

U.G. 3rd Semester Examination - 2019**SANSKRIT****[HONOURS]****Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)****Course Code : SANH-SEC-T-I**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.**Illustrate the answer wherever necessary.*1. Answer any **five** of the following questions: $2 \times 5 = 10$

- a) Mention the name of the Buddhist text, where 64 scripts are mentioned. Name the first and second scripts of that list mentioned in this text.
- b) Name any two foreign travellers who have furnished their thoughts on antiquity of writing in their accounts.
- c) Which is the oldest and fully deciphered script of India exists till date? Cite any two examples of this script.

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- $$5 \times 4 = 20$$

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- ii) Decipher the following texts from the **Mediaeval Bengali** Script either to the **Devanāgarī** Script or to the **Roman** Script with **diacritical marks**.



- iii) Write a short note on the history of decipherment of the Brāhmī Script.
- iv) Briefly discuss the chronological process of evolution of the Devanāgarī Script.
- v) Write any five Palaeographic features of the Mediaeval Bengali Script.
- vi) What is the writing direction of the Kharoṣṭī Script? Discuss the geographical distribution of this script.

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

10×1=10

- i) Decipher the following **two** texts from the **Brāhmī** Script either to the **Devanāgarī** Script or to the **Roman** Script with **diacritical marks**.

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- ii) Who firstly succeeded to decipher the Brāhmī Script? In which year did it happen? In whose inscription is the earliest use of this script furnished? What is the writing direction of this script? Write a brief note on the different kinds of the Brāhmī Script. $1+1+1+1+6=10$

- iii) Write an elaborate note on the Palaeographic features of the Devanāgarī Script with proper citations. 10