2017

SANSKRIT - HONOURS

THIRD PAPER

Course - II

Full Marks : 50

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

Unit - I

(Marks : 25)

1. Write an informative note on the philosophical hymns of the *Ṛgveda*.

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Or,

What is the other name of the *Atharvaveda* ? Why is it so called ? Give a brief account of the contents of the *Atharvaveda- samhitā* .

1+2+7=10

Or,

What is meant by *Vedāṅga* ? How many *Vedāṅgas* are there in the Vedic literature ? Name them. Name the limbs of a human body with which the *Vedāṅgas* are compared. Write a comprehensive note on the importance of *Vedāṅga* works for studying the *Vedas*.

1+1+3+5=10

P.T.O.

2. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :

$5 \times 2 = 10$

 (a) *Śatapathabrāhmaṇa*

 (b) Women seers of the *Ṛgveda*

 (c) Sāyanācārya

 (d) *Sarvānukramaṇī*

3. Answer the following questions in complete sentences (any *five*) :

$1 \times 5 = 5$

 (a) How many *maṇḍalas* are there in the *Ṛgveda*?

 (b) What are the two main divisions of the *Yajurveda*?

 (c) Why the *Ṛgvedasaṃhitā* is called *Dāśatayī*?

 (d) Which *Brāhmaṇa* work contains the *Manumatsyakathā*?

 (e) Name two 'dialogue hymns' of the *Ṛgveda*.

 (f) Which Veda does the *Bṛhadāraṇyakopaniṣad* belong to ?

 (g) Who is the author of *Nirukta* ?

Unit - II

(Marks : 25)

4. Name the title and author of the oldest work of Indian dramaturgy. Who is the earliest commentator on it ? Name the title of the commentary. Summarise the importance of this work in Indian dramaturgy. ½+½+1+1+7=10

Or,

Why Pāṇinian grammar is called 'त्रिमुनिव्याकरण'? Write an informative note on the Pāṇinian school of Sanskrit grammar.   2+8=10

Or,

Trace the history and development of the works on alchemy in Sanskrit.   10

5. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
                                                5×2=10

   (a) Brahmagupta

   (b) *Carakasaṃhitā*

   (c) *Piṅgalacchandaḥsūtra*

   (d) *Saṃgītaratnākara*

6. Answer the following questions in complete sentences (any *five*) :   1×5=5

   (a) Who is the exponent of the rotation theory of the earth ?

   (b) Who is the author of *Bṛhatsaṃhitā* ?

   (c) Who is the author of *Chandomañjari* ?

   (d) Who is the author of *Nāṭakalakṣaṇaratnakośa* ?

   (e) Name the title of the lexical work authored by Amarasiṃha and the other title of the same work.

P.T.O.

(f) Name the work authored by *Vāgbhaṭa*.

(g) Write down the title of the work on *chandas* by *Kedārabhaṭṭa*.

(h) Name the philosóphical work on grammar authored by *Bhartṛhari*.