

Friday, 11 May 2007

Sanskrit – Intermediate Level

Paper 2A

Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Instructions to Candidates

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the Answer Book provided.

Information for Candidates

The marks for the various parts of questions are shown in round brackets: e.g. (2).

You are reminded of the importance of accurate spelling, punctuation, grammar and orderly presentation in your answers. A total of eight marks will be awarded for correct spelling of Sanskrit words in transliteration and Devanāgarī.

This paper has three questions.

Turn over

Answer all THREE questions.

1. Translate the following sentences into Sanskrit using Devanāgarī script. Sandhi should not be used. Four marks will be given for correct word order.

(a) We shall walk near the palace. (3)

(b) Drink from the river here. (3)

(c) Books are being read by the teachers. (3)

(d) You think that the powerful army has conquered the city. (6)

(19 marks)

2. Rewrite the following lines using sandhi. Do not translate.

पिङ्गलकः अवदत् भद्रम् उक्तम् त्वया। किंतु एतत्
वक्तुम् कः चित् विश्वासभूमिः न अस्ति ॥

(11 marks)

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3. Answer all questions.

- (a) *Sattva* is one of the three *guṇas*, and is known by its qualities of purity and brightness. Name in Sanskrit the other two *guṇas*, and give in English the qualities which characterise them. (4)
- (b) According to the *Bhagavad Gītā*, what types of food are loved by *sāttvika* people? (2)
- (c) *Ākāśa*, space, has the property of sound. Name in Sanskrit the other four great elements, and give in English the property of each. (8)
- (d) Give the Sanskrit terms for the two main aspects of *manas*, along with English translations. (4)
- (e) *Prāṇa*, 'vital breath', divides into five different functions. Name two of these in English. (2)
- (f) Give short explanations of each of the following:
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| (i) <i>prārabdha</i> | (iv) <i>prakṛti</i> |
| (ii) <i>ahaṅkāra</i> | (v) <i>saṃsāra</i> |
| (iii) <i>vyāpti</i> | (vi) <i>pralaya</i> |
- (12)
- (g) What does the term *vedāṅga* mean? Name two of the *vedāṅga* in English. (4)
- (h) Say a little about each of the following:
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| (i) <i>pāṇini</i> | (iv) <i>lakṣmī</i> |
| (ii) <i>smṛti</i> | (v) <i>agni</i> |
| (iii) <i>pitṛ</i> | (vi) <i>vyāsa</i> |
- (12)
- (i) The *kṛta yuga* is often translated as the 'Golden Age'. Name the other three ages and translate each. (6)
- (j) Name two characters who fight in the battle of *Kurukṣetra* in the *Mahābhārata*, and give a few details about each. *Kṛṣṇa* did not participate in the battle. (6)

(60 marks)

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