

**UG 3rd - Semester Examination - 2023**

**Award : B.A. (HONS.)**

**Discipline : ENGLISH**

**Course Type : CC-7 (Hons.)**

**Course Code : BAHENG303**

**Course Name: Classical Literature: Indian and European**

**Full Marks - 35 (Regular), 40 (Backlog)**

**Time - 2hrs**

*The figure in the right-hand margin indicates full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

**Unit-I**

**1. Answer any one/two of the following questions :**

**5×1=5/5×2=10**

- a) Comment on how far is the concept of 'an organic unity of action' essential to an understanding of the plot of a tragedy as is discussed in Aristotle's *Poetics*.
- b) Discuss briefly as to why Aristotle considers tragedy as the greater art form than epic.
- c) Comment briefly on the different types of *rasas* that Bharata speaks of in *Natyashastra*.

**Unit-II**

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

**2×5=10**

- a) What do you know of Kovalan and Kannaki's parentage?
- b) How did Madhavi's mother plan to drain out money from Kannaki?
- c) What was Kannaki's curse on the city of Madurai?
- d) How did Kovalan and Kannaki plan to restart life at Madurai?
- e) Who is Shakara? What is his original name?
- f) What do you know about the relationship between Maitreya and Charudatta?

- g) Who overthrows the despotic ruler in *Mrichhakatika*?
- h) Briefly comment on the social status of Charudatta's family
3. **Answer any one of the following questions :** **5×1=5**
- a) What is the symbolic significance of the little clay cart in Sudraka's play *Mrichhakatika*?
- b) Write a note on the miscarriage of justice as you come across in *The Book of Banci*.

**Unit-III**

4. **Answer any five of the following questions :** **1×5=5**
- a) How did Oedipus become the King of Thebes?
- b) What disaster befalls the city of Athens?
- c) What information is brought by Creon from the Oracle of Delphi?
- d) What did the surviving attendant of King Laius report about the latter's death?
- e) Why does Oedipus declare to avenge the murder of King Laius?
- f) Why did Tiresias refuse to disclose the identity of King Laius's murderer?
- g) Why does Jocasta deny believing the prophecy of the Oracle that declares Oedipus to be the murderer of King Laius?
- h) What does Oedipus tell Jocasta about his parentage?
5. **Answer any one of the following questions :** **10×1=10**
- a) Discuss the theme of *Nostos* in Homer's *Iliad*.
- b) Discuss the character of King Oedipus as a tragic hero in Sophocles' play of the same name.
- c) Discuss how Fate plays an important role in Sophocles' play *King Oedipus*.

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