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M.A. (Final) EXAMINATION, 2017 ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper III(C)

(Classical Literature)

Time allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Part A

[Marks : 20]

Answer all questions (50 words each).

All questions carry equal marks.

Part B [Marks: 50]

Answer five questions (250 words each), selecting one question from each Unit.

All questions carry equal marks.

Part C

[Marks : 30]

Answer any two questions (300 words each).

All questions carry equal marks.

Part A

1. Answer all questions:

Unit I

- (i) Who dares to challenge Archaian warriors in personal combat to Menelaos ?
- (ii) For what did the citizens of Thebes beg their king?

Unit II

- (iii) In what way Mricchakatika, the Little Clay Cart is regarded as the model of prakarna plays?
- (iv) Who completed the latter part (uttara bhaga) of the romantic novel Kadambari in Sanskrit?

Unit III

(v) To which period of Roman History did Horace belong? What was his full name?

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(vi) Who promises to build an awesome tomb at Samson's grave?

Unit IV

- (vii) What does the play 'The Vanity of Human Wishes' examine?
- (viii) Who was Empedocles and where did he live?

Unit V

- (ix) What does the play 'Murder in the Cathedral' dramatize?
- (x) From where does Christine get the name of the poison that kills Ezra ?

Part B

Unit I

2. Elaborate the causes and conditions of duel between Agamemnon and Hektor ? Justify that the play Oedipus the King is the mythic story of patricide and incest.

Unit II

- 4. Explain the statement—'Only educated courtesans like

 Vasantasena have a place of their own in it'—with

 reference to the play Mricchakatika.
- Narrate the story of Kadambari novel that was retold by a parrot, which was told to it by a sage.

Unit III

- Comment critically on Horace's odes that accommodate
 a wide range of emotional effects.
- Illustrate critically Samon's tragic death on the basis of the poem 'Samson Agoinstes'.

Unit IV

 Discuss the dramatist's view on gender with reference to the play 'The Vanity of Human Wishes'.

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