

## **Lesson Plan**

BA (Honours) Semester VI

### **Western Classical Literature**

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Classes – 4 times a week

#### Course Outline

The objective of the paper is to acquaint the students with western classical thinkers like, Plato, Aristotle and Ovid among others, along with introducing the relationship of these philosophers with English Literature. The focus would be to engage the students in discussions about classical thought, comparing and contrasting them with contemporary thinkers, placing various ideas in different socio-cultural and political scenarios.

#### Assessment

Internal Assessment – 25%

- Test 10 % - after 4 weeks of engaging with the students, based on Unit I. If the student is unable to appear for the test due to an emergency, s/he needs to notify in advance.
- Presentation 15 % - after 8 weeks of engaging with the students - Each student will make one oral presentation (8-10 minutes each) on a text or related topic. The topics for presentation need to be discussed/ approved in the class.

End Semester Exam – 75 %

#### Schedule

Week 1 - Introduction to Classical Thought

Week 2– Unit I - Introduction to Plato and Plato's *Republic*

Week 3 – Unit I - Plato's *Republic* Book 1

Week 4 – Unit I - Plato's *Republic* Book 1

Week 5 - Unit II – Ovid's *Metamorphoses* Book 1

Week 6 - Unit II - Ovid's *Metamorphoses* Book 1

Week 7 - Unit II (Internal Assessment – Test to take place) Ovid's *Metamorphoses* Book 1

Week 8 - Unit III – *Bullfinch's Mythology*

Week 9 - Unit III – *Aesop's Fables*

Week 10 - Unit IV – Harold Bloom's 'An Elegy for the Canon' from *The Western Canon*

Week 11 - Unit IV – Aristotle's *The Nichomachean Ethics* – Book I

Week 12 – Unit IV - Aristotle's *The Nichomachean Ethics* – Book I

Week 13 – Internal Assessments – Presentations