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**ENGLISH**

Paper : ENGMIN2024A

**(Classical Literature)**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct option :  $1 \times 10 = 10$

(i) Who is the heroine of *Abhijnana Shakuntalam* ?

(a) Damayanti

(b) Draupadi

(c) Sita

(d) Shakuntala

- (ii) Who curses Shakuntala that her husband will forget her ?
- (a) Vishwamitra
  - (b) Durvasa
  - (c) Dushyanta
  - (d) Indra
- (iii) Who loses everything in the game of dice ?
- (a) Bhima
  - (b) Duryodhana
  - (c) Yudhishtira
  - (d) Karna
- (iv) Who is insulted in the Kaurava court after the dicing ?
- (a) Kunti
  - (b) Draupadi
  - (c) Subhadra
  - (d) Gandhari
- (v) Who is the hero of *Mrcchakatika* ?
- (a) Charudatta
  - (b) Vasantasena

- (c) Shakara
- (d) Vasudeva

(vi) What is Draupadi to the Pandavas ?

- (a) Sister
- (b) Wife
- (c) Aunty
- (d) Mother

(vii) Who is the author of *The Iliad* ?

- (a) Odysseus
- (b) Achilles
- (c) Hector
- (d) Homer

(viii) What is *The Iliad* mainly about ?

- (a) The Trojan War
- (b) World War-I
- (c) Mahabharata
- (d) Gold

(ix) Who kills Hector ?

- (a) Homer
- (b) Draupadi

(c) Achilles

(d) Shakuntala

(x) Which hero is described in the famous "Catalogue of Ships"?

(a) Odysseus

(b) Achilles

(c) Agamemnon

(d) Hector

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**  
2×5=10

(i) What was staked and lost by Yudhishtira in the game of dice?

(ii) What prophecy was given to Oedipus?

(iii) How does Sage Durvasa's curse affect Shakuntala's life?

(iv) What humiliation does Draupadi suffer in the Kaurava court?

(v) What is the central theme of *Mrcchakatika*?

(vi) Why is Achilles angry with Agamemnon?

(vii) Who influenced Horace's philosophy in *Satires I*?

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**  
5×6=30

(a) How does Kalidasa portray the conflict between ascetic life and royal duty in *Shakuntalam*?

(b) Analyze the character of Draupadi.

(c) Analyze the character of Charudatta.

(d) How does Sophocles use the theme of fate and free will in *Oedipus the King*?

(e) How does Horace criticize the tendency of humans to envy others in *Satires I*?

(f) How does *Mrcchakatika* reflect both love and social justice? Illustrate with examples from the play.

(g) Write a short note on the Pandavas.

(h) How does Horace use humor and satire to expose human greed in *Satires I*?

(i) Write a short note on Achilles.

4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**  
10×2=20

(a) Examine Kalidasa's portrayal of nature and the hermitage in *Shakuntalam*.

- (b) How does the game of dice expose weakness, deceit, and dharma?
  - (c) Discuss *Oedipus the King* as a tragedy of fate and free will.
  - (d) In *Satires I*, Horace uses humor to teach serious moral lessons. Discuss how satire becomes a tool for philosophy.
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