2025

(May-June)

FYUP: 4th Semester Examination

ENGLISH

(European Classical Literature)

(ENG-251)

Marks: 75

Time: 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION-I

Answer any three of the following questions:

5×3=15

- 1. Who is Calypso? Why does she allow Odysseus to leave her island? 2+3=5
- **2.** What does Nausicaa represent in *The Odyssey?*
- Give a short description of Alcinous' 'splendid dwelling' or palace.
- 4. What is Sappho's concept of cone?

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- **5.** Examine the role of Jocasta in Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex.*
- 6. Why does Oedipus resort to self-blinding?
- **7.** How is the rivalry between Aeschylus and Euripides comedic in *Frogs*?

SECTION-II

Answer any four of the following questions:

 $6 \times 4 = 24$

- 8. Discuss briefly how Juno altered Echo's speech.
- 9. What is a sonnet? Briefly discuss with reference to Dante Alighieri's My Lady. 2+4=6
- 10. Why did the Chorus of a Theban elder express a sense of foreboding about what Oedipus might find?
- **11.** How appropriate is the title of *Frogs* by Aristophanes?
- **12.** Briefly discuss how Calypso is portrayed in *The Odyssey.*
- 13. Why is the moment when Odysseus reveals his identity to Alcinous and the Phaeacian court significant in the story?

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SECTION-III

Answer any three of the following questions:

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- 14. How does Nausicaa's encounter with Odysseus challenge traditional gender roles?
- **15.** Discuss the themes in Homer's *The Palace of Alcinous*.
- **16.** Discuss Horaces' *Book II*: *Ode XIV* as an exploration of the fleeting nature of life.
- 17. Bring out the central theme of Francesco Petrarch's I'd Sing of Love in Such a Novel Fashion.
- **18.** Would you describe *Oedipus Rex* as a tragedy of fate or a tragedy of character? Justify your answer.
- 19. Discuss Aristophanes' Frogs as a satirical commentary on Athenian politics and society.

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