

M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2023

ENGLISH

PAPER — ENG-205

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

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

A. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 10 × 2

1. Write a brief essay on cross-dressing in Shakespeare's plays with special reference to *Twelfth Night*.

Or

Comment on any two continental adaptations of *Twelfth Night*.

2. *Hamlet* is a sophisticated Revenge Tragedy. Discuss.

Or

Discuss the role of the women characters in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

3. Assess *Measure for Measure* as a problem play.

Or

Comment on the ending of *Measure for Measure*.

4. Assess Lamb's contribution to Shakespeare criticism with special reference to his views on the problems of staging the tragedies of Shakespeare.

Or

Write a note on Coleridge as a critic of Shakespeare.

B. Comment on any *four* of the following : 5 × 4

5. Any two sub-continental stage responses to *Macbeth*.
 6. The significance of the “play-within-a-play” in *Hamlet*.
 7. The role of the gravediggers in *Hamlet*.
 8. The title of *Measure for Measure*.
 9. The role of Barnadine in *Measure for Measure*.
 10. Coleridge’s idea of ‘organic wholeness’ in Shakespeare’s plays.
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