

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH LITERATURE

APPROACHES TO SHAKESPEARE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION – A

(5x15=75 Marks)

I. Answer Any Five out of following Questions in about 700 words each:

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	Discuss how the portrayal of Henry IV's declining health reflect the historical realities of his reign and the stress of usurpation?	K6	CO1
2	Explain to what extent is Hamlet's madness genuine, and to what extent is it a strategic Performance. How does Shakespeare explore the psychology of feigned insanity?	K5	CO2
3	Justify how Rosalind embody the archetypal hero's journey in <i>As You Like It</i> . What challenges does she face, and how does she achieve self-realization?	K5	CO3
4	Survey how the play <i>Antony and Cleopatra</i> compare Cleopatra's rule to the male-dominated leadership of Rome?	K4	CO4
5	Elaborate how the play <i>Antony and Cleopatra</i> reflects the archetypal theme of harmony, reunion, and social restoration.	K6	CO4
6	Explain in what ways does <i>Gertrude Talks Back</i> subvert traditional gender roles and the expectations of women in literature?	K5	CO5
7	Explore the psychological effects of abandonment and trauma through Mike's character in <i>My Own Private Idaho</i> .	K5	CO5

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