

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2017

Semester-II

English

Course – H-3 (Core)

(Backgrounds and Legacies)

(For Regular Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer question no. **1** and **any three** from the rest.

1. (a) Are epic material and epic treatment uniform across the texts you have studied?
Answer with reference to at least two of them.

or

- (b) What idea of the community do we get from classical texts? Answer with reference to at least two texts that you have studied.

2. Is the *Iliad* a text that celebrates war and bloodshed? Give reasons for your response.

3. (a) Discuss Ovid's choice of myths in the light of his ideas about life in the *Metamorphoses*, selecting either of the two prescribed texts.

or

- (b) Discuss the theme of creation in Virgil's *Aeneid*, Book VI.

4. (a) Dante's *Inferno* is an allegorically mapped physical space. Discuss.

or

- (b) Comment on Blake's illustrations of the *Book of Job* with reference to elements of Blake's philosophy.

5. (a) The war between the Kauravas and the Pandavas is the result of a series of actions that took place long before them. Elaborate.

or

- (b) Comment on the forest as a magical real space in the *Ramayana*.

6. Consider Mark's depiction of Jesus as a rabbi or teacher.
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