

**M.A. Part-I Examination, 2013**

**ENGLISH**

**PAPER – I**

*Full Marks : 100*

*Time : 4 hours*

**Answer all questions**

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks*

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

1. (a) Assess the contribution of either Dr. Johnson or T. S. Eliot to Shakespeare criticism. 16

*Or*

(b) Write brief notes on the following :

(i) The First Folio

(ii) Black Friars theatre.

( Turn Over )

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Or

(c) Write a short essay on the limitations of Elizabethan stage.

2. Answer any *two* of the following : 16 × 2

(a) (i) How do the Lear-story and the Gloucester-story get interwoven in *King Lear*? Discuss.

Or

(ii) Bring out the significance of the role of Cordelia in *King Lear*.

(b) (i) Examine *Measure for Measure* as a Dark Comedy.

Or

(ii) Would you regard the ending of *Measure for Measure* as unsatisfactory? Give reasons for your answer.

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(c) (i) Discuss Caliban as a portrait of the dispossessed native.

Or

(ii) Comment on Shakespeare's handling of the theme of magic in *The Tempest*.

3. Answer any *one* of the following : 16

(a) Examine the role of Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

(b) Would you consider Falstaff a coward? Give reasons for your answer.

(c) Discuss *Hamlet* as a Revenge tragedy.

4. Choose any one of the Shakespearean sonnets you have read to analyse its structure. 16

Or

How does the poet in the Shakespearean sonnets argue in favour of marriage? Discuss with reference to the poems you have read.

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5. Explain with reference to the context any *one* of the following : 10

(a) O nuncle, court holy water in a dry house is better than this rain-water out o'door. Good nuncle, in, ask thy daughters blessing. Here's a night pities nither wise men nor fools.

(b) Now good my lord,  
Let there be some more test made of my metal  
Before so noble and so greet a figure  
Be stamped upon it.

(c) Though with their high wrongs I am struck  
to the quick,  
Yet with my nobler reason' gainst my fury  
Do I take part. The rarer action is  
In virtue than in vengeance.

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

6. Comment on any *two* of the following : 5 × 2

(a) The banishment of Kent.

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(b) 'O cunning enemy, that, to catch a saint,  
with saints dost bait thy hook!'

(c) Prospero's journey in a leaky boat.

(d) 'Love's not time's fool'.