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ENGLISH—Paper V (b)

(Classical Literature)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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Attempt all the *four* questions. The *first* question has three parts and the second *two*. Each of the *three* parts in the first question and the *two* parts in the second question are to be answered.

1. Critically comment on :

(a) The Homeric simile

P.T.O.

Or

Hector and Andromache 15

(b) Marica's ashrama.

Or

The Prologue in *Abhijñānaśākuntalam*. 15

(c) Lysistrata's use of the metaphor of the wool in Act I.

Or

..... He would glare at me and say, "Back to your weaving, woman or you'll have a headache for a month. Go and attend to your work; let war be the care of the menfolk'.

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2. (a) Irawati Karve holds Draupadi's husbands primarily responsible for her troubles. Would you agree ?

Or

Comment on Plato's notion that "the art of representation is far removed from the truth." 8

- (b) Write a note on the concept of dharma.

Or

Discuss the absence of tragedy in Kalidasa's
Abhijñānaśākuntalam. 7

3. (a) "She is just such a woman as the audience would expect a foreign princess to be !" Discuss the dramatic representation of *Medea* in the light of this remark.

Or

- (b) Does the ending of *Medea* leave the tragic conflict unresolved ? Give reasons for your opinion. 20
4. (a) Would you agree that the episode of the dicing game offers a critique of the heroic ideal in the *Mahabharata* ?

Or

- (b) Critically comment on the implications of Draupadi's question and the responses of those present. 20