

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION SCIENCE (REVISED)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2022

BLI-225 : COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : Answer *all* the questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer in your own words the questions that follow :

The Greeks were an important factor in the history of India. Contact between Greece and India is now known to have been in existence centuries before the time of Alexander, the king of Macedon, who invaded India in 327 – 326 B.C. The philosophy of Pythagoras, the famous Greek philosopher, who lived towards the close of the sixth-century of the pre-Christian era and who taught the doctrine of the transmigration of the souls, was derived from the Samkhya system of Indian philosophy. There are records to show that an Indian philosopher met Socrates (469 B.C. – 399 B.C.) at Athens and had philosophical discussions with him. Plato (427 B.C. – 347 B.C.) was familiar with the

characteristic Indian philosophical doctrine of *Karma*. These and numerous other coincidences that have been found to exist between Indian and Greek philosophy as expounded by the Eleatics and by Thales could have originated only in a close contact between Indian and Greek philosophers of the pre-Alexandrine period. The entirely unprovoked invasion of India by Alexander the Great which left behind it bloody scars of war, brought to India many more Greeks than had ever come before, and though Alexander's dominion in India fell away soon after his death in 323 B.C., the contacts between the Greeks and India continued. In 305 B.C. Alexander's general, Seleucus Nicator, who had become after Alexander's death, the ruler of his eastern dominions, invaded India, but was presumably defeated by the reigning Indian king Chandragupta Maurya (c. 322 – 298 B.C.), who entered into a matrimonial alliance with the latter and sent to his court Megasthenes as an ambassador. Thus, closer contact was established between the Greeks and the Indians. Bindusara who succeeded Chandragupta, maintained friendly relations with the Greek king of Syria whom he requested to send to his court a Greek sophist. Bindusara's son and successor, Asoka maintained friendly relations with the Greek kings of Syria, Egypt, Macedonia and Epirus.

Questions :

- (a) Did the Greeks know about India before Alexander's invasion in 327 – 326 B.C. ? Give reasons for your answer. 3
- (b) What Indian ideas influenced Pythagoras ? 3
- (c) Did Plato know about Indian philosophy ? 3
- (d) Who was Seleucus Nicator and what did he do ? Who was Bindusara ? 3
- (e) Did Bindusara maintain contact with Greece ? 3
- (f) Form sentences with the following words : 5
- (i) Transmigration
 - (ii) Characteristics
 - (iii) Expound
 - (iv) Scar
 - (v) Dominating
2. Write a paragraph in about 150 words on your library. 10
3. Make a list of seven do's and three don'ts for an interview. 10
4. What is the importance of telephone skills and etiquettes ? 10

5. How will you know from the readers at your library about their views using questionnaire method. *10*
6. Prepare the minutes of a meeting of the library committee of your college in about 150 words. *10*
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