

**SECOND YEAR B.A. / B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2010**

Part I – English

Paper III – SHAKESPEARE AND POETRY

(Regular)

[2005 Admission onwards]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**I.** Answer *one* of the following essays in 300 words

- (a) Sketch the character of Antonio.
- (b) Lorenzo and Jessica as lovers.

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

**II.** Answer *one* of the following essays in 300 words :

- (a) 'Ulysses' as a dramatic monologue.
- (b) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Journey of the Magi'.

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

**III.** Write short notes on any *four* of the following in 120 words each

- (a) Nerissa.
- (b) Prince of Morocco's self estimation.
- (c) The Lead Casket.
- (d) Description of the two roads and what they signify in the poem by Frost.
- (e) Youth and **oldage** as described by Shakespeare.
- (f) **What picture** of the fairy emerges from the poem by Keats?

(4 x 5 = 20 marks)

**IV.** Answer any *ten* of the following in about 3 sentences each

- (a) Who is **Bassanio**? Why did he look for money?
- (b) Who selected the silver casket? Why?
- (c) Why is Portia angry with her demised father?
- (d) What news does **Tubal** bring **Shylock**?

**Turn over**

- (e) How was Shylock punished?
- (f) Justify the title *The Merchant of Venice*.
- (g) Who is the speaker in the poem by Browning and who is he speaking to?
- (h) What did the father in Ezekiel's poem do to cure the mother?
- (i) Theme of the poem 'A Prayer for My Daughter'.
- (j) What is the wind symbolic of in Shelley's poem?
- (k) Comment on the life of the unknown citizen.
- (1) How does Ezekiel's poem end?

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(10 x 1½ = 15 marks)

#### V. Annotate the following passages

- (a) The quality of mercy is not strain'd,  
It droppeth, as the gentle rain from heaven.
- (b) How like a fawning publican he looks!  
I hate him for he is a Christian
- (c) Commend me to your honourable wife  
Tell her the process of Antonio's end.
- (d) To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield,
- (e) And I awoke and found me here,  
On the cold hill's side.

(5 x 5 = 25 marks)