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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 *priyaḥ suhṛt*.
 - 3. Decline the phrase *iyaṃ kanyā*.
 - 4. Decline the phrase *sa rājā*.
 - 5. Describe, with examples, the types of Sanskrit compounds.
- b)
 - 6. Conjugate *nī* in the present *parasmaipada* and *dviṣ* in the imperfect *parasmaipada*.
 - 7. Conjugate *su* in the present *ātmanepada* and *kṛ* in the imperative *parasmaipada*.
 - 8. Conjugate *krī* in the optative *parasmaipada* and *rudh* in the present *ātmanepada*.
 - 9. Conjugate *bhū* in the aorist *parasmaipada* and *nī* in the aorist *parasmaipada*.
 - 10. Conjugate *vac* in the perfect *parasmaipada* and *kṛ* in the perfect *ātmanepada*.
 - 11. Describe, with examples, the formation of the absolute and the syntax of its use.

II

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

“In this Vindhya forest there is a solitary *aśoka* tree, and nearby is a great palace of a snake-king. In it dwells a mighty chief of the snakes, named Pārāvatākṣa, who obtained a matchless sword from the war of the gods and Asuras, named Vaidūryakānti. Whatever man obtains that sword will become a chief of the Siddhas and roam about unconquered, but that sword can be obtained only by the aid of heroes.” When the boy said this, I dismissed him. So I have wandered about over the earth desirous to obtain that sword, and caring for nothing else, but as I have not been able to find men to help me, I have come here in disgust to die.