

**BA ENGLISH  
THIRD SEMESTER  
SHAKESPEARE  
BEN-302(REPEAT)**

[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

**( Objective )**

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

**Choose the correct answer from the following:**

**1×20=20**

- Whom does Macbeth see sitting in his chair during the banquet?  
a. The ghost of Banquo  
b. Himself  
c. The ghost of Duncan  
d. Donalbain
- What vision does Macbeth have before he kills Duncan?  
a. Sees the three witches  
b. Sees a floating head  
c. Sees a dagger pointing towards Duncan's chambers  
d. Sees Hecate
- Why is Macduff able to kill Macbeth despite the witches' prophecy?  
a. The prophecy did not come true  
b. Macduff had supernatural powers  
c. Macduff was born through a caesarean section  
d. Macduff knew the secret
- What was the weather like the night Duncan was murdered?  
a. Calm and lovely  
b. Stormy and violent  
c. Like any other day  
d. It was rainy
- Who killed Lady Macbeth?  
a. Macbeth  
b. Macduff  
c. Lady Macduff  
d. Lady Macbeth
- Who kills Donalbain?  
a. Macbeth  
b. A group of assassins hired by Macbeth  
c. Macduff  
d. No one
- Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks, But bears it out even to the edge of \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Bricks  
b. Doom  
c. Eternity  
d. Life
- I love to hear her speak, yet well I know  
That \_\_\_\_\_ hath a far more pleasing sound;  
a. Music  
b. Songs  
c. Nature  
d. Trumpets
- When rocks impregnable are not so stout,  
Nor gates of steel so strong, but time \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. Routs  
b. Decays  
c. Wrought  
d. Is nought

10. What is the name of William Shakespeare's wife?
  - a. Anna Hathaway
  - b. Mary Arden
  - c. Susanna Hall
  - d. None of these
11. Approximately how much time has passed between the death of King Hamlet and the remarriage of Gertrude to Claudius?
  - a. One Year
  - b. Six months
  - c. Two months
  - d. Two weeks
12. Who says the following: "Madness in great ones must not unwatch'd go"
  - a. Claudius
  - b. Laertes
  - c. Marcellus
  - d. Polonius
13. Who comes to the courtroom disguised as a lawyer named Balthazar?
  - a. Bassanio
  - b. Antonio
  - c. Portia
  - d. Nerissa
14. The Prince of Morocco chooses which casket?
  - a. Gold
  - b. Lead
  - c. Silver
  - d. Bronze
15. Who delivers the famous monologue, "Hath not a Jew eyes"?
  - a. Antonio
  - b. Lorenzo
  - c. Jessica
  - d. Shylock
16. The ghost in the play, *Hamlet* is first spotted where?
  - a. In Gertrude's Chambers
  - b. Outside the castle
  - c. In the Graveyard
  - d. On the deck of the ship
17. Hamlet's famous speeches are called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Soliloquies
  - b. Dialogues
  - c. Dramatic Irony
  - d. None of these
18. What does Hamlet call Polonius?
  - a. Father in law
  - b. A Fishmonger
  - c. Dear Man
  - d. Father
19. As Shylock is about to cut Antonio, what does Portia warn Shylock, in the play, *The Merchant of Venice*?
  - a. He will be damned if he proceeds
  - b. He should make sure his knife is sharp
  - c. The bond doesn't allow to shed even a drop of blood
  - d. The Christians will surely get him back if he proceeds.
20. How much money does Bassanio ask to borrow from Shylock?
  - a. 6000 ducats
  - b. 3000 ducats
  - c. 2000 ducats
  - d. 1000 ducats

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**(Descriptive)**

Time : 2 hrs. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]

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| 1. Discuss Portia's character. Is Bassanio a worthy husband for her?   | 10     |
| 2. Why does Hamlet believe that although capable of suicide, most human beings choose to live, despite the cruelty, pain and injustice of this world? Discuss with reference to the soliloquy, "To be or not to be". | 5+5=10 |
| 3. It is uncertain if Hamlet's love for Ophelia is genuine. Do you think this has something to do with his obsession with revenge? Give reasons for your answer.   | 2+8=10 |
| 4. Critically analyse the character of Lady Macbeth.   | 10     |
| 5. How did Birnam Wood move and why was Macduff able to kill Macbeth? Comment with reference to the prophecy.  | 4+6=10 |
| 6. Critically comment on the notion of the permanence of art as opposed to the transience of human life in the sonnets by Shakespeare that you have read.  | 5+5=10 |
| 7. Throw light on the character of Shylock. Why is this dramatic character more puzzling or more stimulating than any other character in the play?   | 6+4=10 |
| 8. Shakespeare's treatment of love in Sonnet 116 is simply a utopian ideal. Do you agree? Discuss  | 10     |

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