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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

LITT 431/434: EUROPEAN LITERATURE 1 (FROM THE CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY TO THE MIDDLE AGES)

STREAMS: B.ED

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 23/09/2021

2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer three questions. Question one is compulsory.**
1. Using any of the texts studied in this course, critically examine any five thematic concerns of the literary writers in the classical antiquity period. (30 marks)
 2. Giving examples from relevant texts, discuss the features of medieval literature. (20 marks)
 3. Critically analyse the portrayal of women in *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes. (20 marks)
 4. “Oedipus is a tragic hero”. Comment on the validity of this statement giving illustrations from *Oedipus king and Oedipus at Colonus*. (20 marks)
 5. Assess the relevance of the play *Medea* in contemporary times? (20 marks)
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