

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2018

Semester – II

English

Course – H 3 (Core) (Old Syllabus)

(Backgrounds and Legacies)

(For Back Candidates only)

Time: 3 Hours

Full marks: 40

Questions are of equal value.

Answer question No. 1 and any three from the rest

1. (a) The epic is both grand in style and matter. Discuss with reference to the texts familiar to you.

Or

- (b) What are the qualities of an epic hero? Are the epic heroes familiar to you ultimately heroic? Discuss.

2. (a) Analyse the idea of metamorphosis in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.

Or

- (b) Critically comment on Aeneas' visit to the Underworld.

3. How far does love play a role in the scheme of things in the *Iliad*? Discuss.

4. (a) Can you read the *Book of Job* as dramatic allegory? Discuss.

Or

- (b) Comment on the depiction of Jesus as the 'Son of God' in Mark's *Gospel*.

5. (a) Examine the significance of Rama's exile in the *Ramayana*.

Or

- (b) The Sabha Parva in the *Mahabhatara* is a critique of patriarchal injustice. Comment critically.

6. Discuss how the antagonists in the *Iliad* become protagonists in the *Aeneid*.
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