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Sixth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, April 2024

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Core Course - XIV

EN 1644: WORLD CLASSICS

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions each in a word or in a sentence.
- 1. Who wrote the Italian narrative poem, La commedia or The Divine Comedy?
- 2. Name the epic poem written by Virgil.
- 3. Who is the main antagonist of Faust in Goethe's play?
- 4. When and where was Eliot's essay "What is a classic" first presented as a presidential address?,
- Name two Russian novelists.
- Name Boccaccio's influential collection of tales that inspired Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.
- 7. What modernist technique is used by James Joyce in Ulysses?
- 8. Name three dramatists who wrote the Greek classics.
- 9. What is English translation of the title of the play Abhijnana Shakuntala?
- 10. What was the pseudonym under which Aleksey Maksimovich Peshkov wrote?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

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- II. Answer any eight each in a paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. Who was Frankenstein?
- 12. Why was Acteon punished?
- 13. Durvasav's curse.
- 14. How does Eliot define a classic?
- 15. The theme of Jayadeva's Gita Govinda.
- 16. Homer's Odyssey.
- 17. Why is Bacchus considered to be 'twice-born' in Ovid's Metamorphoses?
- 18. Herman Hesse's Siddhartha.
- 19. Sudraka.
- 20. Chorus in Greek tragedy.
- 21. Machiavelli.
- 22. Encounter between Oedipus and Tiresias.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

- III. Answer any six each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 23. Aphra Behn and the Restoration theatre.
- 24. Epic poetry.
- 25. Relationship between man and nature in Abhijnana Shakuntalam.
- 26. Importance of classical Greek and Roman literature.
- 27. The narrator of Notes from the Underground.

- 28. Irony of fate in Oedipus Rex.
- 29. The Buendia family.
- 30. Eliot's view of Shakespeare as a classical writer.
- 31. The Narcissus episode in *Metamorphoses*.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$

- IV. Answer any two each in about 300 words.
- 32. Comment on the dramatic significance of the title of the play Abhijnana Shakuntalam?
- 33. One Hundred Years of Solitude is a fable that encapsulates the history of human civilization Elucidate.
- 34. In *Metamorphoses*, Ovid critiques the epic-heroic tradition of Homer and Virgil-Discuss with reference to the story of Bacchus in Meta, Book III.
- 35. How does Eliot argue that a classic is a work that reflects the maturity of a culture? (2 × 15 = 30 Marks)