

2025

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination

PAPER : M250311 (MOOCS)

**INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM :
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Full Marks : 100

Time : Three Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

Group - A

Answer any *nine* questions : $2 \times 9 = 18$

1. Mention any two modern misconceptions about IKS.
2. What is the name and speciality of the steel manufactured in India in 17th century?
3. Mention any two fields where India made significant early contributions.
4. What is the primary subject matter addressed in the *Nāṭyaśāstra*?
5. What metals are used in *Panchaloha* idols?
6. Name the three dimensions of knowledge as identified in the Indian Knowledge System.

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7. What are Vedas and what was it originally called?
8. In the context of the *Yajurveda*, what does the term "Yaju" signify?
9. What is the literal meaning of *Upanishad*?
10. Who authored the *Yoga Sūtras*?
11. What is the main theme of the *Rāmāyaṇa*?
12. What are *Nītisāstras*?
13. What is the central conflict in the *Mahābhārata*?
14. Name two Astika and two Nastika systems.

Group - B

Answer any *five* questions : 4×5=20

15. Discuss the contributions of Buddhist and Jain literature to the development of science and mathematics in ancient India.
16. Prepare a concise note on the following :

(i) *Purāṇas* and *Itihāsas*

(ii) *Dharma-sāstras* and *Smṛtis* 2+2

17. Compare *Mīmāṃsā* and *Vedānta* schools within the Indian Knowledge System.
18. Explain the concept of *Citta-vṛtti-nirodha* in Yoga philosophy.

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19. Briefly discuss the challenges in dating the Indian Knowledge System and explain why Western dating methods are inadequate.
20. Write a short note on the three major divisions of Vedic literature.
21. What are the main differences between *Brahmanas* and *Āranyakas*?
22. Compare and contrast Astika and Nastika schools.

Group - C

Answer any *four* questions : 8×4=32

23. Illustrate how oral and literary traditions together contributed to preserving the Indian Knowledge System.
24. Compare the differing emphasis of the major philosophical schools on *Jiva*, *Jagat*, and *Iswara*.
25. Explain the concepts of *Karma*, *Samsara*, and *Moksha* as shared by all Indian philosophical schools.
26. Define the term *Veda* and explain its origin and significance in the Indian Knowledge System.
27. Compose an essay on the significance of the *Upaniṣads*.
28. Describe the concept of atomism in the *Veīṣeṣika* philosophy.

Internal Assessment : 30 marks