



University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka

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Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Third Examination (External) – 2011/2012

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Faculty of Humanities

Western Christian Culture - WCCU - E3025

Greek and Roman Literary Theory

Answer any five (05) questions

No. of questions : 10

Time : 03 Hours

01. What relation has drama to society according to the ideas presented by Aristophanes in **The Frogs**.
02. Examine the relative importance given to technique of presentation of drama in The Frogs.
03. Explain the ideas put forth by Plato regarding the impact literature has on the character of the individual.
04. Discuss the reasons for the remedies that Plato had presented against the possible harm that literature could impart.
05. What sort of action did Aristotle observe as arousing tragic pleasure in a drama? Explain.
06. Discuss the merits of the complex plot in a tragedy as described by Aristotle.
07. Examine the importance given to the impact literature has on contemporary society according to two of the Greek critics you have studied.
08. What importance had Horace attributed to preparation against actual composition in a work of art.
09. By what means can one achieve the sublime in literature according to Longinus?
10. Discuss the advice given to critics by the Roman Theorists.
