

Friday, 14 May 2004

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 six 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) I shall run from the long snake. (3)

(b) O sage, go quickly! (3)

(c) The deer are being eaten by the lions. (3)

(d) You thought that she had read the book. (6)

(19 marks)

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

ततः दमनकः पिङ्गलकसमीपम् गत्वा देव समागतः
असौ पापाशयः । तत् सञ्जीभूय स्थीयताम् इति
उक्त्वा पूर्वोक्ताकारम् कारयामास । संजीवकः अपि
आगत्य विक्रमम् चकार ॥

(11 marks)

Sanskrit Epic Civilization Questions

3. Answer all questions.

- (a) What are *sṛṣṭi*, *sthiti* and *pralaya*? Give the Sanskrit names of the deities that preside over each of these. (6)
- (b) Explain in short the terms '*puṇyasamkāra*' and '*pāpasamkāra*'. (3)
- (c) Briefly contrast the functions of *manas* and *buddhi*. (2)
- (d) Give a short explanation of each of the following:
(i) *kriyamāṇa* (iv) *bhāṣya*
(ii) *vikalpa* (v) *avatāra*
(iii) *śruti* (vi) *manvantara* (12)
- (e) Which forces are embodied by Pārvatī, Lakṣmī and Sarasvatī? (3)
- (f) The Kali Yuga is said to be characterised by lawlessness. Give the Sanskrit names for the other three yugas, and briefly describe each. (6)
- (g) Which beings are denoted by the following terms:
(i) *indra* (iv) *rākṣasa*
(ii) *yama* (v) *nāga*
(iii) *gandharva* (vi) *vāyu* (6)
- (h) The first of the four *varṇa*, or castes, is the *brāhmaṇa*, the priest or teacher. Give the Sanskrit names for the remaining three castes, and give translations of each. (6)
- (i) Choose three characters from the *Rāmāyaṇa* and say a few things about the role played by each in the epic. (9)
- (j) *Kāma* is enjoyment. Give the Sanskrit names for the three remaining *puruṣārtha*, along with their translations. What does '*puruṣārtha*' mean? (7)

(60 marks)

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