Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU) · B.Tech Theory Examination

Essence of Indian Traditional Knowledge

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Time: 3 Hours **Max. Marks: 70**

Attempt all Sections. In case of any missing data; choose suitably.

SECTION A

1(a)	What is the concept of Purusārtha in Ancient India?	2	U1
1(b)	Name the languages in which Buddhist and Jain literature were written.	2	U2
1(c)	Name two major heterodox schools of thought in India.	2	U3
1(d)	How did the Bhakti Movement influence social and religious reforms in India?	2	U3
1(e)	How did the Harappan civilization contribute to early water management techniques?	2	U4
1(f)	Describe the significance of sculptures in ancient Indian culture.	2	U5
1(g)	How has modern Indian cinema evolved from its early beginnings?	2	U5

SECTION B

2(a)	Describe the role of the Council of Ministers in Ancient Indian kingship and its impact on governance.	7	U1
2(b)	Explain the role of Kautilya's Arthashastra in ancient Indian administration and governance.	7	U2
2(c)	Evaluate the role of the Bhakti and Sufi movements in promoting a sense of unity among diverse communities in India.	7	U3
2(d)	Discuss India's dominance in trade prior to colonization and how it affected global commerce.	7	U4
2(e)	Discuss the history and cultural significance of puppetry in India, including major traditions and regional variations.	7	U5

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SECTION C

3(a)	Analyze the role of the Varnāshrama system and its relevance to social hierarchy in Ancient India.	7	U1
3(b)	Design a political system inspired by the Seven Limbs of the State that is applicable in contemporary governance.	7	U1
4(a)	Analyze the evolution of Indian literature from the ancient epics (Ramayana, Mahabharata) to regional literature (Telugu, Kannada, etc.) and their relevance in contemporary times.	7	U2
4(b)	Assess the historical and cultural importance of Persian and Urdu literature in India during the Mughal era.	7	U2
5(a)	Explain the philosophical differences between the Six Systems of Indian philosophy and their approach to understanding reality.	7	U3
5(b)	Using the teachings of the Bhakti and Sufi movements, suggest ways to promote religious tolerance and harmony in today's society.	7	U3
6(a)	Explain how Indian metallurgy techniques contributed to the broader technological advancements in the ancient world.	7	U4
6(b)	How did the medicinal systems in India, particularly Ayurveda, develop and influence other civilizations?	7	U4
7(a)	Compare and contrast the architectural styles of the Indus Valley Civilization with later Indian temple architecture.	7	U5
7(b)	How can martial arts traditions be adapted for modern fitness or self-defense programs?	7	U5

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