

B.A. 2nd Semester (Honours) Examination, 2022

ENGLISH

Course ID: 20312

Course Code: AH/ENG/202/C-4

Indian Classical Literature

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer all the questions.

Unit - I

1. (a) Assess Kalidasa's *Abhijnanasakuntalam* as an Indian comedy. **1x10=10**

Or

- (b) Critically analyse the character of Duhsanta in *Abhijnanasakuntalam*.

2. (a) Write a note on Draupadi's character as evidenced from her speeches in 'The Dicing'.

1x10=10

Or

- (b) Do you think the title 'The Temptation of Karna' to be justified? Give reasons in support of your answer.

3. (a) Assess the contribution of either Madhusudan Dutta or Sri Aurobindo to the Indian epic tradition. **1x10=10**

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the development of the Alamkara School of Indian poetics and its major propositions.

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Unit - II

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

5x2=10

- (a) What were the advices given by Kanva to Sakuntala on the eve of her departure for her husband's house?
- (b) How does 'The Temptation of Karna' end?
- (c) "Ignoble man! You who are like a well covered with grass". – Who is described thus and why?
- (d) Why was Karna also known as Radheya?
- (e) "It is my firm belief that by the Law she can rightly be a warrior's bride".
– Which Law is referred to here? What does the Law say?
- (f) Why did Karna refuse to leave Duryodhana when Vasudeva told him to change side?
- (g) "My lord, something quite marvellous has just occurred". – What "marvellous" incident does the speaker refer to here?
- (h) What did Yudhishthira say when Sakuni asked him to stake Draupadi?
- (i) Who is Misrakesi? What does she say about Sakuntala?
- (j) How was Duryodhana tricked by the marvels in Yudhishthira's palace?

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