

B.A. 4th Semester (Honours) Examination, 2022

ENGLISH

Course ID: 40312

Course Code: AH/ENG/402/C-9

European Classical Literature

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer all the questions.

Unit -I

1. (a) Examine Homer's *The Iliad* as a drama of divine favouritism with particular focus on Book I. **1x10=10**

Or

(b) Comment on the portrayal of Achilles's wrath in *The Iliad* Book I.

2. (a) Analyse how Sophocles has developed the motif of sight vs. blindness in *Oedipus the King*. **1x10=10**

Or

(b) Attempt a critical estimate of the role of the Chorus in *Oedipus the King*.

Or

(c) Elucidate Horace's views on the unpopularity of satirists and their ethical responsibility as expressed in *Satires* 1.4.

Or

(d) Examine with reference to *Satires* 1.4, how Horace acknowledges his indebtedness to his father for his moral character and satiric art.

3. (a) Write an essay on how Aristotle compares Tragedy with Epic Poetry in *Poetics*.

1x10=10

Or

(b) Analyse the concept of Mimesis as theorized by Plato and later supplemented by Aristotle.

Unit -II

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions:

5x2= 10

- (a) What was Achilles's proposition to the assembly of the Greeks in order to end the onslaught of the plague?
- (b) What made Oedipus abandon Corinth in his youth?
- (c) How did Nestor seek to quell the discord between Achilles and Agamemnon?
- (d) Who challenged Horace to a scribbling contest and how did he respond to it?
- (e) Why did Agamemnon refuse to give up Chryseis?
- (f) Where was Laius killed and by whom?
- (g) How did Hephaestus restore peace at the end of Book I of *Iliad*?
- (h) Why did Tiresias refuse to tell the truth to Oedipus?
- (i) Why does Horace criticize his satiric predecessor Lucilius?
- (j) "This day will bring your birth and your destruction". – Briefly comment on the riddle voiced by the blind prophet.

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