

2010

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination

ENGLISH

PAPER—ENG-1204

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer all questions.

- 1. Answer any one of the following within 300 words : 10**
 - (a) Write a note on the Elizabethan stage.
 - (b) Write a brief essay on the importance of clowns in Elizabethan Theatre.
 - (c) Point out the salient features of the Romantic criticism of Shakespeare.

- (d) Assess the contribution of A. C. Bradley to Shakespearean criticism.
2. Answer any *one* of the following within 300 words : 10
- (a) Analyse, in the light of any *one* of the poems you have read, the structure of a Shakespearean Sonnet.
- (b) Show how the theme in a Shakespearean Sonnet is expressed through imagery.
- (c) Examine the role of the Fool in *King Lear*.
- (d) Bring out the significance of the sub-plot in *King Lear*.
3. Answer any *one* of the following within 300 words : 10
- (a) Discuss the problem of evil in *Measure for Measure*.
- (b) Comment on the role of the Duke in *Measure for Measure* as a *deus^{ex} machine*.
- (c) Show how the Stepheno-Triculo Caliban subplot provides a comic variation on the theme of colonization in *The Tempest*.
- (d) Prosper^o is a magician-turned-Magus in *The Tempest*. Would you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

4. Comment on any *two* of the following questions :

(Each comment within 100 words)

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(a) (i) The tempter, or the tempted, who sins most, ha ?

Or

(ii) O, it is excellent

To have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous

To use it like a giant.

(b) (i) See better, Lear, and let me still remain

The true blank of ~~time~~^{time} eye.

Or

(ii) The dismissal of Lear's Knights.

(c) (i) I'th' Commonwealth I would by contraries

Execute all things.

Or

(ii) A brave vessel,

Who had, no doubt, some noble creature in her,

Dashed all to pieces!

- (d) (i) So long as man can breathe or eyes can see
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Or

- (ii) A bliss in proof and proved, a very woe.
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