

Friday, 9 May 2008

# Sanskrit – Basic Level

## Paper 2A

Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes

### Instructions to Candidates

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Answer Question 1 and Question 2.

Write your answers in the Answer Book provided.

### Information for Candidates

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

This paper has two questions.

*Turn over*

## 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 horses ran from the forest. (6)
- (b) The army conquers the city of the warriors. (8)
- (c) Having become friends, we dwelt in the house. (8)
- (d) Do battle in the kingdom! (6)

(Max: 32 marks)

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### Sanskrit Epic Civilization Questions

2. Answer all questions.

- (a) Briefly explain the following:
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| (i) <i>mokṣa</i>       | (iv) <i>śakti</i>  |
| (ii) <i>tapas</i>      | (v) <i>kalpa</i>   |
| (iii) <i>svādhyāya</i> | (vi) <i>dharma</i> |
- (12)
- (b) For each of the following *guṇa*, give two English words which help to explain it:
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|--------------------|-----|
| (i) <i>sattva</i>  |     |
| (ii) <i>rajas</i>  |     |
| (iii) <i>tamas</i> | (6) |
- (c) What are *pun̄ya* and *pāpa*? (2)
- (d) One of the five *mahābhūtas* is space, which has the property of sound. Name in English the four remaining *mahābhūtas* and their respective properties. (8)

- (e) Give a short explanation of each of the following literary terms:
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|-----------------------|--------------------|------|
| (i) <i>āraṇyaka</i>   | (iv) <i>śāstra</i> |      |
| (ii) <i>vedāṅga</i>   | (v) <i>veda</i>    |      |
| (iii) <i>upaniṣad</i> | (vi) <i>sūtra</i>  | (12) |
- (f) State in English what powers are embodied by:
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|------------------------|--|-----|
| (i) <i>parvatī</i>     |  |     |
| (ii) <i>lakṣmī</i>     |  |     |
| (iii) <i>sarasvatī</i> |  | (3) |
- (g) One of the *varṇa*, or classes, of human beings is the priests or teachers. Give a brief description in English of the remaining three classes in this system. (6)
- (h) Give English equivalents for the following divine qualities:
- |                      |                    |     |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----|
| (i) <i>ahiṃsā</i>    | (iv) <i>śaucam</i> |     |
| (ii) <i>satyam</i>   | (v) <i>abhayam</i> |     |
| (iii) <i>asteyam</i> | (vi) <i>dānam</i>  | (6) |
- (i) One of the five great sacrifices is *devayajña*, sacrifice to the gods. Name in English three of the remaining four. (3)

(58 marks)

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