

English MJC 1 (Major Course)

Answer all the questions (2x10= 20)

1) How many rounds of dicing game were played in The Mahabharata?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

2) Who is the author of *Abhigyan Shakuntalam*?

- (A) Kalidasa
- (B) Valmiki
- (C) Vishakdutt
- (D) Kalhan

3) In which ancient Indian City is *Mricchakatika* set?

- (A) Indrapasth
- (B) Ujjain
- (C) Kondana
- (D) Ramaswaram

4) Dasarath performed which rites to attain sons?

- (A) Ashwmedh
- (B) Putralabh
- (C) Brhamana
- (D) Meghdut

5) Who laughs at Duryodhana at Yudhitir's Rajsuya Yagna?

- (A) Arjuna
- (B) Draupadi
- (C) Nakul
- (D) Sahadeb

6) Who wrote *Mricchakattika*?

- (A) Visakhdatta
- (B) Shudraka
- (C) Ashwghosh
- (D) Jimutbahana

7) Who was the mother of Shatrugna?

- (A) Kaushalya
- (B) Kaikeyi
- (C) Sumitra
- (D) Hirimba

8) Who was the son of Shakuntala?

- (A) Bharat
- (B) Dusyanta
- (C) Rabat
- (D) Indrajit

9) Charudatta lost his wealth because of his

- (A) Charity
- (B) Suspicion
- (C) Intolerance
- (D) Impatience

10) Vasantasena appears in

- (A) *The Ramayana*
- (B) *Mricchakatika*
- (C) *The Mahabharata*
- (D) *Avigyan Shakuntalam*

Answer any four questions (5x4 =20)

- 1) What is the meaning of Mricchakatika? What is its importance in the play?
- 2) Discuss the importance of the dicing games in The Mahabharata.
- 3) Comment on the role of Vidur in the Dicing game.
- 4) Discuss the character of Madhavya in *Avigyan Shakuntalam*.
- 5) What happened in King Janaka's court? What led to the marriage of Rama and Sita?
- 6) What happened to Vasantasena's jewellery?

Answer any three questions (3x10= 30)

- 1) Is Dushyant an ideal romantic hero? Discuss.
- 2) Discuss women's rights in The Mahabharata in light of the treatment of Draupadi during the dicing game.
- 3) Compare and contrast the characters of Dhuta and Vasantsena.
- 4) Write a note on the poetic language of Kalidasa.
- 5) Comment on the supernatural element as described in the Balkand of The Ramayana.