

## NOTE

The word 'humanity' has been used in the dissertation in the sense of "the quality of being human" The Concise Oxford Dictionary gives the meaning of the word as

1. a) the human race, b) human beings collectively, c) the fact or condition of being human.
2. humaneness, benevolence.
3. (in pl) human attributes. (1990: 575)

The meaning given at '1-c' is the one used/considered throughout the dissertation. The reference style used in the *Works Cited* and the *Select Bibliography* is according to the recent MLA style. During the course of the chapters, the authors' names are mentioned while citing the quotations, and the year and page numbers are mentioned in the parentheses.

The primary texts used in the dissertation are the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* of Homer, both translated by E.V.Rieu, and the *Mahabharata* of Vyasa, translated by K.M.Ganguli. While quoting from these texts, the first words used in the references indicate the poems, *Il.*- *Iliad* and *Od.* - *Odyssey* in the case of Homer ; while the words immediately following the beginning of the parenthesis indicate the titles of the 'Parvas', for eg. (*Adi.1.75*), in the case of *Mahabharata*. The second numerals signify the Book numbers in the case of the Greek epics, and the 'Parva'-section numbers in the case of the Indian epic. The last numbers indicate the page numbers, from which the quotations have been selected.