

3 (Sem-1/CBCS) ENG HC 1

2022

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?

2) 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?

- (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.

- (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?
