

B.A. 4th Semester (Honours) Examination, 2019**ENGLISH****(European Classical Literature)****Paper : 402/C-9****Course ID : 40312****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.***Unit-I**

1. (a) Comment on the character of Achilles as reflected in Homer's *Iliad*, Book I. 10
Or,
 (b) How would you justify the title of the First Book ("Plague and Wrath") of Homer's *Iliad*?
2. (a) Consider critically the role of the Chorus in 10
 (i) Sophocles' play *Oedipus the King*.
Or,
 (ii) Can you establish Oedipus as an Aristotelian tragic hero?
Or,
 (b) (i) Write a note on the use of irony in Horace's *Satires* 1.4. 10
Or,
 (ii) Critically examine the moral intent of Horace's *Satires* 1.4.
3. (a) Make a contrastive study of the epic of growth (primitive epic) and the epic of art (literary epic). 10
Or,
 (b) Examine critically the idea of Catharsis as mentioned by Aristotle in the *Poetics*.

Unit-II

4. Answer *any five* of the following questions: 2×5=10
 (a) Why did Agamemnon refuse to give up Chryseis?
 (b) Who was Calchas? What did he suggest to rid the Greeks from the 'The loathsome plague'?
 (c) 'You are both my juniors' — Who is the speaker? What does the speaker suggest to his juniors?
 (d) Who was Hephaestus? How did he restore peace at the end of Book I of *Iliad*?
 (e) What does Horace like and dislike about Lucilius?

- (f) Which three poets does Horace mention in the very opening line of his *Satires* 1.4?
 - (g) Who was Tiresias? What secret did he reveal to Oedipus?
 - (h) Why did Oedipus blind himself?
 - (i) “Thebes is dying” — What picture of the ‘dying’ Thebes is given by the speaker?
 - (j) “You are the only father they have now.” — Who is here referred to as ‘the only father’ and why?
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