2023

6th Semester Examination

ENGLISH (Honours)

Paper: C 13-T

[Indian Classical Literature]

[CBCS]

Full Marks: 60

Time: Three Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

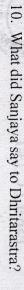
Group - A

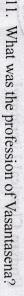
Answer any *ten* questions from the following: $2 \times 10 = 20$

- 1. Who were the biological and the foster-parents of Shakuntala in Kalidasa's *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*?
- 2. What was the reason of Durvasa's curse upon Shakuntala?
- 3. Where was the hermitage of Sage Kanva situated?
- 4. Who accompanied Shakuntala in her visit to the palace of Dushyanta?
- 5. What was engraved on the King's ring given to Shakuntala?

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- 6. Why did Duryodhana threaten to commit suicide?
- 7. Mention the two boons that Draupadi receives from Dhritarastra.
- 8. What did Kunti inform Karna about?
- 9. How was Yudhisthira consecrated as a king?







- 13. Name two English translators of the book Mrcchakatika.
- 14. Why was Charudatta prosecuted in Sudraka's Mrchakatika?
- 15. Name the wife and son of Charudatta.

Group - B

Answer any four questions from the following: 5×4=20

- 16. Discuss the significance of the episode of finding out the ring in *Abhijnana Shc kuntalam*.
- 17. What role did Durvasa play in the life of Shakuntala?
- 18. What was the secret behind Shakuni's dice?
- 19. Why did Duryodhana plan to vanquish the Pandava brothers?

- 20. Briefly recount the episode of Vasantasena meeting Rohasena and also comment on her attitude towards Charudatta's son.
- 21. Give an example of Sudraka's use of humour in *Mrcchakatika*.

Group - C

Answer any *two* questions from the following: $10 \times 2 = 20$

- 22. Briefly discuss the conflict between love and duty in *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.
- 23. Attempt a sketch of the position of women in the *Mahabharata* from your reading of 'The Dicing' and 'The Sequel to Dicing'.
- 24. Assess the character of Karna as represented in 'The Temptation of Karna'.
- 25. Write a critical note on the significance of the title of Sudraka's *Mrcchakatika*.

