

#### UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

## CENTRE FOR DISTANCE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION



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> (GRSE 201- Greek Literature) (GRSE 201 - ගීක සාහිතාය)

කාලය පැය (03) තුනයි. முன்று(03) மணித்தியாலங்கள்.

Time: Three (03) Hours.

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Answer question ONE (01) and FOUR (04) other questions selecting TWO from Part One and one (01) each from Parts 2 and 3.

පුශ්ත 05කට පමණක් පිළිතුරු සපයන්න. 05 விணக்களுக்கு மட்டும் விடையளிக்க. Answer 05 questions only. றையுலாදිලි අත් අකුරුවලට ලකුණු කපනු ලැබේ. எழுத்து தெளிவில்லாதவிடத்து புள்ளிகள் குறைக்கப்படும். Marks will be deducted for illegible hand writing.

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- 1. Comment on the subject matter of any four (04) of the following referring them to their contexts:
  - a) "She told us herself. She dreamt that she gave birth to a snake."
  - b) "Once is enough for that, Old man,I don't need to hear that twice.I'm not about to boast, but trust to this:Your life is safe, so long as a god saves mine."
  - c) "She's the one, she did it single-handed.
    We caught her burying the body. Where's Creon."
  - d) "Oh, how it grieves me! Why make the sons Share in their father's guilt?"
  - e) " ... often in human life Our second thoughts are wiser."
  - f) "Well if you can prove that it's right for a son to hit his father then you certainly have been taught to defeat a just claim, as I wanted you to be."

- g) That was true under the old system; but now everything will be owned in common, so why hold on to anything?
- h) "A woman's weak and timid in most matters;
  The noise of war, the look of steel, makes her a coward.
  But touch her right in marriage, and there's no bloodier spirit."
- i) "What made war inevitable was the growth of Athenian power and the fear which thus caused in Sparta."
- j) "Then if love lacks beauty, and what is good coincides with what is beautiful, he also lacks goodness."
- k) "Now you tell me on the same way,' he went one, 'about life and death. Do you not admit that death is the opposite of life?"

(4x5=20 marks)

## **PART 1- Greek Tragedy**

2. 'Aeschylus' *Libation Bearers* is a fine manifestation of divine interference on human lives.' Examine with appropriate examples from the text.

#### 3. EITHER

i. Critically evaluate Sophocles' use of characters to effect the development of the plot while successfully bringing out the themes in his tragedy *Oedipus at Colonus*.

#### OR

ii. "Creon is responsible for the Tragedy in Antigone." Do you agree? Justify your answer citing appropriate evidence from Sophocles' Antigone.

## 4. EITHER

i. 'It's Jason's self-centered behaviour that induced Medea to be the murderer of her children.' Critically discuss this statement in the light of Medea's and Jason's characters and themes of Euripides' *Medea*.

#### OR

ii. 'The gods are responsible for the death of Hippolytus as well as that of Phaedra.' Comment on this statement with reference to divine intervention on human lives as presented in Euripides' play *Hippolytus*.

## **PART 2- Greek Comedy**

#### 5. EITHER

i. Examine how Aristophanes generates laughter through his criticism of sophistic education and the message he imparts therein in his comedy *The Clouds*.

OR

- ii. Assess how Aristophanes ridicules the contemporary political set up in Athens while emphasizing the need for a serious thoughtful change in the prevailing political system through his play *The Assembly of Women*.
- 6. The plot of Menander's *The Samian Woman* is complex but entertaining. Explain how Menander achieved this by using conventional socio-cultural aspects and the stock characters with reference to *The Samian Woman*.

# PART 3- Greek Historical and Philosophical Literature

7. Critically evaluate how Thucydides demonstrated the futility of war while writing about war, with reference to his *The Peloponnesian War*.

### 8. EITHER

i. Examine with examples how Plato's Symposium can be considered an eulogy on Socrates.

OR

ii. Assess the four arguments presented by Socrates to show that the soul is immortal and that the philosopher must not fear death in Plato's **Phaedo**.

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