

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), BANGALORE- 27
BSc/ BA/ BSW - III SEMESTER
MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATION: AUGUST 2019
AE 318- ADDITIONAL ENGLISH

TIME: 60 MINUTES

MAX MARKS: 30

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper contains **ONE** printed side.
2. You will lose marks for exceeding word limits.
3. You are allowed to use a dictionary, during the examination.

I. Read the following line by Wesley D. Smith on Euripides' *Alcestis*:

"Death is the villain of the piece, and Heracles is the hero who rescues the noble husband's virtuous wife at the last possible moment."

I.A. Answer the following questions in about 5-7 SENTENCES each: (2x5= 10)

1. Comment on Smith's choice of the words 'nobility' and 'virtue' to refer to Admetus and Alcestis respectively. Do these words do justice to the Euripidean characters?
2. Who according to you, can be defined as the true hero in Euripides' *Alcestis*?

II. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: (2x10= 20)

3. Write a short note on the representation of childhood by R.K. Narayan in *Swami and Friends*. How close is this portrayal to your perception of childhood?
4. "What's the use of stories that aren't even true?" asks Haroun in Salman Rushdie's *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*. What do you think is the function of fiction in the 'real' world that we live in?