

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2019

EL 5506 – SHAKESPEARE

Date: 04-11-2019

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

I. Explain with reference to context any SIX of the following in about 100 words each: (6 x 5 = 30)

1. And yet to say the truth, reason and love keep little company together nowadays
2. I am that merry wanderer of the night.
I jest to Oberon and make him smile.
3. I did upbraid her and fall out with her;
For she his hairy temples then had rounded
With a coronet of fresh and fragrant flowers;
4. Sir, I love you more than words can wield the matter,
Dearer than eyesight, space, and liberty
5. Unhappy that I am, I cannot heave
My heart into my mouth I love your Majesty
According to my bond, no more nor less.
6. As flies to wanton boys are we to gods.
7. I do beseech you,
Let me o'erleap that custom, for I cannot
Put on the gown, stand naked and entreat them.
8. I pray, be Pray, be counsell'd:
I have a heart as little apt as yours,
But yet a brain that leads my use of anger
To better vantage.

II. Answer Four of the following in about 200 words each:

(4 x 10 = 40)

9. Explain how 'Coriolanus' could fall under the category of heroic tragedy.
10. Discuss the plot of the play 'Tempest'.
11. Comment on the sub-plot of the play 'Midsummer Night's dream'.
12. Attempt a character sketch of puck in the play, 'Midsummer Night's Dream'.
13. Comment on the role played by fate in the play 'King Lear'.
14. Identify the tragic elements in the play, 'Othello'.

III. Answer any TWO of the following in about 300 words each:

(2 x 15 = 30)

15. Explain how the genius of Shakespeare is felt more through his comedies, with reference to the play, 'Midsummer Night's dream'.
16. Comment on the stagecraft of Shakespeare, taking into account all the plays prescribed.
17. What is a tragedy? Identify some tragedies prescribed in your text and analyse them in detail.

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