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**FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

LITT 431 / 434: EUROPEAN LITERATURE FROM CLASSICAL TO MIDDLE AGES

STREAMS

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 24/3/2021

8.30 AM – 10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question One (Compulsory) and any Other Two Questions.

1. The classical Greek philosophers Aristotle and Plato are pivotal in European literary history. Discuss the contribution of each of them to literature; bringing out their points of convergence and divergence. [30 Marks]

2. Using either Sophocles *Oedipus King* or Euripides' *Medea*, discuss the components of a Greek tragedy. [20 Marks]

3. With clear illustrations from any of the plays studied in this unit discuss the place of women in the ancient Greek Society. 20 Marks]

4. Examine the thematic concerns of medieval literary writers with illustrations from either *Canterbury Tales* or *The Divine Comedy*. [20 Marks]

5. Discuss the relevance of Homer's *Odyssey and the Illiad* in Contemporary times. [20 Marks]