

**B.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2022-23****ENGLISH [Honours]**

Course ID : 40312 Course Code : AH/ENG/402/C-9

Course Title : European Classical Literature

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 40

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer all the questions.****UNIT-I**

1. a) What is an epic simile? Comment on Homer's use of epic similes in *The Iliad*, Book 1. 10

**OR**

- b) Comment on the character of Agamemnon as you find in Book I of Homer's *The Iliad*.
2. a) Consider Oedipus as an Aristotelian tragic hero. 10

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- b) Critically examine the character of Jocasta.

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- c) Write a note on the use of irony in Horace's *Satires* 1.4.

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- d) Discuss how Herace portrays Lucilius and Faninus in his *Satires* 1.4.
3. a) Critically examine Aristotle's idea of Hamartia as expressed in his *Poetics*. 10

**OR**

- b) Trace the origin and the stages of the development of classical comedy along with its influence on subsequent comic literature.

**UNIT-II**

4. Answer any **five** of the following questions: 5×2=10
- a) What is the main cause of the Trojan War?
- b) Why did Oedipus go to Delphi?
- c) What did Calchas suggest to rid the Greeks from the plague?
- d) Name two ancestors of Laius.
- e) Why did Agamemnon refuse to give up Chryseis?
- f) Why does Achilles threaten to return home from the Trojan war?

- g) "I pity you but I can't bear to look". – Comment on this line.
  - h) Why did Apollo send "deadly arrows" against the Achaians?
  - i) Which composers of Old Comedy does Horace admire as "true poets" in his *Satires* 1.4?
  - j) How does Horace appreciate his father in *Satires* 1.4?
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