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ENGLISH

(Honours)

Paper : ENG-HC-1016

(Indian Classical Literature)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or a sentence : 1×10=10
- (a) Who is Gautami?
- (b) Whom does Vasantasena refer to as 'that gamestar of yours'?
- (c) Name the foster father of Karna.
- (d) Who has written *Cilappatikaram*/Book of Banci?

- (e) Where was the lost ring of Shakuntala found?
- (f) Who is Rohasena?
- (g) Who among the Kauravas supported Draupadi?
- (h) Who is Kavunti?
- (i) Name two female friends of Shakuntala.
- (j) Who is Samsthanaka?
- (k) Name the capital city of the Kauravas.
- (l) Name the brother of Gandhari.
- (m) What does Mricchakatika mean?
- (n) Name the son of Shakuntala and Dushyanta.
- (o) What was the first stake offered by Yudhisthira in the game of dicing?
- (p) For whom did Kovalan abandon Kannagi?

- (q) Where was the game of dice held?
- (r) What is the bad omen that Vasantasena notices when she is about to go for her meeting with Charudutta?

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

- (a) Name the two fishermen who found the lost ring of Shakuntala.
- (b) What does Vasantasena ask her maid to tell Dhuta?
- (c) Who first suggest having a game of dice? Why?
- (d) Name the two male attendants who accompanied Shakuntala to King Dushyanta's court.
- (e) Why is Rohasena not happy with the clay cart?

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- (f) Who were the parents of Shakuntala?
- (g) What problem does Sthavaraka Cheta face on his way to Pushpakarandaka?
- (h) How many boons are granted to Draupadi? Who grants her these boons?
- (i) Who builds the assembly hall for the Pandavas? Where was it built?
- (j) How many sons did Kunti have?

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

- (a) Why did Sage Durvasa curse Shakuntala? What was the curse? How did it affect her?
- (b) Write a short note on the character and role of Shakuni in the prescribed chapters.

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- (c) Who is Maitreya? What is the significance of his role in *Mricchakatika*?
- (d) Describe the scene in the court of the Pandyan king where Kannagi goes to demand justice for Kovalan.
- (e) Write a note on the significance of the first act of *Mricchakatika*.
- (f) What was the advice given by Sage Kanva to Shakuntala as she was leaving for the court of King Dushyanta?
- (g) What led to the break-up between Madhavi and Kovalan?
- (h) How did Krishna try to tempt Karna? How did Karna respond?

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

10×4=40

- (a) What is the significance of the ring episode in *Abhigyanam Shakuntalam*? Explain.

- (b) What is a Prakarana? Discuss *Mricchakatika* as a Prakarana.
- (c) Critically analyse the character of Karna as revealed in the four chapters of the *Mahabharata* prescribed for you.
- (d) Describe the journey of Kannagi and Kovalan to Madurai. What was the role of Kavunti in this journey?
- (e) How is the Rasa theory used by Kalidasa in *Abhigyanam Shakuntalam*? Which is the predominant Rasa in the play?
- (f) Comment on the significance of the title of the play, *Mricchakatika*.
- (g) Critically analyse the role of Dhritarashtra in *Mahabharata* with special emphasis on the conflict between parental love and fair play.
- (h) Why did King Senguttuvan set out on his journey to the Himalayas? Briefly describe his expedition.

- (i) Critically analyse any one of the female characters in *Mricchakatika*.
- (j) What were the issues raised by Draupadi after the game of dice? What is the significance of these issues?
