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B.A. English - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOVEMBER 2025  
SEMESTER - V

**20UELCT5009 - Shakespeare**

Total Duration : 2 Hrs.30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

### Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions (6 × 5 = 30 Marks)

1. Illustrate the role of Shakespearean theatre and its audience in his dramatic success.
2. Classify the different types of clowns and fools in Shakespeare's plays with examples.
3. Describe the central idea of Shakespeare's Sonnet 153, "cupid laid by his brand and fell asleep".
4. Explain how mistaken identity drives the plot in *The Comedy of Errors*.
5. Describe the role of the witches in shaping Macbeth's ambition.
6. Analyse how Lady Macbeth's character reflects the theme of power and guilt.
7. Sketch the character of Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Hereford, in Richard II.
8. Classify the political and personal causes that contribute to Richard's downfall.

### Section C

Answer any **THREE** questions (3 × 10 = 30 Marks)

9. Explain the representation of women in Shakespeare's plays with examples.
10. Analyse how the theme of immortality through poetry is developed in Shakespeare's sonnets.
11. Justify the title of Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*.
12. Relate Macbeth's downfall to the interplay of fate and free will.
13. Criticize Richard II's weaknesses as a ruler that led to his political collapse.

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