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I. Paraphrase the following passages (40 %)

1. "We do have Prayers, you know, Prayers for forgiveness,
daughters of mighty Zeus...and they limp and halt,
they're all wrinkled, drawn, they squint to the side,
can't look you in the eyes, and always bent on duty,
trudging after Ruin, maddening, blinding Ruin".
2. "The kings of birds to kings of the beaking prows, one black,
one with a blaze of silver
skimmed the palace spearhand right
and swooping lower, all could see,
plunged their claws in a hare, a mother
bursting with unborn young- the babies spilling,
quick spurts of blood--cut off the race just dashing into life!"
3. "As stubble
Burns when the grain is harvested, as hedges
Catch fire from torches that a passer-by
Has brought too near, or left behind in the morning,
So the god burned, with all his heart, and burning
Nourished that futile love of his by hoping".
4. "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and
that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof
wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; yet through
the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. But
man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?"
5. "Diomêdes roused his company and fled, too,
and later Menelaos, the red-haired captain,
caught up with us at Lesbos,
while we mulled over the long sea route, unsure
whether to lay our course northward of Khios,
keeping the Isle of Psyria off to port,
or inside Khios, coasting by windy Mimas".

II. (1) Explicate the following terms and

(2) give examples to support your explanation (30 %)

1. Homeric epithet
2. Reversal (Peripety) in Greek Tragedy
3. Plot
4. Greek Comedy
5. Irony

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III. Essay questions (30 %)

1. What happens when Aeneas descends to the Underworld as depicted by Virgil? Contrast this scene with Odysseus' trip to the Underworld narrated by Homer.
2. What kind of world is revealed from Greek tragedies? Give concrete examples to support your points.