

2022

ENGLISH
(Honours)

Paper : ENG-HC-1026

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any ten of the following questions :
1×10=10

- (a) Who is the father of Penelope?**
- (b) What is the name of the goddess who kept Odysseus as a captive?**
- (c) What is the name of the island where Odysseus was kept as a captive?**
- (d) Who is the father of Odysseus?
(The Odyssey)**

- (e) Who does the Chorus refer to as the 'golden daughter of God' in *Oedipus the King*?
- (f) Who is Jocasta's brother? (*Oedipus the King*)
- (g) Who rears Oedipus after finding him as an abandoned baby?
- (h) Where was Oedipus abandoned as an infant?
- (i) What is the name of Megadorus' slave in *The Pot of Gold*?
- (j) What is the name of Euclio's daughter in *The Pot of Gold*?
- (k) Who is the speaker of the Prologue in *The Pot of Gold*?
- (l) Who is the mother of Lyconides in *The Pot of Gold*?
- (m) Who opposes the worship of Bacchus in Thebes? (*Metamorphoses*)

- (n) What is the name of the city where Pyramus and Thisbe live?
- (o) Who is the father of Philomela?
(*Metamorphoses*)
- (p) Who cuts off Philomela's tongue?
(*Metamorphoses*)
- (q) Who is considered as the first Roman satirist? (*Satires I : 4*)
- (r) Who urged the poet to practise thrift and economy? (*Satires I : 4*)

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

- (a) What does Mentos say about Odysseus' exile to Telemachus?
- (b) Who is responsible for Odysseus' prolonged exile and why does he do so?
- (c) What does Oedipus accuse Tiresias of doing?
- (d) Name the daughters of Oedipus.

- (e) Where does Euclio hide his gold? Who discovers it?
- (f) How does Euclio react when his food was stolen by a kite?
- (g) How does Procne rescue Philomela?
- (h) What trick does Juno play with Semele to destroy her?
- (i) How did Tiresias experience love both as a man and as a woman?
- (j) Name two Athenian poets of old comedy whose names appear in the opening lines of *Satires I* : 4.

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

5×4=

- (a) How does Odysseus tackle the suitors who are camping in his kingdom seeking the hand of his wife?
- (b) How does Athene plead with Zeus for Odysseus' return?

- (c) How does Oedipus express his guilt after he discovers the dreadful truth?
- (d) How does Oedipus undertake a public inquiry into the murder of Laius?
- (e) Write a critical note on the Prologue of *The Pot of Gold*.
- (f) How does Ovid portray the power of Gods in *Metamorphoses* (Book IV)?
- (g) Give a brief account of the tragic misunderstanding between the lovers in Ovid's *Pyramus and Thisbe*.
- (h) What according to Horace is the purpose of satire?

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

10×4=40

- (a) What aspects of human behaviour emerge during the course of Odysseus' long voyage home? Illustrate your answer with proper examples.

- (b) Do you think the questions of identity and disguise are central to the plot of *The Odyssey*? Give a well-reasoned answer.
- (c) "The soul of drama, as Aristotle says, is the plot." Discuss with reference to the play, *Oedipus the King*.
- (d) Do you think that the figure of Oedipus arouses our admiration as well as our sympathy? Give a well-reasoned answer.
- (e) Write an essay on the way Plautus links the themes of love and marriage to the human propensity for trickery and greed.
- (f) Write a critical essay on Plautus' treatment of slavery and freedom in *The Pot of Gold*.
- (g) Do you agree that the metamorphoses or transformations in Ovid are not always merely physical and external? Give a well-reasoned answer.
- (h) Attempt a critical essay on the revenge motif in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.

- (i) Write a critical essay on the themes of art and suffering in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.
- (j) Do you agree that Horace's satires are moral, social and universal? Give reasons for your answer.

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