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CLASSICS 102 (GS04) - Greek and Roman Mythology

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A. In the space provided, identify the character described in each of the following quotes (1 mark each):  
(10)

1. This Titan was the father of three thousand daughters, spirits of rivers, waters, and springs "scattered everywhere over the earth" and the same number of "roaring rivers", his sons.

2. The youngest Titan said that he hated his father and would "attempt the deed, so Gaia hid him in an ambush and placed in his hands the jagged-toothed sickle."

3. In which Age was "a child was raised at home a hundred years, and played, huge baby, by his mother's side"?

4. ""They were not far from the border of the world above when, yearning to see his beloved with his own eyes, he turned and looked, and with his gaze she slipped away and down."

5. This goddess became an ally of Zeus in the Titanomachy and because she "came to Olympus first, . . . , he gave her honour and unparalleled gifts: for Zeus made her the Great Oath of the Gods."

B. **Identify the Olympian god** who has the epithet, attributes, or cult centre named in each of the following questions (1 mark each):

(3)

1. His attributes were a hammer, an anvil and a forge.

2. Two of his attributes were the lyre and the tripod.

3. The "Bringer of the Seasons" established her cult centre in the town of Eleusis.

C. Briefly explain why the "sacred marriage of Gaia and Ouranos" is interpreted as an **archetype**.

D. **From the following list of names, choose the name of the character** which answers each of the following questions. Please note that **not** all names can be used (1 mark each):

Actaeon, Atlas, Cyclopes, Daphne, Eos, Gigantes, Helios, Orion, Pandora, Sisyphos, Thanatos, Tantalos, Typhoios,

(10)

1. These “monstrous snake-legged creatures were born when the blood of Ouranos fell upon the Earth.”
2. They were called "circle-eyed, because they had only one eye, set in the middle of their forehead" and they fashioned the thunder and lightning.”
3. “On his shoulders grew a hundred snaky heads, strange dragon heads . . . His eyes flashed fire beneath the brows upon those heads and fire blazed out from every head when he looked around”.
4. She removed the cover from the jar and “scattered all the pains and evils within” which ever since have caused troubles for human beings.
5. Because he opposed Zeus, he stands forever "holding the broad sky with his head and tireless hands at the edge of the earth".
6. She “went to ask the dark-clouded son of Kronos to make her lover immortal and let him live forever. Zeus nodded and her wish was fulfilled. Poor goddess, she did not think to ask that her beloved avoid ruinous old age”.
7. When he "tried to quench his thirst, the water would suddenly vanish, swallowed down, and whenever he reached out to grasp the fruit in his hands, the wind snatched the branches away.
8. A “giant hunter in the Meadow of Asphodel, [who was] driving together the wild beasts which he himself had once killed."
9. He was “enduring hard sufferings as he pushed a huge stone, exerting all his weight and both his hands and feet, he kept shoving it up to the top of the hill. But just as he was about to thrust it over the crest, then its own weight forced it back, and once again the pitiless stone rolled down to the plain.”
10. As she ran towards her father’s stream, “her hair began to turn into leaves, her arms into branches and her feet, which until now had run so swiftly, were held fast with clinging roots.”

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E. Answer the following questions on the *Homeric Hymn to Hermes* and Euripides' *Bacchae*:  
(10)

1. In reading the *Homeric Hymn to Hermes*, it is easy to see that Hermes was a trickster. Explain how he used his skills at trickery to steal Apollo's cows? Please make your answer brief. (4 marks)

2. When Apollo saw a "bird of omen with long wings" he knew immediately that the thief was a child of Zeus. What was the bird? (1 mark)

3. What does the *Bacchae* tell us about the powers of Dionysos and the control he exercised over his worshippers. Please make your answer brief. (5 marks)

F. Write an essay about one to one and a half pages in length, **double-spaced**, on ONE of the following questions:  
(20)

1. According to the *Theogony*, Zeus married Themis, the personification of traditional law and through this alliance, Zeus brought Order, Justice and Peace into the Cosmos. Discuss the allegory contained this myth.

2. In the *Odyssey*, Aphrodite and Ares were lovers, a relationship which questions why would a goddess whose primary concern was the procreation of life be attracted to a god whose sole function is its destruction? Discuss how the theory of structuralism might interpret this odd attraction.

3. In the play *Prometheus Bound*, we read that "all human arts (techne) and science was Prometheus' gift". Discuss how this gift can be related to the gift of fire which Prometheus gave to humans in Hesiod's *Theogony*.