

19. (a) What is the difference between the magic of the witch Sycorax and of Prospero in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*?

Or

- (b) Comment on Shakespeare's treatment of the supernatural in *The Tempest*.

20. (a) Account for the popularity of Shakespearean sonnets.

Or

- (b) Estimate the role played by fools in Shakespeare's plays.

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30)

Answer any THREE questions.

21. Make an assessment of the character of Desdemona.
22. Discuss the role of mistaken identity in *Twelfth Night*.
23. Richard is often said to be an 'unkingly' ruler. Discuss.
24. How does Shakespeare's *The Tempest* reflect Renaissance thinking about the elements of the world and man's relation to them?
25. Shakespeare has no heroes, but only heroines." Comment on Shakespeare's treatment of women in his plays.

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English

SHAKESPEARE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

- (I) (A) Choose the correct answer: (5 × 1 = 5)
1. What is Brabantio's position in Venice?
- (a) Senator (b) Duke
- (c) Constable (d) Stable-hand
2. Why is Olivia unwilling to receive any visitors?
- (a) She is hideously deformed
- (b) She is terribly shy
- (c) She cannot speak
- (d) She is mourning for her dead brother

3. Where does King Richard make his surrender?
 (a) Appomattox (b) Flint castle
 (c) Reims (d) Yorktown
4. Whom does Caliban mistake for one of Prospero's spirits sent to torment him?
 (a) Stephano (b) Ferdinand
 (c) Miranda (d) Trinculo
5. What does the red flag in the Globe theatre signify about the play to be performed?
 (a) Comedy (b) Tragedy
 (c) History play (d) Romance
 (B) Fill in the blanks: (5 × 1 = 5)
6. _____, according to Iago, is the "green-eyed monster".
7. Complete the quote: 'If music be the food of _____, play on.'
8. _____ invites Bolingbroke to stay at Berkley Castle.
9. _____ helped Prospero and Miranda to flee Italy.
10. Many of the sonnets appear to be addressed to a woman and she is popularly known as _____.

- (II) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each: (5 × 2 = 10)
11. How does Othello kill Desdemona?
12. Why does Antonio accuse Cesario of being ungrateful?
13. Why does Richard reduce the term of Bolingbroke's banishment?
14. Who is Sycorax?
15. Who were allowed to sit in the gallery in Shakespeare's theatre?

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Why is the handkerchief that Desdemona has lost so important to Othello?
 Or
 (b) Why does Iago want to destroy Othello?
17. (a) What causes Olivia to fall in love with Cesario?
 Or
 (b) How is Feste the Clown related to both the comic and the romantic plots?
18. (a) Write a note on the antagonism between Richard II and Bolingbroke.
 Or
 (b) Explain the imagery of gardens and gardening in the play *Richard II*.