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Sixth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, April 2022

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Core Course – XI

EN 1641 : WORLD CLASSICS

(2018 and 2019 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or sentence.

1. Which is the epic written by Virgil?

2. Who is the author of the novel *War and Peace?*

3. The trilogy *Oresteia* is written by ———.

4. Who is the narrator of *Zorba, the Greek?*

5. Which season does Kalidasa first present in the *Ritusamhara?*

6. Which brother of Antigone is condemned as a traitor?

7. Name the blind prophet who appears in *Antigone?*

8. Where did the narrator meet Zorba first?

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9. What is the profession of Ivan Ilyich?

10. Name two plays by Sophocles other than *Antigone?*

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight**, each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. How is the moon depicted in *Ritusamhara?*

12. How does the peacock react to the summer season?

13. What is Ismene's reaction to Antigone's wish to bury Polynices?

14. What decision does Creon take regarding Polynices?

15. What is Creon's decision regarding Eteocles?

16. What are the consequences that Tiresias foresees if Antigone is put to death?

17. How did Zorba happen to lose almost a half of his index finger?

18. Describe the responses of the narrator and Zorba about the condition of the workers in the mine.

19. Which are the three categories of men according to Zorba with reference to their eating habits?

20. Why does Ivan decide to settle in Petersburg along with his family?

21. What change occurs to Ivan after the accident?

22. What was the dream about the sack that Ivan had?

23. How does the lion react to the summer season?

24. Who are Antigone's parents?

25. What happens to Eurydice at the end of the play *Antigone?*

26. How did Gerasim help Ivan?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six,** each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.

27. Comment on the role and character of Peter Ivanovich.

28. Sketch the character of Gerasim in *The Death of Ivan Ilyich.*

29. What is Zorba's attitude to life?

30. What are the major themes of *Zorba, the Greek?*

31. Compare and contrast the characters of Antigone and Ismene.

32. What does Creon realise at the end of the play *Antigone?*

33. How does Haemon become engulfed in tragedy?

34. How does the summer season put an end to the enmity of animals?

35. What is the impact of the summer season on the human beings?

36. What is the significance of the last verse of *Ritusamhara: Canto I Summer?*

37. Madame Hortense in *Zorba, the Greek.*

38. How does the forest fire affect the animals and vegetation?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two,** each in about **300** words.

39. Attempt a character sketch of Ivan Ilyich.

40. Creon's pride brings in the downfall of all who are dear to him. Substantiate.

41. Comment on the relationship between the narrator and Zorba.

42. What is exceptional about Kalidasa's portrayal of the summer season?

43. Consider Antigone as a typical tragic heroine.

44. Zorba is not only a character who enjoys "life to the lees" but accepts it with all its unexpected twists and turns. Substantiate.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
