

Monday, 12 May 2003

Sanskrit – Basic Level

Paper 2A

Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Instructions to Candidates

Answer Question 1 and Question 2.

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 five marks will be awarded for correct spelling of Sanskrit words in transliteration and Devanāgarī.

This paper has two questions.

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ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND QUESTION 2

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) The dogs fall from the chariot. (6)

(b) The sage saw the star in the sky. (8)

(c) Having heard the lions, she ran quickly. (8)

(d) We shall protect the eldest son. (6)

(Max.: 32 marks)

2 . Sanskrit Epic Civilization Questions

Answer all questions.

(a) Briefly explain the following terms:

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| (i) <i>śakti</i> | (iv) <i>sañcita</i> | |
| (ii) <i>gandharva</i> | (v) <i>avyakta</i> | |
| (iii) <i>samaṣṭi</i> | (vi) <i>dhātu</i> | (12) |

(b) What are *sattva*, *rajas* and *tamas*? (3)

(c) Explain *punya* and *pāpa*. (4)

(d) One of the great elements, space, has sound as its property. Name in English each of the other four great elements, giving their respective properties. (8)

(e) Translate each of these virtues:

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| (i) <i>ahimsā</i> | (iv) <i>abhayam</i> | |
| (ii) <i>satyam</i> | (v) <i>dānam</i> | |
| (iii) <i>asteyam</i> | (vi) <i>damaḥ</i> | (6) |

- (f) Give the names of three characters in the *Mahābhārata* and give a short account of the role each plays in the epic. (9)
- (g) Name in English the four castes, or *varṇa*, as given in the Sanskrit tradition. (4)
- (h) List, in Sanskrit, the four *puruṣārtha* or aspirations of human life. Translate each Sanskrit term. (8)
- (i) What distinguishes *śruti* from *smṛti* ? (4)

(58 marks)

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