

U.G. 1st Semester Examination - 2021**ENGLISH****Course Code : BENGCCHT 102****Course Title: European Classical Literature**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*1. Answer any **ten** questions of the following questions:

1×10=10

- a) Who was the ruler of Ilium during the Trojan war?
- b) Why had Apollo inflicted a deadly plague on Agamemnon's army?
- c) Whom did Agamemnon send as his embassy to Achilles?
- d) Why had the Goddess Artemis taken offence on Oeneus of Calydon?
- e) How could the city of Thebes be 'cleansed' according to Apollo's oracle?
- f) Who had stopped Creon and others from tracking down the 'killer' of Laius?

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- g) In what respect does Tiresias find himself equal to Oedipus?
- h) What is the name of Laius' father?
- i) Name the two daughters of Oedipus.
- j) What are the aspects in which different kinds of poetry can be differentiated?
- k) What are the six components of a tragedy?
- l) What is a simple plot?
- m) Who was the prisoner brought before Pentheus?
- n) How did the lovers use the 'crack, a slender chink' that had developed in the party wall?
- o) How did Philomela convey her suffering to her sister from her captive state?

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

2×5=10

- a) "You will make me fall foul of my wife Hera"—
To whom does Zeus say so? Why does he say so?
- b) Why had Cleopatra been given the nick name 'Alcyone'?
- c) Who is called the 'marauding thief' by Oedipus? Why is he called so?

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- d) Define Tragedy.
- e) How did Jacosta die?
- f) What are the four important elements of Character in Tragedy?
- g) Where did Pyramus and Thisbe agree to meet?
Which tree grew there?
- h) What were the names of Pentheus' mother and aunt?

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

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

- a) According to Achilles, what are the 'two courses' left to him by destiny? Which one did he choose?
- b) Narrate the circumstances that led to the revelation that Oedipus was actually Laius' son.
- c) What are Aristotle's views about the Tragic Hero?

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

$$10 \times 1 = 10$$

- a) Assess the character of Achilles from your reading of Book I and Book IX of Homer's *The Iliad*.
- b) Relate the circumstances that led to the death of the characters in the story *Pyramus and Thisbe*.
- c) Discuss and analyze the role of the chorus in *Oedipus Rex*.
