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**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**  
**Question Paper**

**B.A. Honours Examinations 2022**

(Under CBCS Pattern)

**Semester - VI**

**Subject : ENGLISH**

**Paper : C 13-T**

**Indian Classical Literature**

**Full Marks : 60**

**Time : 3 Hours**

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

1. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 10×3=30
- (a) Discuss the treatment of Sringara Rasa (erotic emotion) in Kalidasa's *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.
  - (b) Analyse the character of Shakuntala as represented in *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.
  - (c) Comment on the moral dilemma in Vyasa's *The Mahabharata*.
  - (d) Discuss the significance of Krishna's role in 'The Dicing' episode of *The Mahabharata*.
  - (e) Critically assess Sudraka's *Mrcchakatika* as a 'Prakarana'.

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

- (a) Write a short note on the dramatic significance of the Curse and the Ring Episode in *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.
- (b) Comment on the role of Madhavya in *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*.
- (c) Why is the scene of 'The Temptation of Karna' an important event?
- (d) What was the secret behind Shakuni's dice?
- (e) Give an example of Sudraka's use of humour in *Mrcchakatika*.
- (f) Briefly comment upon the subplot of hummour in *Mrcchakatika*.

3. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

2×5=10

- (a) What is 'benediction'?
  - (b) Why did Durvasa curse Shakuntala in *Abhijnana Shakuntalam*?
  - (c) What is Gandharva marriage?
  - (d) What did Kunti inform Karna about?
  - (e) Mention the two boons that Draupadi accepts from Dhritarashtra.
  - (f) What is the stake in the second round of dicing in *The Mahabharata*?
  - (g) Why did Vasantasena load the little clay cart with jewellery?
  - (h) Why was Charudatta prosecuted in Sudraka's *Mrcchakatika*?
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