

**A comedy:** is a type of drama that is intended to amuse, usually with a happy ending. The central character of a comedy is usually an ordinary character who faces conflicts that arise from misunderstandings or mistaken identities but overcomes them, and the play ends with a happy resolution.

### **Types of Comedy:**

- 1. Comedy of Humours:** based on the belief that people's actions are governed by their dominant bodily humour (blood, phlegm, bile or black bile), the focus is around an individual character or characters overriding traits (humour) that dominates their personality, desires and conduct.
- 2. Comedy of Manners:** Dramatic comedy that explores the lives and behaviour of the middle and upper class in society, normally involving moral values, and relationships between ladies and gentlemen.
- 3. Sentimental Comedy:** In Sentimental comedies middle-class protagonists triumphantly overcome a series of moral trials.
- 4. Tragicomedy:** Plays that combine both elements from Comedy and Tragedy, usually the events are tragic and the end is happy.
- 5. Romantic Comedy:** a play that deals with love in a light, humorous way.