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Subject: English

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Topic: He Who Created Magic on Paper (Q&A)

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Note: This module contains answers typed out after having discussed in the classroom. You may use it as a reference and your answers must be written in your notebooks, based on your own understanding and comprehension of the passage.

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A. Find Facts:

Ans. 1: Shakespeare greatly increased the number of words in common use. In his plays and poems, Shakespeare remarkably used over 20,000 words. This was at a time when the average vocabulary was less than 1,000 words. Shakespeare possessed a vast vocabulary for his day, having used 29,066 different words in his plays. Today, the average English speaking person uses about 2,000 words in everyday speech.

Ans.2: a. Heminges and Condell

b. Shakespeare

c. The statement highlights that the person could translate his ideas into words. "His mind and hands went together.'

Ans.3: Shakespeare wrote his plays and poems with a quill dipped in ink. Quill pens were made from the feathers of ducks, eagles, turkeys, hawks and owls as well. The quill tips were hardened with heat or acids to get the necessary fitness to withstand constant writing. The tip was split to allow the hollow shaft to drink ink. The quill pen was cut to a fashion nib.

Ans.4: As the bulb was not invented then, he made good use of the moonlight when he sat down to write. The passages in his plays suggest that he could have been an insomniac addicted to 'burning the midnight oil' or the candle at both the ends.

Ans.5: The irony in Shakespeare's date of birth is that it coincides with St. George's Day. It is so amazing that the great English writer is so closely identified with the patron saint of England.

B. Think and Write:

We agree that he was truly a literary icon. He was a writer class apart. He wrote 154 poems and 37 plays in his literary career. His works are among the most quoted in Literature.