



University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Bachelor of Arts in English - General External Degree (Part 1) Examination

September/October 2015

CLIT 1005: Introduction to Classical Literature

Time: **Three Hours**

Answer five questions. Each question carries 20 marks.

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**Section A**

Answer 02 questions from the following.

1. Discuss in detail the epic qualities in *The Iliad* or in *The Aeneid*.
2. Divine intervention in human affairs is visible in *The Iliad*. Explain with examples from the epic.
3. "*The Aeneid* is the tale of Aeneas's unalterable destiny to rebuild a new civilization". Do you agree? Discuss.

**Section B**

Answer 01 question from each part.

**Part 1**

4. Sophocles discusses human ignorance through *The King Oedipus*. Do you agree?
5. Discuss the character portrayal of Medea by Euripides in his tragedy *The Medea*.

**Part 2**

6. "Aristophanes' *The Frogs* is a comedy with a serious message". Examine this drama from this particular perspective.
7. Discuss Plautus' disrespect of gods in his drama *The Amphitryo*.

**Section C**

8. Write short notes on any 04 of the following philosophers.

- a. Miletian Philosophers
- b. Pythagoras
- c. Xenophanes
- d. Anaxagoras
- e. Socrates
- f. Aristotle