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B. A. (HONOURS) ENGLISH (BAEGH)

Term-End Examination June, 2023

BEGC-101: INDIAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 100

Note: (i) There are three Sections in this paper: A, B, and C.

- (ii) Attempt questions from all **three** Sections.
- (iii) In Section A attempt any four, Section B attempt any two and Section C attempt any three.

Section-A

Note: Write short notes on any **four** in about **100** words each. Explain with reference to the context. Each questions carries 5 marks.

 $4 \times 5 = 20$

 "Many are the daughters of sages, married by the Gandharva rite, we hear; and once married, felicitated with joyful acceptance by their fathers."

- 2. Bhavabhuti the Sanskrit dramatist.
- 3. Structure of the *Mahabharata*.
- 4. "No you yourself must mention it in the right way to Dhratarashtra, the first of the Kurus, O Saubala. I shall not be able to bring up the matter."
- 5. Orientalism.
- 6. "Let us praise the Moon. Like the cool, white parasol
 Of the Cola king, his garland heavy
 with pollen, he blesses this good earth."

Section-B

Note: Answer any two of the following in about **250** words each. Each question carries 10 marks. $2\times10=20$

- 7. Would you consider the *Mahabharata* to be similar to or different from a western epic? Elaborate.
- 8. Examine the notion of kingship in *Abhijnana* Shakuntalam/The Loom of Time.
- 9. Examine some of the dimensions of social life as highlighted in *Mrichchhakatika*.
- 10. What is Sangam Literature? Discuss.

Section-C

- **Note**: Answer any **three** questions in about **500** words each. Each question carries **20** marks. $3\times20=60$
- 11. Discuss the significance of the Pandavas' gestures as they leave for their exile.
- 12. Is the theme of love central in Sudraka's *Mrichchhakatika*? Discuss.
- 13. Write a brief essay on the cult of the Pattini.
- 14. Examine the role of Madhavya as Vidusaka.
- 15. Examine some of the themes of classical Tamil/Sangam poetry.
- 16. Discuss the character of Sakara as an example of characterization.