

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.

The candidates may use Devanagari or Bengali scripts in their answers, quotations and expressions in Sanskrit. Answer Question Nos.1 & 2 and any three of the rest.

All questions carry equal marks.

- 1) A) What do you mean by *Veda*?
 - B) How many *Vedas* have been admitted in the Vedic Literature?
 - C) From amongst the *Brāhmaṇas* and the *Upaniṣads* name one *Brāhmaṇa* and one *Upaniṣada* for each *Veda*.
 - D) Write a note on the nature and activities of *Indra*.
- [5+5+2 ½ +2 ½ +5+5+5+10]

Or

- 1A) How many *Upaniṣadas* have been enumerated?
- B) Name any ten *Upaniṣads*.
- C) Write a full note on the philosophy of the *Īśopaniṣad*.

[2+20+18]

- 2) Enumerate the theist [*Āstika*] and the materialistic [*Nāstika*] schools of Indian philosophy. Which religious system is now followed by the majority of the Indian Hindus?

[3 ½ X5+ 3 ½ X 5+5]

Or

What is meant by atomism in the *Vaiśeṣika* System? Illustrate your answer critically.

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- 3) A) How many chapters have been admitted in the *Rāmāyaṇa*?
- B) Are all the chapters genuine?
- C) Who said " *Iyam svarṇapurī lankā sakhe mahyam na rocate / janānī janmabhūmiśca svargādapi gariyaśī*" and to whom, when and where?
- D) What is the context of this verse?

[4+4+3X4+20]

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4) Make an estimate of the roll of *Śakāra* in the *Mṛcchakaṭīka*. Can you suggest any origin of the concept of *Śakāra*?

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5) Critically discuss "*Vāsanāṭakacakrasya chekaiḥ kṣipte parīkṣitum / Svanavāsavadattasya dāhakah abhunnapābakah*".

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6) How many recensions of the drama "*Abhijñānaśakuntalam*" are known to you? Which recension you consider to have come near the original text? Can you name a book which has discussed these problems?

[5+ 3X10+5]

7) A) What are the qualifications prescribed for an envoy in ancient India? B) How many envoys have been admitted for administration by the authorities? C) Are they uniform as regards the number? D) Do you think that present Government of India selects the envoys according to the old rules?

[15+5+5+15]

9) Explain the meaning of the terms "*Guru*", "*Laghu*", and "*Yati*". How *Guru* and *Laghu* words are counted in metrics?

[3X5+25]
