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SANHCC-403T/245**

TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2023

SANSKRIT

(Honours)

(4th Semester)

Course No. : SANHCC-403T

(Sanskrit and World Literature)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

SECTION—A

Answer any ten questions :

2×10=20

1. (a) Name the western scholar who first translated into English the *Abhijñāna-śakuntalam*.

(b) In which year was this done?

2. (a) Which Sanskrit lyrical poem (गीतिकाव्य) influenced Rabindranath Tagore to write a poem in Bengali with the same name?



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- (b) Name the author of the original Sanskrit work also.
3. (a) To which President of USA did Narendra Modiji gift a copy of the *Bhagawadgītā* in 2014?
- (b) To which original Sanskrit work does the *Bhagawadgītā* belong?
4. The Upaniṣads generated huge interest amongst writers outside India. Name two such writers.
5. (a) A monk who founded the Ramakrishna Mission travelled allover the world with the *Bhagawadgītā*. Name him.
- (b) “उत्तिष्ठत, जाग्रत, प्राप्य वरान् निबोधत।”
From which Upaniṣad comes this favourite line of Swamiji?
6. (a) Which Governor-General of British India was influenced by the *Bhagawadgītā*?
- (b) Name a wrong custom which he abolished getting inspiration from the *Gītā*.

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7. (a) Name the Indonesian airlines named after a mythical Indian bird mentioned in the *Rāmāyaṇa*.
- (b) Name the island of Indonesia which is mentioned in the *Rāmāyaṇa*.
8. (a) Name the author of *Rāmacaritamānasa* (रामचरितमानस).
- (b) Which Sanskrit work is the source of ‘रामचरितमानस’?
9. (a) CERN, the physics lab in Geneva, Switzerland has a statue of an Indian God of Dance. Name this God.
- (b) When is International Yoga Day observed?
10. (a) Who called Kālidāsa the Shakespeare of India?
- (b) “*Abhijñānaśakuntalam* is Heaven and Earth united.” Which German poet said this?
11. (a) Give the full name of Sir. M. Williams, the author of *Shakuntala, The Lost Ring : An Indian Drama*.
- (b) To which country did this scholar belong?



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12. (a) Name the drama of Kālidāsa that has been translated into maximum number of European languages.
- (b) Name two other dramas of the same author.
13. Give the full form of ISKCON and name its founder who spread its message to western world.
14. The American astronaut of Indian origin, Ms. S. Williams, carried the *Bhagawadgītā* in her space mission. Give her full name.
15. Fourteen universities of Germany teach Sanskrit presently. Name any two of them.

SECTION—B

Answer any five questions : 10×5=50

16. Outline the reasons for the growing popularity of Sanskritic studies outside India citing ample examples.
17. Compare critically any Sanskrit literary work to any other world literature of your choice citing examples.

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18. "The Upaniṣads are the world's oldest works on philosophy." Analyze the impact of Upaniṣads on world thought.
19. Analyze the impact of the *Bhagawadgītā* in the western world.
20. Write a detailed note on the influence of the *Rāmāyaṇa* on Indonesian culture and literature.
21. Write a note on the impact of the *Mahābhārata* on Asian culture and literature.
22. Write a detailed note on the impact of Kālidāsa's *Abhijñānaśakuntalam* on the works of German poet Goethe.
23. Describe in detail the critical appreciation given to Kālidāsa in world literature.
24. Analyze the role of NGOs like 'Sanskrita Bharati' in popularizing Sanskrit both at National and International levels.
25. Write a note on influence of famous characters of Sanskrit literature on world literature, films and drama.

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