

Friday, 12 May 2006

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) Monkeys fell from the trees. (6)

(b) The dogs pursue the deer in the forest. (8)

(c) Having heard the ministers, the king laughed. (8)

(d) We shall eat fruits now. (6)

(Max: 32 marks)

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2. Answer all questions.

(a) Explain in brief the following terms:

(i) *indra*

(iv) *dhātu*

(ii) *avyakta*

(v) *deva*

(iii) *vyaṣṭi*

(vi) *tapas*

(12)

(b) Give the Sanskrit for the three *guṇa*, along with an English translation of each. (6)

(c) What are *sṛṣṭi*, *sthiti* and *pralaya*? *Sṛṣṭi* is said to be presided over by Brahmā, the creator. Name the powers that preside over *sthiti* and *pralaya*, giving an English term for each. (7)

(d) Name three characters in the *Rāmāyaṇa*, and outline the role that each plays in the text. (9)

- (e) Say a little about each of the following literary terms:
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| (i) <i>smṛti</i> | (iv) <i>sūtra</i> | |
| (ii) <i>vyākaraṇa</i> | (v) <i>vedāṅga</i> | |
| (iii) <i>āraṇyaka</i> | (vi) <i>purāṇa</i> | (12) |
- (f) According to the Sanskrit tradition, we live in the age of Kali. Name the three other ages in Sanskrit, and give a short explanation of each. (6)
- (g) Give the Sanskrit terms for the two aspects of *manas*, briefly elucidating each. (4)
- (h) What are *puṇya* and *pāpa* ? (2)

(58 marks)

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