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**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023**

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 3E 01—SHAKESPEARE STUDIES

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Write short essays on any *five* of the following in 200 words :

- 1 Shakespeare's contribution to English language and vocabulary.
- 2 Shakespeare's heroines.
- 3 Soliloquies of Hamlet.
- 4 Role of fools and clowns in Shakespeare's plays.
- 5 Features of historical plays of Shakespeare.
- 6 Themes of Shakespearean sonnets.
- 7 Film adaptations of Shakespearean plays.

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

II. Write an Essay on any *four* of the following in 450 words :

- 8 "...Shakespeare is the Canon. He sets the standard and the limits of literature." Justify this statement.
- 9 Elucidate on Paul Brown's attempt to read *The Tempest* in the light of John Rolfe's letter to reveal the agenda of racial and colonial discourse of British Imperialism.
- 10 Comment on the theatrical devices used by Shakespeare in his plays to hook the interests of Elizabethan society.
- 11 "Shakespeare has only heroines and no heroes." Justify or deny this claim with necessary textual evidences.
- 12 Discuss the salient features of Shakespearean tragedy with special emphasis on *Othello* and *King Lear*.
- 13 Critically examine the censorship, revision and adaptations that the Shakespearean texts underwent in the subsequent ages.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)

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[Improvement Candidates need not appear for MCQ Part]

(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

Time : 20 Minutes**Total No. of Questions : 20****Maximum : 5 Weightage****INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE**

1. This Question Paper carries Multiple Choice Questions from 1 to 20.
2. The candidate should check that the question paper supplied to him/her contains all the 20 questions in serial order.
3. Each question is provided with choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) having one correct answer. Choose the correct answer and enter it in the main answer-book.
4. The MCQ question paper will be supplied after the completion of the descriptive examination.

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. Shakespeare was born in which town or city ?
(A) Sniterfield. (B) Oxford.
(C) Stratford-upon-Avon. (D) London.
2. In what year as the Globe Theatre Built ?
(A) 1599. (B) 1608.
(C) 1613. (D) 1594.
3. Shakespeare collaborated with which author on the play “The Two -Noble Kinsmen” :
(A) Marlowe. (B) Francis Beaumont.
(C) Thomas Middleton. (D) John Letcha.
4. How many plays did Shakespeare write ?
(A) 25. (B) 46.
(C) 37. (D) 50.
5. How is Sam Wanamaker connected with Shakespeare ?
(A) Destruction of Globe Theatre.
(B) It was his vision to rebuild the Globe Theatre.
(C) Both.
(D) None.
6. Which of the following plays is not known to have been based on any existing literary and historical work ?
(A) Cymbeline. (B) Romeo and Juliet.
(C) Measure for Measure. (D) The Tempest.
7. The Character of Hernia appears in :
(A) Lago. (B) Banquo.
(C) Duncan. (D) Hamlet.

8. What ancient source did Shakespeare primarily use for Antony and Cleopatra ?
(A) Plutarch. (B) Bliny.
(C) Herodotus. (D) Eureblies.
9. In which play this line appears, "All that glitters are not gold" :
(A) Romeo and Juliet. (B) The Merchant of Venice.
(C) Hamlet. (D) The Tempest.
10. "A horse ! A horse ! My kingdom for a horse !" is a quote from :
(A) King Richard III. (B) The Merchant of Venice.
(C) The Merry Wives of Windsor. (D) As you like it.
11. 'Brevity is the soul of wit' in which play this line appears ?
(A) Hamlet. (B) King Lear.
(C) Othello. (D) Romeo and Juliet.
12. In whose history of Denmark did Shakespeare find background material for his play ?
(A) Saxo Grammaticus. (B) Fraz Gunther Hassen.
(C) Dionsys Inn. (D) Oedipus of Thebes.
13. What new title does Macbeth receive earl in act one ?
(A) Thane of Coward. (B) Thane of Alamos.
(C) King of Scotland. (D) None.
14. To whom did Shakespeare dedicate his first Narrative poem Venus and Adonis ?
(A) Earl of Southampton. (B) Queen Elizabeth.
(C) James I. (D) Ben Jonson.
15. Who said, "Shakespeare has only heroines and no heroes" ?
(A) Matthew Arnold. (B) Dr. Johnson.
(C) Sidney. (D) Ruskin.

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16. "Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit impediments" is the first line of the sonnet _____.
- (A) 129. (B) 114.
(C) 116. (D) 139.
17. What title did King James bestow upon Shakespeare's acting -company ?
- (A) King's Men. (B) Royal Bards.
(C) London's Finest. (D) His Majesty's Entertainment.
18. What does Shylock demand that Antonio pledge as bond for the loan ?
- (A) His death. (B) A pound of flesh.
(C) All his estates. (D) Portia's hand in marriage.
19. Henry IV, Part 1 forms the second part of a _____ part series of plays.
- (A) Four. (B) Five.
(C) Six. (D) Seven.
20. Who is the author of the article "On the principle of Shakespeare interpretation", "Hamlet Reconsidered" ?
- (A) Elaine Showalter. (B) Paul Brown.
(C) A C Bradley. (D) G. Wilson Knight.