

Wednesday, 11 May 2005

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 six 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 sons sang for him. (6)
- (b) The soldiers run quickly to the ocean. (8)
- (c) Having become a queen, she dwelt in the palace. (8)
- (d) You will soon go to the room. (6)

(Max: 32 marks)

Sanskrit Epic Civilization Questions

2. Answer all questions.

- (a) Briefly explain the following terms:
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| (i) <i>saṁsāra</i> | (iv) <i>sūtra</i> |
| (ii) <i>buddhi</i> | (v) <i>śakti</i> |
| (iii) <i>prakṛti</i> | (vi) <i>indra</i> |
- (12)
- (b) One of the great elements, earth, has smell as its property. Name in English each of the other four great elements, giving their respective properties. (8)
- (c) Give the names of three characters in the *Mahābhārata*, and explain in outline the role each plays in the epic. (9)
- (d) Translate each of these virtues:
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| (i) <i>svādhāya</i> | (iv) <i>dayā</i> |
| (ii) <i>akrodha</i> | (v) <i>śauca</i> |
| (iii) <i>śānti</i> | (vi) <i>asteya</i> |
- (6)

- (e) Name in Sanskrit the four castes, or *varṇa*, as given in the Sanskrit tradition. Give an English translation of each. (8)
- (f) *Mokṣa*, 'liberation', is said to be the highest *puruṣārtha* or 'purpose of human life'. Name in Sanskrit the other three *puruṣārtha*, and give an English translation of each. (6)
- (g) Say in English what forces are represented by *Parvatī*, *Lakṣmī* and *Sarasvatī* respectively. (3)
- (h) The *āśrama* are the stages of life, beginning with the *brahmacārin*, the student. List the three other stages of life, giving the Sanskrit and an English equivalent. (6)

(58 marks)

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