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ENGLISH

( Major )

Paper : 1-1

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following : 1×10=10

- (a) Who are the parents of Shakuntala?
- (b) Name the author of *The Book of Vanci*.
- (c) What do you mean by Prakarana?
- (d) Give the meaning of Sutradhara.
- (e) Who is Vasantasena?
- (f) Name the father of Pandavas.
- (g) Name the longest epic in Indian Classical literature.
- (h) What is Rasa in Indian Classical literature?

- (i) Who is Masattuvan?
- (j) Name the three royal dynasties mentioned in *The Book of Vanci* in Cilappatikaram.
2. Answer any five of the following :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- (a) Who wrote *Natyashastra*? How many Slokas are there?
- (b) What do you mean by Alankara?
- (c) Between whom did the Battle of Kurukshetra for the throne of Hastinapura take place?
- (d) How did Kalidasa get his name? What is the name of his prescribed text?
- (e) What is Shringara Rasa?
- (f) What is Dharma?
- (g) Who is Kovalan in *The Book of Vanci*?
3. Write short notes on any four of the following :  $5 \times 4 = 20$
- (a) The curse of Durvasa
- (b) Rasas and their types
- (c) Role of women in *Mrichchhakatikam*
- (d) Meaning of Abhijnana Shakuntalam

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- (e) Character sketch of Kannagi (Kannaki)
- (f) Culture, beliefs and life in Silappatikaram

4. Answer any four of the following : 10×4=40

- (a) Discuss the themes in the play, *Mrichchhakatikam* (*The Little Clay Cart*).
- (b) Analyze the salient characteristics of Indian Classical drama.
- (c) Write a note on Kalidasa as a poet and a dramatist with reference to *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.
- (d) Give an overview of the temptation of Karna.
- (e) Analyze Vyasa's games in *Mahabharata* with reference to 'The Dicing' and 'The Sequel to Dicing'.
- (f) Summarize *The Book of Vanci*.
- (g) Discuss the role of dharma in *Mahabharata*.

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