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**ENGLISH**

Paper : ENGHC1016

***(Indian Classical Literature)***

*Full Marks : 80*

*Pass Marks : 32*

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer : ***(any six)***

1×6=6

(a) What is Shakuni's main motive in the game ?

(i) To win wealth

(ii) To gain power

(iii) To destroy Kuru family

(iv) To help Duryadhana

*Contd.*

(b) The Sabha Parva is also known as the—

(i) “The Book of Assembly Hall”

(ii) “The Book of Effort”

(iii) “The Book of Vanci”

(iv) “The Place of Dicing”

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ is the father of Shakuntala.

(i) Vishwamitra

(ii) Kanva

(iii) Valmiki

(iv) Vasistha

(d) Who is the author of the play *Mrcchakatika*?

(i) Kalidasa

(ii) Vyasa

(iii) Sudraka

(iv) Ilango Adigal

(e) Where was the King Cenkuttuvan camping?

(i) At the bank of Periyar

(ii) Near Vaigai river

(iii) At the bank of Cauvery river

(iv) At Chola Kingdom

(f) The name of Charudatta’s son is —

(i) Roshana

(ii) Vita

(iii) Rohana

(iv) Rohasena

(g) Kannagi is deified as the Goddess of—

(i) Love

(ii) Chastity

(iii) Learning

(iv) Valour

(h) Who helped Draupadi from being completely disrobed ?

(i) Vikarna

(ii) Vidura

(iii) Bhishma

(iv) Krishna

(i) The object that Shakuntala lost was —

(i) ring

(ii) deer

(iii) flower

(iv) chariot

(j) The oldest son of Kunti was—

(i) Yudhishtira

(ii) Bhima

(iii) Karna

(iv) Arjuna

2. Answer briefly **any five** of the following questions :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) Name the real parents of Shakuntala.

(b) What happens to the Pantiyan King and Queen in “The Book of Vanci” ?

(c) What is the function of the prologue at the beginning of the play ?

(d) What is the Vallai song ?

(e) What was the role of Shakuni in the game of dice ?

(f) Who was chasing Vasantsena ? Why ?

(g) Why did the Kauravas want to play another game of dice with the Pandavas ?

3. Attempt **any six** of the following questions :  $5 \times 6 = 30$

(a) Who burns down the ancient city of Madurai and why ?

(b) What is the role of Shakuni in *Mahabharata* Dicing and Sequel to Dicing ?

(c) Discuss the rejection scene in the play *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.

(d) Write a short note on the role of Vidusaka in *Mrcchakatika*.

- (e) Narrate both the Akam and Puram aspects as revealed in the welcoming of the Victorian King and his army back in Vanci.
- (f) Discuss father Kanva's counsels to Shakuntala for leading a happy marital life, as she leaves the hermitage to meet her husband in the court.
- (g) Write a short note on Charudatta's love for Vasantasena.
- (h) What is the significance of Dicing and Sequel to Dicing in *Mahabharata*?
- (i) What did God Krishna try to tempt Karna?
- (j) What is the purpose of the Chera King's expedition to the North?
4. Answer **any two** of the following questions:  
10×2=20
- (a) Sketch a character portrayal of Kannagi from your reading of "The Book of Vanci".
- (b) "The view of life presented in 'The Book of the Assembly Hall' of the *Mahabharata* is that of a magical reality, rather than a rigid theological vision of life as unreality." Substantiate your answer.

- (c) Write a note on the theme of the play *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.
- (d) Examine the significance of the "Gathering of Storm" in *Mrcchakatika*.

5. Write essay-type answer to the following:  
**(any one)** 14×1=14

- (a) How is the theme of loss and death poignantly deal with in *Chilappatikaram*?
- (b) What do you think is the significance of the palace of illusion "Maya" palace in the *Mahabharata*? Illustrate your answer.
- (c) How is nature described in the play, and what is the significance of the Hemkoot mountain setting? Elaborate from your reading of *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.
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