

M.PHIL. QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

CLASSICAL INDIAN RELIGIONS

HILARY TERM 2009

SANSKRIT II: GRAMMAR

Tuesday 17 March 2009, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Do not turn over until told you may do so

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 *sa rājā*.
3. Decline the phrase *iyaṃ nadī*.
4. Decline the phrase *ado manah*.
5. Describe, with examples, the types of Sanskrit compounds.
- b) 6. Conjugate *√nī* in the imperfect *parasmaipada* and *√dviṣ* in the present *ātmanepada*.
7. Conjugate *√hu* in the present *parasmaipada* and *√kr* in the imperative *parasmaipada*.
8. Conjugate *√as* in the imperfect *parasmaipada* and *√krī* in the optative *ātmanepada*.
9. Conjugate *√bhū* in the aorist *parasmaipada* and *√pū* in the aorist *ātmanepada*.
10. Conjugate *√vac* in the perfect *parasmaipada* and *√dṛś* in the perfect *ātmanepada*.
11. Describe, with examples, the formation of the absolutive and the syntax of its use.

II

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

There was a king in Magadha named Bhadrabāhu. He had a minister named Mantragupta, most sagacious of men. That king once said to that minister, "The King of Vārāṇasī, named Dharmagopa, has a daughter named Anaṅgalīlā, the chief beauty of the three worlds. I have often asked for her in marriage, but out of hostility that king will not give her to me. And he is a formidable enemy, on account of his possessing an elephant named Bhadradanta. Still, I cannot bear to live any longer without that daughter of his. So I have no means which I can employ in this business. Tell me, my friend, what I am to do." When the king said this, his minister answered him, "King, dismiss your anxiety. I will manage the matter for you by my own ingenuity."