

The National University of Lesotho

B.Ed Supplementary Examinations

ELE 4301: Studies in Shakespeare

August 2023

Marks 100

Time 3 Hours

Instructions:

- Answer any three (3) questions.
 - All questions carry **33** marks each
 - Marks will be awarded for good grammatical expression and style
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1. Discuss the relationship between Antonio and Bassanio. What does it reveal about their characters?

 2. Examine Shylock's rhetoric. Pay special attention to the quality of his language- his use of metaphor and repetition, for instance. How do his speeches reflect his character as a whole?

 3. How does the suicidal impulse that both Romeo and Juliet exhibit relate to the overall theme of young love?

 4. How does Shakespeare treat death in *Romeo and Juliet*? Frame your answer in terms of legal, moral, familial, and personal issues.

 5. Having learned of how important moms are in *King John*, why does Shakespeare make them all disappear after Act 3? How does their loss impact the way the events unfold in the play?

 6. In 'Sonnet 151', the bard displays the sexually obsessive nature of his love. Discuss.