

**B.A. 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER (HONOURS) EXAMINATION, 2021**

**ENGLISH**

**Course ID: 40312**

**Course Code: AH/ENG/402/C-9**

**(European Classical Literature)**

**Time: 2 Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Unit-1**

**Answer the following questions:**

1. (a) Comment on the character of Agamemnon as reflected in Homer's *The Iliad*, Book-1. 10

Or,

(b) Critically examine the features of heroic poetry as reflected in *The Iliad*, Book-1.

2. (a) Comment on the role of Tiresias in Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*. 10

Or,

(b) *Oedipus the King* is generally called a tragedy of destiny. Discuss.

Or

(c) How does Horace differentiate himself from other satirists and defend his own technique of criticising the vices of people in *Satires 1.4*?

Or

d) Comment on the portrayal of Lucilius and Faninus in Horace's *Satires 1.4*.

3. (a) Examine Aristotle's definition of the tragic hero in *Poetics*. 10

Or,

(b) Critically examine the rise and growth of comedy in classical drama.

## Unit-II

4 ) Answer *any five* of the following questions:

5×2=10 .

- (a) 'He cruelly and bluntly dismissed the priest.' Who was the priest? What was his appeal?
- (b) Why does Achilles threaten to return home from the Trojan war?
- (c) How did Athene prevent Achilles from killing Agamemnon?
- (d) What did Thetis do to satisfy the angry Achilles?
- (e) 'Faninus is happy to present his work unasked.'— Comment.
- (f) 'All such men are afraid of verses and loathe poets'

What kind of people are afraid of such verses?

- (g) 'The charge was made in public, was not it?'

Who was the speaker? What was the charge?

- (h) 'I pitied the little baby, master.'

Who was that little baby? What did the speaker do then?

- (i) 'O Cithaeron, why did you give me shelter?'

Why did the speaker say so?

- (j) 'I pity you but I can't bear to look' – Comment.

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