

EX/ARTS/ENGL/UG/SEC/12/102/2025

Jadavpur University  
Bachelor of Arts in English  
First Year Second Semester Examinations, 2025  
SEC: European Classical and Christian Background

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer *any four* questions taking one from each CO.

(Attempting more than one question from the same text is not permitted)

CO1: Be acquainted with the early history of Graeco-Roman and Judaeo-Christian traditions.  
(1x10=10)

1. Discuss the characteristic features of the Minoan and Mycenaean Civilizations.
2. Examine the structure of *either* the Old Testament or the New Testament.
3. Discuss the salient features of the Gospel of St Matthew with special reference to the Sermon on the Mount.

CO2: Learn about the form, structure, and themes of the major literary genres of Classical European literature.  
(1x10=10)

4. Critically examine the plot structure of the *Iliad*.
5. To what extent does Aeneas' rejection of Dido in Book 4 of the *Aeneid* reflect his commitment to the ideals of Classical Roman masculinity?
6. Why does Dionysus change his mind and choose to bring back Aeschylus and not Euripides from the Underworld in the *Frogs*?
7. Discuss Aeschylus' treatment of human guilt and divine justice in *Agamemnon*.
8. What are the ways in which Lucretius' position on the mortality of the human soul affects human existence in *De rerum natura*?

CO3: Acquire a comprehensive knowledge of the seminal literary works of the Classical period and their subsequent influence.  
(1x5=5)

9. Write a short note on *any one*:
  - a. Chorus of frogs
  - b. Shield of Achilles
  - c. Virgil's literary patrons
  - d. The chorus' portrayal of Helen as the instrument of divine justice in *Agamemnon*
  - e. "Clinamen" or "the swerve" in *De rerum natura*

CO4: Be acquainted with the early Scholastics, ecclesiastical history, and Biblical exegesis.  
(1x5=5)

10. Write a short note on *any one*:
  - a. The Fall of Man

- b. God's covenant with Noah
- c. The Ten Commandments
- d. The Good Samaritan
- e. The Prodigal Son

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