

Undergraduate Examination 2018
Semester-II (CBCS)
Sanskrit
Generic Elective Course (GEC-2)
(Indian Culture and Social Issues)

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Section - A

1. Answer any one of the following - 15
 - (a) Illustrate the socio-cultural scenario of Vedic age.
 - (b) Explore different versions of the Rāma legend in Sanskrit literature.
 - (c) Write a note on the origin of Indian drama.
2. Write short notes on any two of the following - 15
 - (a) Dara Shikoh's translations of Sanskrit texts (b) Culture and Society
 - (c) Ṛgveda (d) Harappan civilization.

Section - B

3. Answer any one of the following - 15
 - (a) Explore the "Vidura-nīti" as depicted in the Mahābhārata.
 - (b) How does Aśvaghosa's Vajrasūci counter-agree the caste hierarchy system.
4. Translate any two of the following verses - 4×2=8

(into English/Hindi/Bengali)

 - (a) मर्माण्यस्थीनि हृदयं तथासून्
रुक्षा वाचो निर्दहन्तीह पुंसाम्।
तस्माद् वाचमुशतीमुग्ररूपां
धर्मरामो नित्यशो वर्जयति॥
 - (b) चलचित्तमनात्मानामिन्द्रियाणां वशानुगम्।
अर्थाः समभिवर्तन्ते हंसा शुष्कं सरो यथा॥
 - (c) वृत्तं यत्नेन संरक्षेद् वित्तमेति च याति च।
अक्षीणो वित्ततः क्षीणो वृत्ततस्तु हतो हतः॥
5. Explain any one verse of the following : 7
 - (a) वेदोऽखिलो धर्ममूलं स्मृतिशीले च तद्विदाम्।
आचारश्चैव साधूनामात्मनस्तुष्टिरेव च॥
 - (b) वेदः स्मृतिः सदाचारः स्वस्य च प्रियमात्मनः।
एतच्चतुर्विधं प्राहुः साक्षाद्धर्मस्य लक्षणम्॥