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ENGLISH

Paper : ENGHC1026

(European Classical Literature)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Choose the correct answer : ***(any six)*** 1×6=6
- (a) Who is the greatest warrior of Trojan War ?
- (i) Achilles
 - (ii) Hector
 - (iii) Petroclus
 - (iv) Ajax

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- (b) Where was King Laius killed ?
- (i) At a town square
 - (ii) Near a forest
 - (iii) Near a canal
 - (iv) Near Crossroads
- (c) Bacchus is a god of
- (i) Love
 - (ii) Wine
 - (iii) Music
 - (iv) War
- (d) Euclio's pot of gold is stolen by
- (i) Magadorus
 - (ii) Lyconides
 - (iii) Strobilus
 - (iv) Phaedria
- (e) How does Philomela communicate her sufferings to her sister ?
- (i) Through writing a letter
 - (ii) Through weaving her story in a clothe
 - (iii) By sending a messenger
 - (iv) By visiting her personally

- (f) The word 'Oedipus' in Greek literally means
- (i) Incest
 - (ii) Jealousy
 - (iii) Swollen foot
 - (iv) Mistaken belief
- (g) The main theme of *The Pot of Gold* is
- (i) Gold
 - (ii) Greed
 - (iii) Immorality
 - (iv) Cleverness
- (h) *The Iliad* is supposed to be written in the period
- (i) between 800 and 700 BCE
 - (ii) between 725 and 675 BCE
 - (iii) between 512 and 415 BCE
 - (iv) between 321 and 245 BCE
- (i) Who is Achilles' mother ?
- (i) Helen
 - (ii) Thallia
 - (iii) Thetis
 - (iv) Hera

- (j) The lives of Pyramus and Thisbe end tragically because of
- (i) Misfortune
 - (ii) Misapprehension
 - (iii) Elopement
 - (iv) The attack of a lioness

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**
2×5=10

- (a) In what way is Helen responsible for the Trojan War?
- (b) Where did Achilles' weakness lie?
- (c) Who is Tiresias?
- (d) Name the birds into which Philomela and Procne transform.
- (e) Why did Pyramus and Thisbe venture out of their homes at night?
- (f) What kind of atrocity is done to Philomela?
- (g) Who are the foster parents of young Oedipus?

3. Answer **any six** of the following questions :
5×6=30

- (a) Why did Achilles refuse to fight in the bulk of the story of the poem?
- (b) Make an estimate of Euclio's character.
- (c) The story of Philomela is a parable of gender tyranny in our society. Discuss.
- (d) Comment on the irony of the Corinthian shepherd's message to Oedipus.
- (e) Justify the appropriateness of the title of Plautus' *The Pot of Gold*.
- (f) Why does Oedipus flee from Corinth and how does he end up become the King of Thebes?
- (g) How do Philomela and her sister Procne avenge the cruelty of King Thereus?
- (h) Who is Agamemnon? Narrate his role as well as fate in Homer's epic *The Iliad*.
- (i) What is the grievous mistake committed by Pyramus and what are its consequences?

(j) Write a short note on satire as a tool in classical literature.

4. Answer **any two** of the following questions :
10×2=20

(a) What is a tragedy? Justify *Oedipus the King* as a great classical tragedy by the standards of Aristotle's *Poetics*.

(b) Discuss *The Pot of Gold* as a moral satire that centres around the character of Euclio.

(c) Compare and contrast between the two characters Hector and Achilles in *The Iliad*.

(d) Do you consider *The Metamorphoses* a proper epic? Discuss by giving reasoned answer with reference to the portions prescribed from the book.

5. Answer **any one** of the following questions :
14×1=14

(a) What is a comedy? Analyse *The Pot of Gold* as a classical comedy.

(b) Discuss *The Iliad* as an epic. What are the main values glorified in the epic? Elaborate from your reading.

(c) In Ovid's *The Metamorphoses* the common feature is transformation. Discuss the significance and moral implications in the transformations.