

WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2021-22

ENGACOR02T-ENGLISH (CC2)

EUROPEAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

SECTION-I

Answer any three of the following in not more than 500 words each

 $15 \times 3 = 45$

1. (a) Discuss the significant epic conventions employed by Homer in the *Iliad*, Books I and II.

OR

- (b) Write briefly on the conflict between Agamemnon and Achilles in the *Iliad*, Book I.
- 2. (a) Comment on the character of Jocasta in Sophocles' Oedipus the King.

OR

- (b) Comment on Sophocles' use of dramatic irony in Oedipus the King.
- 3. (a) Make an assessment of Plautus' *Pot of Gold* as a social satire.

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- (b) How are the themes of money and marriage explored in Plautus' Pot of Gold?
- 4. (a) How does Ovid represent the gods in *Metamorphoses*, Book III?

OR

(b) Analyze the role of gender and sexuality in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Book III.

SECTION-II

5. Answer any *one* of the following in not more than 250 words:

 $5\times1=5$

- (a) Briefly discuss Agamemnon's dream in Book II of Homer's *Iliad*.
- (b) Why does Oedipus send Creon to the Delphic Oracle? What does Creon say to Oedipus on his return?
- (c) Comment briefly on the role of Lar Familiaris in Plautus' *Pot of Gold*.
- (d) Write briefly on the myth of Narcissus in Book III of Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.
 - N.B.: Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.

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