

10. (a) Write an essay on Shakespeare's use of the supernatural.

Or

- (b) Examine the themes in Shakespeare's sonnets with reference to the sonnets prescribed.
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Second Semester

English

SHAKESPEARE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (3 × 5 = 15 marks)

Annotate the following :

1. (a) If you prick us do we not bleed? If you tickle us do we not laugh? If you poison us do we not die? And it you wrong us shall we not revenge?

Or

- (b) The quality of mercy is not strained.

It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven

Upon the place beneath...

2. (a) How like a fawning publican he looks,
I hate him, for he is a Christian.
- Or
- (b) Look like the innocent flower, but be the
serpent under't.
3. (a) Out, out brief candle! Life's but a walking
shadow, a poor player that struts and frets
his hour upon the stage and then is heard no
more, it is a tale told by an idiot, full of
sound and fury, signifying nothing.
- Or
- (b) There's daggers in men's smiles.

PART B — (2 × 5 = 10 marks)

Answer the following in about 200 words each.

4. (a) Describe the quarrel between Brutus and
Cassius.
- Or
- (b) Explain the significance of the opening scene
in "Richard II".
5. (a) Give a character sketch of Perdita.
- Or
- (b) Write a note on the songs and music in
Shakespeare's plays.

PART C — (5 × 10 = 50 marks)

Write essays on the following in about 500 words each.

6. (a) Discuss Shylock's dramatic function in "The
Merchant of Venice".
- Or
- (b) Analyse the relationship between Antonio
and Bassanio.
7. (a) Discuss whether Macbeth is truly a tragic
figure.
- Or
- (b) How does Lady Macbeth influence Macbeth?
8. (a) Consider Julius Caesar as a tragedy.
- Or
- (b) Write an essay on Shakespeare's ideal of
Kingship and Patriotism.
9. (a) Discuss the significance of the title of the
play "The Winter's Tale".
- Or
- (b) Draw a character sketch of Paulina.