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**1 SEM TDC ENGH (CBCS) C 1**

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( November )

**ENGLISH**

( Core )

Paper : C-1

( **Indian Classical Literature** )

*Full Marks : 80*

*Pass Marks : 32*

*Time : 3 hours*

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for the questions*

**UNIT—I**

( **Classical Sanskrit Drama** )

1. Answer any one of the following : 15

(a) Distinguish between the Shakuntala episode in *The Mahabharata* and in *Abhijnanashakuntalam*.

(b) Discuss the use of the erotic, the heroic and the comic sentiments in *Abhijnanashakuntalam*.

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(c) Do you agree that Kalidasa depicts the rational development in the character of Shakuntala? Analyze and comment.

2. Answer any one of the following : 5

(a) Write a short note on Marica's celestial hermitage in *Abhijnanashakuntalam*.

(b) Critically comment on the King's painting of Shakuntala.

(c) Discuss the dramatic significance of the Ring episode in *Abhijnanashakuntalam*.

UNIT—II

( Selections from Epic Sanskrit Literature )

3. Answer any one of the following : 15

(a) Critically examine the four responses to Draupadi's questioning of Yudhisthira during the Dicing episode.

(b) There are three who own no property,  
A student, a slave, a dependent woman  
The wife of a slave, you are his now,  
my dear,  
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Contextualize the above extract and critically comment on the power relations in the world of *The Mahabharata*.

(c) Critically analyze the visit of Kunti to Karna.

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4. Answer any one of the following : 5

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(c) Examine the role of Shakuni in the Game of Dice.

UNIT—III

( Sanskrit Drama )

5. Answer any one of the following : 15

(a) The protagonists of Shudraka are unconventional as compared to those of Kalidasa. Critically comment.

(b) "*Mrichchhakatika* is a depiction of contemporary society of India." Elaborate.

(c) Critically analyze the character of Charudatta.

6. Answer any one of the following : 5

(a) Distinguish between 'Nataka' and 'Prakarana' with reference to *Abhijnanashakuntalam* and *Mrichchhakatika*.

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UNIT—IV

( **Classical Assamese Drama** )

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- (c) Attempt brief character sketches of Rukmini and Satyabhama.

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- (a) "You have descended to earth to remove its burden of evil." Who said to whom in what context? Explain.
- (b) Comment on the significance of the title of *Parijata Harana*.
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