

FIRST PUBLIC EXAMINATION
Preliminary Examination in Oriental Studies

SANSKRIT

Paper II: GRAMMAR

Monday 14 March 2005, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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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 *aḥ* and final *e*.
 2. Decline the phrase *sa rājā*.
 3. Decline the phrase *iyaṃ vāk*.
 4. Decline *aḥam* and *tvam* in all numbers.
 5. Describe, with examples, the types of Sanskrit compounds.
- b)
6. Conjugate *dviṣ* in the present *parasmaipada* and *nī* in the imperfect *ātmanepada*.
 7. Conjugate *hu* in the optative *parasmaipada* and *su* in the present *ātmanepada*.
 8. Conjugate *rudh* in the imperative *parasmaipada* and *kṛ* in the imperfect *ātmanepada*.
 9. Conjugate *dhā* 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 absolutive and the syntax of its use.

II

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

When asked who she was, she answered with folded hands: "O excellent *brāhmaṇa*, I am the daughter of the King of the Asuras. My name is Kālindī. My father, of mighty prowess, who was the ruler of this world, was destroyed by Viṣṇu, who was impatient of his fame, in a fight in which the gods were routed. A Siddha ascetic, seeing that I was plunged in an ocean of grief, compassionately announced to me that a man, unknown to me and appearing in a heavenly form, would become my husband and be the protector of the whole Pātāla. On learning of your arrival, which is as it were the fruit of my desires, I have come here with my ministers."