

2017

ENGLISH

( Major )

Paper : 6.4

( **Western Mythology** )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed (any seven) :

1×7=7

- (a) Who is Hermes in Greek mythology?
- (b) Name the two brothers of Zeus.
- (c) The Roman Vesta is identical with \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Greeks.  
(Fill in the blank)
- (d) Mention the special feature of the river  
Lethe.
- (e) What does the name 'Oedipus' mean?

- (f) Medusa was the only one of the Gorgons who was immortal.

(State True or False)

- (g) \_\_\_\_\_ was the mother of Artemis.

(Fill in the blank)

- (h) Who is the father of Prometheus?

- (i) What is Dionysus associated with?

2. Answer briefly the following questions :  $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Name the two mountains from which Zeus and Cronus fought the epic battle.

- (b) Name the two significant things made by Hephaestus.

- (c) Who was Goliath and how was he killed?

- (d) Who were the Magi?

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

$5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Write a short note on the Titan, 'Atlas'.

- (b) Who was Jason and how did he overcome the hurdles in bringing the Golden Fleece?

- (c) Narrate the myth of 'Narcissus and Echo'.

(d) Present your views on the relevance of the story of 'Cain and Abel' in modern times.

(e) Write briefly on the 'Quest for the Holy Grail'.

4. What do you understand by the concept of myth? Discuss its relevance in present day, citing examples from any two modern versions of classical myths prescribed in your syllabus. 10

Or

Critically examine the presentation of the biblical theme of innocence and fall by Herman Melville in the great American classic, *Billy Budd*. 10

5. Give an account of Nathaniel Hawthorne's representation of the classical myth of Proserpina and how it provides lessons for the modern readers. 10

Or

Show how Graves depicts the myth of *The Fifth Labour of Heracles* to highlight acumen and a critical responsiveness to overcome odds that seemed insurmountable. 10

6. Discuss how Yeats addresses issues related to contemporary world and society in his poem, *Leda and the Swan* by making use of Greek mythology. 10

Or

- Write a note on how Tennyson addresses the social issues of Victorian age in his poem, *Ulysses*. 10

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