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**4 SEM TDC SNSH (CBCS) C 8**

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**SANSKRIT**

( Core )

Paper : C-8



**( Indian Epigraphy, Palaeography and Chronology )**

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

**SECTION—A**

**( Epigraphy )**

**( Marks : 25 )**

1. Give very short answers to the following questions :

(a) Who is known as the father of epigraphy in India?

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(b) Which is said to be the oldest inscription of India? In which language was it written? 1+1=2



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2. What are the different categories of inscriptions?  
Discuss each of them with examples. 12

Or

Discuss the importance of inscriptions in reconstruction of Indian history and culture.

3. Prepare a note on the contribution of any two of western scholars in the field of epigraphical study in India. 5×2=10

Or

Write a note on the history of development of ancient Indian scripts. 10

SECTION—B

( Palaeography )

( Marks : 10 )

4. From which words the word 'palaeography' has been derived? What does palaeography mean? What is the difference between palaeography and epigraphy? 1+2+2=5

5. Write a short note on any one of the following : 5

- (a) Brāhmī Lipi  
(b) Devanāgarī Lipi  
(c) Writing Materials of Inscription

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SECTION—C

( Study of Selected Inscriptions )

( Marks : 30 )

6. Give short answers of the following : 1×3=3

- (a) To whom is the Sarnath Pillar inscription ascribed?  
(b) What was the name of the Brāhmaṇa mentioned in the Tezpur Copperplate Inscription of Vanamāladeva to whom land was granted by the king?  
(c) What is the name of the minister mentioned in the Girnar Inscription of Rudradāman who rebuilt the lake called Sudarśana?

7. Render into Sanskrit any one of the following : 3

- (a) इयं धर्म-लिपी देवानंप्रियेन प्रियदर्शिना राजा लेखा पिता।  
(b) हेवं इय सासने भिखु-संघसि च भिखुनि संघसि च विनययितविये।  
(c) बहुकं हि दोसं समाजमिह पसति देवानं प्रियो प्रियदसि राजा।



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8. Translate into English or Assamese any two of the following : 5×2=10

- (a) खिन्नस्येव विसृज्य गां नरपतेर्गामाश्रितस्येतरां  
मूर्त्या कर्मजितावनिं गतवतः कीर्त्या स्थितस्य क्षितौ।  
शान्तस्येव महावने हुतभुजो यस्य प्रतापो महान्  
नाद्याप्युत्सृजति प्रणाशितरिपोर्व्यत्नस्य शेषः क्षितिम्॥
- (b) महाक्षत्रपस्य मतिसचिवकर्मसचिवैः अमात्यगुणसमुद्युक्तैः अपि  
नैराश्यात् हा हा भूतासु प्रजासु इह अधिष्ठाने पौर-जानपद जन-  
अनुग्रहार्थं पार्थिवेन कृत्स्नानाम् आनर्त-सुराष्ट्रानां पालनार्थं  
नियुक्तेन पङ्कवेन कुलैप-पुत्रेण-अमात्येन ... ... स्वधिष्ठिता  
धर्म-कीर्तिं यशांसि भर्तुः अभिवर्द्धयता अनुष्ठितम् इति।
- (c) तस्याशेष-क्षितिप-मुकुटोद्घृष्टपादाब्जपीठ-  
स्याभूत् सुनुर्नृपगुणमहारत्नमालाविभूषः।  
तस्यां देव्यामखिलभुवनानन्दको यः शशीव  
श्रीमान् ख्यातो जगति वनमालाभिधानः क्षितीशः॥

9. Explain with reference to the context any one of the following : 6

- (a) धर्मप्रवादिषु युधिष्ठिरो यो भीमोरिवर्गे समरेषु जिष्णुः।  
एकोप्यनेकैरिति सङ्गतो यो निःशेषकञ्चीतनयत्वमेतः॥
- (b) (तद् इदं जनपद) स्य अर्थे मौर्यस्य राज्ञः चन्द्रगुप्तस्य राष्ट्रियेण  
वैश्येन पुष्यगुप्तेन कारितम् अशोकस्य मौर्यस्य कृते यवनराजेन  
तुषास्फेन अधिष्टाय प्रणालिभिः अलङ्कृतम्।

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Or

Write short notes on any two of the following :

3×2=6

देवानं प्रिय ; सिन्धो सप्तमुखानि ; विष्णुपदगिरि ; पङ्कव।

10. Write a note on historical, political and geographical data available in Girnar Inscription of Rudradāman. 8

SECTION—D

( Chronology )

( Marks : 15 )

11. Find out the actual date mentioned in any one of the following verses : 3

- (a) अम्बरग्रहमैत्रे तु शाके नत्वा पदाम्बुजम्।  
श्रीहरेः वासुदेवेन लिखितैषा सुबोधिका॥
- (b) शक ईश वाण चक्र।

12. Write a note on the dating system adopted in India. 12

Or

Write short notes on any two of the following :

6×2=12

शकसंवत् ; गुप्तसंवत् ; कृतसंवत् ; Chronogram.

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