

CHANCHAL COLLEGE
B.A. PART 1 CLASS TEST 2017

Full Marks: 40

Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

1. Answer any three of the following: [10x3]

- a) How does Shakespeare seek to eternalize his love in a world of transience? Answer with reference to the sonnets prescribed in your syllabus.
- b) Comment on the character of Mortimer as a Machiavellian hero.
- c) Discuss Shylock's dramatic function in *The Merchant of Venice*.
- d) Comment on the relationship between Bassanio and Antonio.
- e) "Edward is not a commander or soldier, he is an aesthete and a voluptuary". Discuss.
- f) How has Christianity influenced the English language?
- g) Write a note on loan words and their role in the English language.

2. Answer any three of the following within 100 words:

- a) Comment on the trial scene in *The Merchant of Venice*. [4]

OR

"Here take my picture, and let me wear thine." Name the speaker and the person spoken to. Comment on the relationship between the two. [4]

- b) What is back-formation? Elaborate with examples. [3]

OR

"O, how shall summer's honey breath hold out/ Against the wrackful siege of battering days". Bring out the images underlying the quoted lines. [3]

- c) "Can ragged stony walls/ Immure this virtue that aspires to heaven?" Name the speaker and explain the context. What impression do you form of his character from the above lines? [3]

OR

"And in our faults by lies we flattered be". What are their faults? How do they flatter each other and why? [3]