?
- 4 What is the complete title of the play about King Lear ?

(4 × ½ = 2 weightage)

- 5 What is the first folio ?
- 6 Which woman critic is famous for pioneering the study of Shakespeare imagery.
- 7 Name Shakespeare's English history plays in which Falstaff appears.
- 8 Name the Shakespeare play known for its colonial thrust.

(4 × ½ = 2 weightage)

II. Answer any *six* of the following in a paragraph each :

- 9 Similarities and repetitions in sonnets.
- 10 Rosalind's disguise.
- 11 Arden forest
- 12 Filial ingratitude in King Lear.
- 13 Shakespeare and the Elizabethan supernatural beliefs.
- 14 Supporting characters in Measure for Measure.
- 15 Antony and his wives.
- 16 Ariel as a noble savage.
- 17 The language of the sonnets.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

Turn over

III. Write essays on any *four*, choosing one from each section :

Section A

- 18 The aspects of the dark comedy in Measure for Measure.
- 19 The pastoral elements in the Shakespeare As You Like It.
- 20 Analyze the features of a sonnet and show how Shakespeare does justice to the form.

Section B

- 21 Respond to G B Shaw's comment that a better tragedy than King Lear cannot be written.
- 22 What aspects of patriarchy are visible in the island mentioned in The Tempest ?
- 23 Antony as a tragic hero.

Section C

- 25 The phases of development in Shakespeare's career.
- 26 Influences on Shakespeare..
- 27 Theme and form of Shakespeare's sonnets.

Section D

- 28 Anti-colonial stance of Caliban in The Tempest.
- 29 The depiction of Cordelia in King Lear.
- 30 Appropriateness of the title Measure for Measure.

(4 × 5 = 20 weighta