

**B.A. Semester I (Honours) Examination 2020 (CBCS)**

**Subject: English**

**Paper: CC-II**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to answer in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer **any six** of the following: 5x6=30
    - a. What was the riddle posed by Sphinx to Oedipus?
    - b. What message did Creon bring from the Oracle of Delphi?
    - c. Comment briefly on Jocasta's role in *Oedipus the King*.
    - d. Comment on the role of fate in *Oedipus the King*.
    - e. How was Narcissus transformed into a flower?
    - f. How did Semele die in *Metamorphoses* Book III?
    - g. What led to Actaeon's tragic death?
    - h. Why did Pentheus's mother kill her own son?
  
  2. Answer **any three** of the following: 10x3=30
    - a. Discuss the question of fate and free will with reference to Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*.
    - b. Discuss the theme of sight and blindness in *Oedipus the King*. How does it affect the idea of truth?
    - c. What is the significance of the Diana-Actaeon story? Did Ovid want to portray the goddess as unjust?
    - d. Comment on the theme of the 'wrath of Achilles' in *Iliad* Book I.
    - e. Plautus's *The Pot of Gold* is a comment on love, marriage and dowry. Discuss.
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