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CLASSICAL INDIAN RELIGIONS

SANSKRIT

Paper II: GRAMMAR

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## I

Answer *six* of the following, including *three* from each of the two groups a) and b).

- a)
1. Describe the *sandhi* of final *t* and final *a*.
  2. Decline the phrase *idaṃ manah*.
  3. Decline the phrase *śuciḥ strī*.
  4. Describe, with examples, the formation of the absolutive and the syntax of its use.
  5. Describe, with examples, the types of Sanskrit compounds.
- b)
6. Conjugate *kṛ* in the present *parasmaipada* and *nī* in the imperfect *ātmanepada*.
  7. Conjugate *dviṣ* in the optative *parasmaipada* and *su* in the present *ātmanepada*.
  8. Conjugate *i* in the imperative *parasmaipada* and *hu* in the optative *ātmanepada*.
  9. Conjugate *bhū* in the aorist *parasmaipada* and *nī* in the aorist *ātmanepada*.
  10. Conjugate *pac* in the perfect *parasmaipada* and *drś* in the perfect *ātmanepada*.
  11. Describe, with examples, the formation of the causative and the syntax of its use.

## II

Translate the following into Sanskrit using the *devanagarī* script.

Then the assembly of ascetics who heard him and knew of his power became curious as to what crime I had committed and why, and who I was in my former birth. They entreated that divine one, "Tell us, of what misbehavior is he experiencing the fruit? Who was he in his former birth? How did he come to take on the feathered caste? What is his name? Satisfy our curiosity, for you, blessed one, are the source of all wonders." That great sage, thus solicited by the assembly of ascetics, replied, "This amazing story you request me to tell is a very long one. The time for my bathing approaches, and your hour of worship is passing. In the evening, after you have eaten roots and fruit and are seated, I shall relate all from the beginning".