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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer ALL questions.

1 Mahābhārata (adapted text)

Read the following Sanskrit passage. Do not write out a translation. Answer all the questions. Your answers should be in English, with Sanskrit names in transliteration.

सत्यवत्याः पुत्रः विचित्रवीर्यः नाम । कालेन विचित्रवीर्यः नृपः 1
 अभवत् । यदि विचित्रवीर्यस्य भार्या न भविष्यति तर्हि युवराजः 2
 न भविष्यति इति भीष्मः चिन्तयति स्म । स्वयंवरः आसीत् । बहवः 3
 राजपुत्राः स्वयंवरम् अगच्छन् । तत् दृष्ट्वा भीष्मः अपि स्वयंवरम् 4
 अगच्छत् । स्वयंवरे भीष्मेण कन्याः अपहृताः । ताः कन्याः अम्बा 5
 अम्बिका अम्बालिका च । राजपुत्राः विस्मिताः आसन् भूमिम् 6
 अपतन् च । अम्बा भीष्मेण मुक्ता ॥ 7

- (a) Who was Vicitravīrya's mother? (line 1) [1]
 (b) What thought does Bhīṣma have in lines 2 and 3? [4]
 (c) Translate 'bahavaḥ rājaputrāḥ svayaṃvaram agacchan'. (lines 3 and 4) [2]
 (d) What does Bhīṣma do in line 5? [2]
 (e) Translate 'rājaputrāḥ vismitāḥ āsan bhūmim apatan ca'. (lines 6 and 7) [4]
 (f) Who is released by whom, in line 7? [2]

[Total: 15 marks]

2 Mahābhārata – Bhagavad Gītā

Read the following Sanskrit verses. Do not write out a translation. Answer all the questions. Your answers should be in English, with Sanskrit names in transliteration.

प्रसादे सर्वदुःखानां हानिरस्योपजायते ।	1
प्रसन्नचेतसो ह्याशु बुद्धिः पर्यवतिष्ठते ॥	2
मयि सर्वाणि कर्माणि संन्यस्याध्यात्मचेतसा ।	3
निराशीर्निर्ममो भूत्वा युध्यस्व विगतज्वरः ॥	4
पत्रं पुष्पं फलं तोयं यो मे भक्त्या प्रयच्छति ।	5
तदहं भक्त्युपहतमश्नामि प्रयतात्मनः ॥	6

Chap. 2, verse 65; Chap. 3, verse 30; Chap. 9, verse 26

(a) Translate the compounds:

(i) 'sarvaduḥkhānām' (line 1) [2]

(ii) 'prasannacetasaḥ' (line 2) [2]

(b) What is Kṛṣṇa's advice to Arjuna in line 3? [3]

(c) What do you think about Kṛṣṇa's advice, in line 4, that Arjuna should fight? Give a reason for your view. [2]

(d) Translate lines 5 and 6. [6]

[Total: 15 marks]

3 Sanskrit Epic Civilisation

(a) Briefly explain each of the following concepts:

(i) *avidyā* [2](ii) *karman* [2](iii) *ahaṅkāra* [2](iv) *samaṣṭi* [2](b) Explain the terms *puruṣa* and *prakṛti*, and how they relate. [3](c) *Sattva* is the quality of purity, intelligence and brightness. Give the Sanskrit names of the other two qualities of nature, explaining each. [4]

(d) Briefly explain each of the following Sanskrit terms:

(i) *śruti* [2](ii) *āraṇyaka* [2](iii) *vyākaraṇa* [2](iv) *manusmṛti* [2](e) What do the terms *deva* and *devī* mean? [2]

(f) Write a short essay of about 100 words, in English, on one of these two topics:

EITHER

(i) Discuss the system of the five great subtle elements. Do you think this is a useful way of viewing creation?

OR

(ii) Outline the system of classes of human being, beginning with the *brāhmaṇa*, the priest. Is this system useful, in your view, in the present age? [10]**[Total: 35 marks]**

4 Hitopadeśa

Read the following Sanskrit passage. Do not write out a translation. Answer all the questions. Your answers should be in English, with Sanskrit names in transliteration.

A tiger explains that he is a changed character and therefore not dangerous.

प्रागेव यौवनदशायामतिदुर्वृत्त आसम् । अनेकगोब्राह्मणमनुष्यवधान्मे 1
पुत्रा अनेकशो मृता दाराश्च । सांप्रतं निर्वंशोऽस्मि । ततः केनापि 2
धार्मिकेणाहमुपदिष्टः । दानधर्ममाचरतु भवानिति । तदुपदेशादि- 3
दानीमहं स्नानशीलो दाता वृद्धो गलितनखदन्तो दयावांश्च कथं न 4
विश्वासभूमिः। उक्तं च । 5

इज्याध्ययनदानानि तपः सत्यं द्दमा दमः । 6

अलोभ इति मार्गोऽयं धर्मस्याष्टविधः स्मृतः ॥ 7

तत्र पूर्वश्चतुर्वर्गो दम्भार्थमपि सेव्यते । 8

उत्तरश्च चतुर्वर्गो नामहात्मसु विद्यते ॥ 9

- (a) How does the tiger describe himself in youth? (line 1) [2]
- (b) Why, according to the tiger, are his children and wife dead? (lines 1 and 2) [3]
- (c) Translate '*kenāpi dhārmikeṇāham upadiṣṭaḥ. dānadharmam ācaratu bhavāniti*'. (lines 2 and 3) [5]
- (d) (i) Translate the compound '*tadupadeśāt*'. (line 3) [2]
(ii) Name the type of compound. [1]
- (e) How does the tiger describe himself? (line 4) [4]
- (f) Lines 6 to 9:
(i) What form of writing is used in these lines? [1]
(ii) Why is this form of writing used here? [1]
(iii) What is the tiger aiming to do? [3]
(iv) What do you find amusing here? [3]

[Total: 25 marks]

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