

COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examinations, 2022

ENGLISH

EUROPEAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE

CORE-8

Time Allotted: 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.

1. Answer any one question from the following:

 $15 \times 1 = 15$

- (a) Discuss Homer's portrayal of Achilles in Bks -1 and 2 of The Iliad.
- (b) Would you describe Oedipus the King as a tragedy of fate or a tragedy of character? Justify your answer.
- (c) Does Pot of Gold shed light on the position of women in the society of its time? Substantiate your answer with reference from the text.
- (d) Examine Ovid's 'Bachhus' (Book III) from Metamorphoses as a classical text in terms of form and style.

OR

Discuss the stylistic devices employed by Horace in his "Satires" (1:4).

2. Answer any one question from the following:

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (a) Discuss what narrative purpose does the Achaeans' flight to their ships serve in BK-2 of "The Iliad".
- (b) What dramatic purpose is served by the Chorus in Oedipus the King?
- (c) Comment on the significance of the title of Pot of Gold.

Answer any one question from the following:

 $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (a) Comment on the beginning of The Iliad.
- (b) Why does Oedipus resort to self-blinding?
- (c) Comment on the role of Lar Familiaris.

4. Answer any ten questions from the following:

 $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) Who is Thetis?
- (b) Who descends to calm Achilles?

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- (c) Who sends a false dream to Agamemnon?
- (d) Whose murder must be avenged to end the plague in Thebes?
- (e) Who is sent to Delphi by Oedipus to hear the oracle?
- (f) In which mountain was baby Oedipus left to die?
- (g) Who is Staphyla?
- (h) Who slept with Phaedria?
- (i) Who is Euclio's rich old neighbour?
- (j) Who raped and suppressed the speech of Philomela?

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Name any one of the poets mentioned by Horace at the beginning of "Satires" (1:4).

(k) Who threatens Cadmus with exile?

OR

Who is described by Horace as his friend from childhood?

(1) Who was Actaeon?

OR

Who contributed to the development of Horace as a satirist?