



MA ENGLISH
First Semester
ENGLISH DRAMA 1 – AGE OF SHAKESPEARE
(MEN - 103)

Duration: 3Hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Part-A (Objective) =20
Part-B (Descriptive) =50

(PART-B: Descriptive)

Duration: 2 hrs. 40 mins.

Marks: 50

Answer any four from *Question no. 2 to 8*
Question no. 1 is compulsory.

1. What are the main themes that have been explored by Christopher Marlowe in his Christian tragedy “Doctor Faustus” and what do you think of Marlowe's use of sin as a theme. 10
2. What do you understand by ‘Tragedy of Blood’? Analyse it with reference to your reading of John Webster’s “The White Devil”. (4+6)
3. Analyse “Doctor Faustus” as a Morality play. Comment with special reference to the parade of the ‘Seven Deadly Sins’. (7+3)
4. Scholar R.M. Dawkins once called Faustus “a Renaissance man who had to pay the medieval price for being one.” Do you think this is an accurate characterization of Marlowe’s tragic hero? (5+5)
5. What role do women play in Shakespeare's world? Elucidate with reference to ‘King Lear’. (5+5)
6. Analyse the relationship between madness and blindness in the play ‘King Lear’. Give reference to the character of Lear. (6+4)
7. Describe the plot of ‘Every Man in his Humour’. Give a brief description of its major characters. (6+4)
8. What is you mean be ‘Comedy of Humours’? What role did Ben Jonson play in its usage and popularity? (5+5)



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(PART A - Objective Type)

I. Fill in the blanks:

(1×10=10)

- 1) Ben Jonson writes plays based on comedy of _____.
- 2) Shakespeare's 'King Lear' is a _____ play.
- 3) Brainworm is the characteristic name of _____.
- 4) 'Everyman in His Humour' was published in _____.
- 5) 'King Lear' was published in _____.
- 6) Francisco, disguised himself as _____ in Act V of "The White Devil"
- 7) 'Doctor Faustus' was written in the year _____.
- 8) Faustus is compared to the mythological character _____, in the Prologue.
- 9) Mephistophilis was Lucifer's _____
- 10) An example of Senecan Tragedy is _____

II. Answer true or false:

(1×10=10)

- 1) King Lear is the ruler of France.
- 2) Cordelia is King Lear's youngest daughter.
- 3) There are six types of humours.
- 4) The Fool is the enemy of Lear.
- 5) King of France is the suitor of Cordelia.
- 6) 'The White Devil' is based on an event in Italy twenty years prior to the play's composition, the murder of Vittoria Accoramboni in Padua.
- 7) Marlowe's major tragedies are 'Tamburlaine', 'Doctor Faustus', 'Hamlet' and 'The Jew of Malta'.
- 8) Faustus uses his magical powers to gather ripe grapes in the month of February.
- 9) Faustus signed a contract wherein he sold his soul in return of 24 years of unlimited magical power.
- 10) Webster's dramatization of an actual event turned Italian corruption into a vehicle for depicting "the political and moral state of England in his own day."
