B.A. Semester I (Honours) Examination 2021 (CBCS) Subject: English Paper: CC – II

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 60

5x6=30

10x3=30

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to answer in their own words as far as practicable.

- 1. Answer *any six* of the following questions
- a. Why did Oedipus accuse Creon of conspiring against him?
- b. Comment on the significance of the messenger from Corinth.
- c. Comment on the nature of the plague that had engulfed Thebes.
- d. Comment on the significance of the final conversation between Oedipus and Creon.
- e. Describe how Acoetes became a follower of Bacchus.
- f. Why did Echo suffer a lonely, anguished death?
- g. How, as described in Book III of was Bacchus born?
- h. Who prompted Semele to ask Jove to appear in his divine glory and why?
- 2. Answer *any three* of the following questions:
- a. Discuss Sophocles' use of dramatic irony in Oedipus the King.
- b. Discuss the role of the Chorus in *Oedipus the King*.
- c. Comment on the themes of revenge and violence in Book III of Ovid's Metamorphoses.
- d. Discuss the role of the slaves and servants in Plautus' Pot of Gold.
- e. Discuss the epic conventions used by Homer in Books I and II of The Iliad.