

**TDC Odd Semester Exam., 2020  
held in July, 2021**

SANSKRIT

( Honours )

( 3rd Semester )

Course No. : SANH-301

( History of Classical Sanskrit Literature )

*Full Marks : 50*

*Pass Marks : 17*

*Time : 2 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

Answer **five** questions, selecting **one** from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

(a) Outline the essential features of Purāṇa literature and their relevance in today's world.

(b) Write a note on Kālidāsa's work.

2. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

(a) Name two famous prose-romances of Sanskrit literature and elaborate on their salient features.

(b) Write a detailed note on the origin and development of Sanskrit drama.

UNIT—II

3. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :  
5×2=10

(a) *Buddhacaritam*

(b) *Carakasamhitā*

(c) *Pañcatantram*

(d) *Ratnāvalī*

4. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :  
5×2=10

(a) *Harṣacaritam*

(b) *Bhaṭṭikāvya*

(c) *Abhijñānaśakuntalam*

(d) *Swapnavāsavadattam*

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UNIT—III

5. Correct the following retaining the name of the works :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) The *Mahābhārata* is regarded as the Ādikāvya of Sanskrit literature.
- (b) The *Mālatimādhavam* is a prose-romance.
- (c) *Śīsupālavadham* is a Mahākāvya composed by Kālidāsa.
- (d) *Raghuvamśam* is a drama composed by Māgha.
- (e) *Carakasamhitā* is a drama composed by Bhaṭṭi.
6. Correct the following retaining the name of the works :  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 10$
- (a) *Śrīmadbhagavadgītā* is a part of the *Rāmāyaṇa*.
- (b) *Kumārasambhavam* is a drama written by Bhāsa.
- (c) *Manusamhitā* is a drama written by Kālidāsa.
- (d) *Abhijñānaśakuntalam* is a Mahākāvya written by Bhaṭṭanārāyaṇa.

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UNIT—IV

7. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) Who composed the *Veṅṣamhāra*? How many Acts are there in the *Veṅṣamhāra*?
- (b) Who is the author of *Nāgānandam*? Name another work of this author.
- (c) Who wrote the *Kathāsaritsāgara*? What is the meaning of the word 'कथासरित्सागर'?
- (d) Who wrote the *Karpūramañjarī*? Is this work written in Sanskrit or in Prākṛt language?
- (e) Who wrote the *Nītisatakam*? Name two other works of the same author.
8. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) Who composed the *Hitopadeśa*? Why is it called fable literature?
- (b) Name the author of the *Aṣṭādhyāyī*. Name another famous work on Sanskrit Grammar.
- (c) Sanskrit drama opens with a Nāndī Śloka. What are its objectives?

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- (d) Who wrote the *Suśruta Saṁhitā*? What is the subject matter of this work?
- (e) Who wrote the *Dhwanyāloka*? Name another famous work on Sanskrit poetics.

UNIT—V

9. Rematch the following pairs correctly :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) <i>Mālavikāgnimitram</i> | (i) Daṇḍin            |
| (b) <i>Daśakumāracaritam</i> | (ii) Bharata          |
| (c) <i>Nāṭyaśāstra</i>       | (iii) Nārāyaṇa Paṇḍit |
| (d) <i>Hitopadeśa</i>        | (iv) Jayadeva         |
| (e) <i>Gītagovinda</i>       | (v) Kālidāsa          |

10. Rematch the following pairs correctly (any five) :

$2 \times 5 = 10$

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| (a) <i>Rāmāyaṇa</i>            | (i) contains 18 Parvans or Chapters |
| (b) <i>Mahābhārata</i>         | (ii) contains 7 Kāṇḍas or Books     |
| (c) <i>Abhijñānaśakuntalam</i> | (iii) contains 6 Acts               |
| (d) <i>Swapnavāsavadattam</i>  | (iv) contains 7 Acts                |
| (e) <i>Kumārasāmbhavam</i>     | (v) describes laws of Manu          |
| (f) <i>Manusāṁhitā</i>         | (vi) describes birth of Kārtikeya   |

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