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M.A. END SEMESTER EXAMINATION APRIL/NOV - 2021

SEMESTER - III

20PELCT3009 - Shakespeare

Total Duration : 3 Hrs	Total Marks : 75
MCQ : 30 Mins	MCQ : 15
Descriptive : 2 Hrs.30 Mins	Descriptive : 60

Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions ($6 \times 5 = 30$ Marks)

1. Why was Shakespeare keen in introducing the supernatural elements in Act I, Scene I of the play *Hamlet*?
2. Comment on the lines "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark."
3. How does Shakespeare uses language to indicate class differences among the characters in the play *As You Like It*?
4. Is Caliban's anger against Prospero justified? Explain.
5. Is Richard a tragic hero? Justify.
6. How does Shakespeare satirize the conventions of Literature and Art during the Elizabethan era in Sonnet 130?
7. Explain the significance of the lines.
"...in Macbeth we find not gloom, but blackness: the evil is not relative, but absolute. This evil is absolute and therefore alien to man. It is in essence shown as inhuman and supernatural."
8. What are A.C Bradley's views on Shakespearean Tragedy?

Section C

Part A

Answer any **TWO** questions ($2 \times 10 = 20$ Marks)

9. Does procrastination in Hamlet lead to his downfall? Explain.
10. Critically analyze significant role of *The Forest of Arden* in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.
11. Describe Richard II as a historical play.
12. Attempt a Post colonial reading of *The Tempest*.

Part B

Compulsory question ($1 \times 10 = 10$ Marks)

13. How is Shakespeare's *Hamlet* different from a Revenge Tragedy? Is there any poetic justice in *Hamlet*? Justify.