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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.A. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2022

CC2-ENGLISH

EUROPEAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP-A

1. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 10×4 = 40
- (a) Critically discuss the use of irony in *Oedipus Rex*.
 - (b) Would you consider Oedipus to be a tragic hero despite being a victim of circumstances? Give a reasoned answer.
 - (c) Discuss the role and character of Clytemnestra in *Agamemnon*.
 - (d) Explore 'guilt and sin' as a major theme in Aeschylus's *Agamemnon*.
 - (e) What are the different attitudes to women and wealth in Plautus's *The Pot of Gold*?
 - (f) Critically consider *The Iliad* as an epic.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any **four** from the questions given below: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Comment on the shield of Achilles in *The Iliad*.
 - (b) Write a short note on the Funeral Games in *The Iliad*.
 - (c) How does Oedipus react to the Messenger's Message?
 - (d) Write a note on the Delphic Oracle in *Oedipus Rex*.
 - (e) Why is the Herald scene significant in *Agamemnon*?
 - (f) How does Clytemnestra defend her murder of Agamemnon?
 - (g) What role do the slaves serve in *The Pot of Gold*?
 - (h) Critically examine and comment on the following quote: "Day or night, I've not had a moment's peace with the treasure on my mind... Now at last I'm going to sleep."

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