

## Unit Fourteen: Myths and Literature, Lesson 3 Hercules

### 1. Answer-

- a) Dedicated
- b) pass through
- c) His cousin
- d) Eight
- e) noun

### B Answer

- a) The “first Labour” of Hercules was to kill a fierce lion. At first Hercules tried to kill the lion with his club and arrows but of no use. So he used his own hands to kill the lion.
- b) Hercules’s devoted servant Iolaus helped him in the “second Labour” that is to kill the Hydra whereas he depended on his own strength to kill the lion that is his “first Labour.”
- c) Some of the qualities that made Hercules succeed in impossible tasks are his immense strength, intelligence, single-mindedness, skills in warfare, courage and indomitable spirit.
- d) Hercules buried the ninth head of Hydra because the ninth head of Hydra was immortal.
- e) I find several reasons for calling Hercules a hero. Firstly he killed a fierce lion and carried the dead lion on his shoulders, a sight that terrified the King. Secondly he slew a monster called Hydra that was ravaging the country of Argos. Above all, he showed all chivalries (বীরধর্ম) in him.

### 2. Answer

- I. Eurystheus,
- II. Give
- III. the king of Mycenea
- IV. killed
- V. the country of Argos
- VI. monster that ravaged the country of Argos
- VII. Iolaus, the servant of Hercules
- VIII. in burning
- IX. huge
- X. succeeded in killing the monster

Or

- 1. Did difficult tasks
- 2. Fought with a lion using his own hands
- 3. Carried the dead lion on his shoulder
- 4. Slew a monster called Hydra
- 5. Buried Hydra under a huge rock
- 6. Emerged as a hero possessing immense strength