

2022

ENGLISH

[HONOURS]

(B.A. Fourth Semester-End Examination-2022)

PAPER: HCC-8

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03 Hrs

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

**1. Attempt any two of the following questions taking one
from each group: 2×10= 20**

Group-A

- a) Why did Achilles and Agamemnon quarrel with each other and how does the quarrel contribute to the development of the plot of *The Iliad*? – Discuss.
- b) Write in your own words the key function of chorus in *Oedipus the King*.

Group-B

- c) Write a note on the use of irony and humour by Plautus in *The Pot of Gold*.
- d) Write a note on the role of the women characters in Plautus' *The Pot of Gold*.

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2. Attempt any four of the following questions. 4×5=20

- a) Briefly explain any one epic convention in Book-I of *The Iliad*.
- b) Why do Hera and Athene defend the Achaeans?
- c) Write a short note on 'The Riddle of the Sphinx' mentioned in the play *Oedipus the King*.
- d) Critically comment on the ending of *The Pot of Gold*.
- e) Write a short note on 'Catharsis'.
- f) Write a short note on the literary culture of the Augustan Rome.
- g) Write a short note on Classical Greek Tragedy.
- h) Discuss briefly the origin of Roman satire.

3. Attempt any ten of the following questions. 10×2= 20

- a) What is the focal point of Plato's idea of 'Mimesis'?
- b) Write a few names of the 'Pre-Socratic' philosophers.
- c) What was the condition of women of Athens in Classical age?
- d) Who is the founder of the Academy? What is the name of the school founded by Aristotle?
- e) Who wrote *Metamorphosis*? Name a few comedians of the early Latin period.
- f) Who was the mother of Achilles?
- g) Who helped Achilles control his anger and how?
- h) How did Achilles react after his 'prize' was taken away from him?

(3)

- i) Why did Oedipus leave Corinth?
- j) What was the message that Creon brought from the Oracle of Delphi in the play *Oedipus the King*?
- k) Why did the priests come to speak to Oedipus at the outset of the play *Oedipus the king*?
- l) Who did actually steal the pot of gold and how?
- m) Who is the housekeeper of Eclio in *The Pot of Gold*?
- n) Cite any one example that evokes the element of 'parrhesia' in *The Pot of Gold*.

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