

2019

ENGLISH

(Honours)

Paper : ENG-HC-1026

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer the following :

1×10=10

- (a) Who utters the following statement?
"Oh ye gods, it's asking for trouble for a poor man to have any dealings with a rich man." (*Pot of Gold*)
- (b) What is the name of the sister of Megadorus in *Pot of Gold*?
- (c) Who is the father of Minerva the goddess? (*The Odyssey*)
- (d) What is the name of the goddess who turns Odysseus' men into pigs?
- (e) Who recognizes Odysseus by the scar he got during a boar-hunt?
- (f) Who rears Oedipus after finding him as an abandoned baby? (*Oedipus the King*)

- (g) What is the name of the kingdom that Oedipus rules?
- (h) Into what creature does Minerva transform her rival Arachne?
(*Metamorphoses*)
- (i) Into what animal is Actaeon transformed by goddess Diana?
(*Metamorphoses*)
- (j) What is the name of the city where Pyramus and Thisbe live?

2. Answer the following :

2×5=10

- (a) Whom does Megadorus want to marry and why? Does he marry in the end?
(*Pot of Gold*)
- (b) Where does Euclio hide his gold? Who discovers it? (*Pot of Gold*)
- (c) Who is the first suitor to try his hand in stringing Odysseus' bow? What happens to his attempt? (*The Odyssey*)
- (d) Where does Oedipus kill Laius and for what reason?
- (e) What punishment does Oedipus give himself for killing his own father and marrying his mother?

3. Answer any *four* questions of the following :

5×4=20

- (a) What according to Horace is the purpose of satire?
- (b) How do the cooks at Megadorus' 'wedding feast' behave towards one another?
- (c) How does Odysseus tackle the Suitors who are camping in his kingdom seeking the hand of his wife?
- (d) Write briefly about Oedipus' birth and childhood, commenting on the significance of the manner of his birth and his rearing.
- (e) Write about the tragic misunderstanding between the lovers in Ovid's *Pyramus and Thisbe*.
- (f) Describe the treatment of Philomela in the story of that name.

4. Answer any *four* questions of the following :

10×4=40

- (a) Write an essay on the way Plautus links the themes of love and marriage to the human propensity for trickery and greed.

- (b) What are the outstanding features of an epic? How well does *The Odyssey* fulfill the traditional expectations about an epic?
- (c) Do you agree that the tragedy of king Oedipus is as much because of his inner flaws as due to the workings of external circumstances and fate? Give a well reasoned answer.
- (d) What aspects of human behaviour emerge during the course of Odysseus' long voyage home? Give proper examples for your answer.
- (e) Write an essay on the plot mechanism of *Oedipus the King* considering the way that the 'beginning' is connected to the end.
- (f) Do you agree that Horace's satires are moral, social, and universal? Give reasons for your answer.
- (g) Do you agree that the metamorphoses or transformations that you see in Ovid are not always merely physical and external? Give a well reasoned answer.
- (h) Write a critical essay on the themes of art and suffering in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.

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