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Department of English Language and Literature
Semester End Exam

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Course Code: **ELL 3526** Course Title: **Western Classics in Translation**
Full Marks: 50 **Time: 2:30 hrs**

Answer question no. 1 and **three** others. Marks are shown in the right hand margin.

1. Explain **four** of the following extracts:

(5x4=20)

- a. Wise words; but O, when wisdom brings no profit,
To be wise is to suffer.
- b. Nonsense; I must pursue this trail to the end,
- c. Not Creon either. Your enemy is yourself.
- d. O wife, I fear.... I fear that I have said
Too much, therefore I must see this man.
- e. Whose son are you? I tell you, you have sinned –
And do not know it –
- f. What will be
Will be, though I should never speak again.

- 2. Explain Aristotle's concept of mimesis (imitation) in *The Poetics*. 10
- 3. Analyze the structure of *Oedipus Rex* in terms of Aristotle's six constituents from *The Poetics*. 10
- 4. How do Oedipus's strengths as a leader also contribute to his tragic fall? Examine. 10
- 5. Discuss the Islamic perspective on prophecy and destiny. How does this contrast with the portrayal of fate in *Oedipus Rex*? 10
- 6. Describe the structure of Hell as portrayed in Dante's *Inferno*. 10