

KANYASHREE UNIVERSITY

M.A. 2nd Semester Examination-2022

Subject: English

Course-CC 8

Ancient European Classics in Translation

Full Marks-40

Time-2.00 Hours

Group-A

[Answer **any four** of the followings]

(5x4=20)

1. Critically analyse the following lines:
The kings of birds to kings of the beaking prows, one black,
one with a blaze of silver
skimmed the palace spearhead right
and swooping lower, all could see,
plunged their claws in a hare, a mother
bursting with unborn young - the babies spilling,
quick spurts of blood - cut off the race just dashing into life!
2. "The sons of Priam
pay the price twice over."
Who are referred to as "The sons of Priam" and what price did they pay?
3. Explain the role of the gown and bracelet in the development of the plot in Plautus' *Menaechmi*.
4. How does Sosicles manage to escape from Menaechmus' wife and father-in-law?
5. What prayers did Dido end her life with?
6. How did Anna advise her sister to accept Aeneas as her lover?
7. What does Cassandra say about the curse on the House of Atreus?

Group-B

[Answer **any two** of the followings]

(10x2=20)

1. Comment on the role of the Chorus in *Agamemnon*.
2. Write a short essay on Homer and Virgil as epic poets in the context of *Odyssey* and *Aeneid*.
3. Explain how physical appearance and identity contribute to the comedy of errors in Plautus' *Menaechmi*.
4. Is Agamemnon a tragic hero? Substantiate with reference to *Agamemnon*.
