



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours Part-III Examination, 2021

**SANSKRIT**

**PAPER: SANA-V**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

**UNIT-I**

**Answer any two questions from the following**

10×2 = 20

1. What is the derivative meaning of the word 'Agni'? How many hymns have been dedicated to this deity? Give a short account of his characteristic features. 3+2+5

**OR**

What is the other name of Devī-Sūkta? Who is the seer of this hymn? Bring out the spiritual import of this hymn with illustration. 2+2+6

2. Translate into English or Bengali any two from the following verses: 5×2 = 10

(a) ए॒षा शु॒भ्रा न त॒न्वो वि॒दानो-

ध्वे॑व॒ स्नाती॑ दृ॒शये॑ नो अ॒स्थात् ।

अप॒ द्वेषो॑ बा॒धमा॒ना त॒मां

स्यु॒षा दि॒वो दु॒हिता॑ ज्योति॒षागा॑त् ॥

(b) यस्मान्न ऋ॒ते वि॒जय॑न्ते॒ जना॑सो

यं यु॒ध्यमा॒ना अ॒वसे॑ ह॒वन्ते॑ ।

यो वि॒श्वस्य॑ प्र॒तिमानं॑ ब॒भूव

यो अ॒च्युत॑च्युत् स॒ जना॑स॒ इन्द्रः॑ ॥

(c) यस्ये॒मे हि॒मव॑न्तो म॒हित्वा

यस्य॑ स॒मुद्रं॑ र॒सया॑ स॒हाहुः॑ ।

यस्ये॒माः प्र॒दिशो॑ यस्य॑ बा॒हू

कस्मै॑ दे॒वाय॑ ह॒बिषा॑ वि॒धेम॑ ॥

3. To which Veda does Rudrādhyāya belong? Which natural phenomenon is represented by Rudra? Estimate the poetic features of Rudrādhyāya in describing Rudra. 1+1+8

OR

Discuss the characteristic features of Rudra mentioning the main points of difference of this deity from the Ṛgvedic hymn. 10

4. Answer any *one* question from the following: 10×1 = 10
- (a) To which Veda does the Manumatsyakathā belong? Narrate the story with special notes on its origin and importance. 1+7+2
- (b) 'चरैवेति वै मा ब्राह्मणोऽवदत्' -Who was the speaker of चरैवेति? Whom did he advise this? Was the advice carried on? What was the outcome of the advice? 1+1+1+7

5. Explain in Sanskrit any *one* from the following: 10×1 = 10

- (a) मनसैवानुद्रष्टव्यं नेह नानास्ति किञ्चन।  
मृत्योः स मृत्युमाप्नोति य इह नानेव पश्यति ॥
- (b) अनन्दा नाम ते लोका अन्धेन तमसावृताः।  
तांस्ते प्रेत्याभिगच्छन्त्यविद्वांसोऽबुधो जनाः ॥
- (c) यस्मिन् पञ्च पञ्चजना आकाशश्च प्रतिष्ठितः।  
तमेव मन्य आत्मानं विद्वान् ब्रह्मामृतोऽमृतम् ॥

6. Attempt any *one* question from the following: 10×1 = 10

- (a) Write a comprehensive note on the formation and application of Vedic Subjunctive.
- (b) Write a note on the Vedic declension.
- (c) Write short notes on any *two* of the following: 5×2 = 10  
एकश्रुतिः, use of इति, Vedic infinitive.

## UNIT-II

Answer any *two* questions from the following 5×2 = 10

7. Explain in simple Sanskrit any *one* of the following verses: 5×1 = 5

- (a) स नः पितेव सूनवे-  
ऽग्ने सूपायनो भव।  
सचस्वा नः स्वस्तये ॥

- (b) अहमेव स्वयमिदं वदामि  
जुष्टं देवेभिरुत मानुषेभिः।  
यं कामये तं-तमुग्रं कृणोमि  
तं ब्रह्माणं तमृषिं तं सुमेधाम् ॥
- (c) एषा प्रतीची दुहिता दिवो नृन्  
योषेव भद्रा नि रिणीते अप्सः।  
व्यूर्ण्वती दाशुषे वार्याणि  
पुनर्ज्योतिर्युवतिः पूर्वथाकः ॥

8. Translate into English or Bengali any **one** from the following:

5×1 = 5

- (i) नमोऽस्तु नीलग्रीवाय सहस्राक्षाय मीढुषे।  
अथो ये अस्य सत्वानोऽहं तेभ्योऽकरं नमः ॥
- (ii) अध्यक्षोचदधिवक्ता प्रथमो दैव्यो भिषक्।  
अर्हीश्च सर्वान् जम्भयन् सर्वाश्च यातुधान्योऽधराचीः परासुव ॥
- (iii) असौ यस्ताम्रो अरुण उत बभ्रुः सुमङ्गलः।  
ये चैनं रुद्रा अभितो दिक्षु श्रिताः सहस्रशोऽवैषां हेड ईमहे ॥

9. Write short notes on any **two** from the following:

2½ × 2 = 5

अविद्या, विज्ञानमयः, पूर्वप्रज्ञा, ब्रह्मवित् ।

10. Translate into English or Bengali any **two** from the following:

2½ × 2 = 5

- (i) तद्यथा पेशकारी पेशसो मात्रामपादाय अन्यन्नवतरं कल्याणतरं रूपं तनुत एवमेव अयमात्मेदं शरीरं निहत्याविद्यां गमयित्वा अन्यन्नवतरं कल्याणतरं रूपं कुरुते, पित्र्यं वा गान्धर्वं वा दैवं वा प्राजापत्यं वा ब्राह्मं वान्येषां वा भूतानाम्।
- (ii) तस्मिच्छुक्लमुत नीलमाहुः  
पिङ्गलं हरितं लोहितञ्च।  
एष पन्था ब्रह्मणा हानुवित्त  
स्तेनैति ब्रह्मवित् पुण्यकृत् तैजसश्च ॥
- (iii) यदैतमनुपश्यत्यात्मानं देवमञ्जसा।  
ईशानं भूतभव्यस्य न ततो विजुगुप्सते ॥

11. Write short note on any **one** of the following: 5×1 = 5
- (a) Dānastuti  
(b) Nirukta  
(c) Prātiśākhya  
(d) Sāyaṇācārya.

**UNIT-III**

**Answer any two questions from the following**

10×2 = 20

12. Discuss the characteristics of the secular hymns of the Ṛgveda with a special reference to the Akṣasūkta. 10
13. What is the other name of the Atharvaveda? Why is it so called? Give a brief account of its variety of contents. 1+1+8
14. Write a clear note on Vedic society with special reference to the position of women therein. 10
15. What is the derivative meaning of Brāhmaṇa? Determine the social, religious, philosophical and literary importance of Brāhmaṇa literature. 10

**N.B. :** *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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