

BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2022

(1std Year, 2nd Semester)

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

EPIC

COURSE : CBCS/CL/UG/GE/2.7

Time : Two hours

Full Marks : 30

Answer *either* in English *or* in Bengali

Answer any *three*

All questions carry equal marks

- 1 a. Write an essay on the function of invocation in primary epics with close reference to an invocation from a European epic you have read in this course.

Or

- b. What are the major differences and similarities between primary and secondary epics? Answer with close reference to the *Iliad* and *Paradise Lost* Bk1.

- 2 a. What are the basic features of an ideal epic hero? Analyse with close reference to the epics you have read in this course.

Or

- b. Write a note on the choric nature of the epic with examples from the epics you have studied in this course.

- 3 a. Write in your own words the basic characteristics of the 'mahakavya' as enumerated by Visvanatha in *Sahitya Darpan*.

Or

- b. What features of the 'mahakavya' do you find in the *Ramayana*?