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Course Name – Indian Culture and Traditions

Course Code - VAC00008

(Semester II)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2:30 Hours

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

(i) Which of these is not the Four Noble Truths in Buddhist Philosophy? Select the correct answer.

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| a) Dukkha | b) Samudaya |
| c) Hinayana | d) Nirodha |

(ii) Samudaya in Buddhist Philosophy tells about _____. Identify the correct answer.

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| a) Dukkha | b) Cause of suffering |
| c) Suffering | d) None of the above |

(iii) Moha, in Buddhist philosophy, indicates _____. Trace the right answer.

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| a) Sacrifice | b) Meditation |
| c) Love | d) Attachment |

(iv) Which of these options belongs to the major division in Buddhism? Choose the correct answer.

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| a) Enlightenment | b) Theravada |
| c) Astika | d) Heterodox |

(v) Predict the correct option. Who is considered the founder of Buddhism?

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| a) Adi Shankaracharya | b) Mahavira |
| c) Buddha | d) Confucious |

(vi) Locate the correct term for the state of enlightenment or awakening in Buddhism.

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| a) Nirvana | b) Samsara |
| c) Dharma | d) Karma |

(vii) The image of Vishnu in the form of a great boar (Varaha) is seen at the entrance of _____ cave. Choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks.

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| a) Udayagiri in Malwa | b) Udayagiri in Odisha |
| c) Ratnagiri in Maharashtra | d) Hathigumpha in Odisha |

(viii) Some Buddhist rock-cut caves are called Chaityas, while others are called Viharas. Differentiate between the two.

- a) Vihara is a place of worship, while a Chaitya is the dwelling place of the monks
 b) Chaitya is a place of worship, while Vihara is the dwelling place of the monks.
- c) Chaitya is the stupa at the far end of the cave, while Vihara is the hall axial to it.
 d) There is no material difference between the two.
- (ix) Express your knowledge of the significance of Stupa.
 a) Death
 b) Knowledge
 c) Birth
 d) Parinirvana
- (x) Interpret by whom Amaravati Stupa was discovered among the following archeologists.
 a) Alexander Cunningham
 b) Collin Mackenzie
 c) James Princep
 d) Mohammad Rafiq Mughal
- (xi) The headless figure of Kanishka, the Kushana emperor, with a long coat and tight trousers, was recovered from which place? Recall.
 a) Peshawar
 b) Sakala
 c) Varanasi
 d) Mathura
- (xii) Which of the following statements is true about the Senia tradition? Locate.
 a) Musical tradition that emerged from the colonial army (Sena)
 b) Dance drama written by Keshab Chandra Sen
 c) Textile Tradition of Eastern Uttar Pradesh
 d) Musical tradition that invoked the name of Tansen
- (xiii) Who identifies the World Heritage Sites? Identify the correct answer.
 a) WHO
 b) UNICEF
 c) NGO
 d) UNESCO
- (xiv) Recall which of the following started the practice of illustrating manuscripts on palm leaves with miniature paintings.
 a) Buddhists
 b) Jains
 c) Christians
 d) Zoroastrians
- (xv) Which of these is not the Fort in Delhi? Identify the correct answer
 a) Agra Fort
 b) Tajmahal
 c) Jama-Masjid
 d) Red Fort

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

(Answer any Five from the following)

2. Differentiate between Classical and Folk Dance. (3)
3. Name the Three Jewels of Buddhism. (3)
4. Explain the Garba and Garbi folk dances of India. (3)
5. Write a short note on Child marriage and its abolition in India. (3)
6. Rewrite how Teej is celebrated in Hindu festival. (3)

OR

Write the difference between Harikatha and Kirtan (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

(Answer any Six from the following)

7. Write a short note on Child Marriage and Sati in India. (5)
8. Discuss and illustrate the Jaina Philosophy and their two sects. (5)
9. Examine the importance of the two great practices in Jainism, Karma and Ahimsa. (5)
10. Explain the four noble truths in Buddhism. (5)
11. Why is Diwali celebrated in India? What is the mythological reason behind it? Infer. (5)
12. Differentiate and illustrate the two sects or divisions of Buddhism. (5)

OR

The influence of culture and religion in Indian society has made a great impact today.
Illustrate.

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