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B.A., Sem.-II (Acc. to NEP 2020)

MDC-ENG-124 : English

(Culture and Society : Folk Narratives)

Time : 2:00 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 50

- Instructions :** (1) Read carefully the instructions given for each question.
(2) Please mention clearly the question that you attempt.
(3) Figures to the right indicate marks.

1. Write short notes on ANY **TWO** of the following : 10
 - (1) Introduction to Fables.
 - (2) Foolishness of the son in *The Mosquito and the Carpenter*.
 - (3) Theme of the story *The Tortoise That Loved His Home Too Much*.
 - (4) Judgement in the story *The Future Buddha as a Wise Judge*.

2. Write short notes on ANY **TWO** of the following : 10
 - (1) Dangers of talkative nature as found in *The Talkative Tortoise*.
 - (2) Glimpses of culture in the *Jataka Tales*.
 - (3) Narrow escape of the monkey in *The Monkey's Heart*.
 - (4) Timid nature of the hare in the story *The Timid Hare and the Flight of Beasts*.

3. Write short notes on ANY **TWO** of the following : 10
 - (1) Moral of *The Story of Monkey and the Log*.
 - (2) A short introduction to *Panchatantra*.
 - (3) The character of Gomaya in *The Story of the Jackal and the Drum*.
 - (4) Clever crab in *The Heron and the Crab*.

4. Write short notes on ANY **TWO** of the following : 10
 - (1) Learnings from the *Panchatantra*.
 - (2) Defeat of the Sea at the hands of the tittibha birds in *The Story of the Elephant and the Sparrow*.
 - (3) Theme of friendship in *The Story of the Lion, the Camel, the Jackal and the Crow*.
 - (4) Moral of *The Story of the Foolish Heron, the Black Snake and the Mongoose*.

5. Choose the correct option : (ANY TEN)

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- (1) Which canon are the *Jataka Tales* part of ?
 - (a) British Literature
 - (b) American Literature
 - (c) Buddhist Literature
 - (d) African Literature
- (2) Whose eyes were red and never blinked in *The Future Buddha as a Wise Judge* ?
 - (a) Yakshini
 - (b) Mother
 - (c) Buddha
 - (d) All of the Above
- (3) Who slayed the carpenter's head in two parts with an axe ?
 - (a) His daughter
 - (b) His son
 - (c) His friend
 - (d) His servant
- (4) Which language is the *Panchatantra* originally written in ?
 - (a) Pali
 - (b) Prakrit
 - (c) Hindi
 - (d) Sanskrit
- (5) What is the moral of the story *The Lion, the Camel, the Jackal and the Crow* ?
 - (a) Wicked people live deceptively
 - (b) All's well that ends well
 - (c) The grass is greener on the other side
 - (d) Every cloud has a silver lining
- (6) Whom did the female sparrow approach for help against the elephant in *The Story of the Elephant and the Sparrow* ?
 - (a) Jackal
 - (b) Crocodile
 - (c) Woodpecker
 - (d) Tortoise
- (7) In which form did Bodhisatta appear in the story *The Monkey's Heart* ?
 - (a) Monkey
 - (b) Crocodile
 - (c) Crab
 - (d) Tortoise
- (8) Who wrote the *Panchatantra* ?
 - (a) Pandit Ram Sharma
 - (b) Pandit Vishnu Sharma
 - (c) Pandit Hari Sharma
 - (d) Pandit Amar Sharma
- (9) What was the moral of the story *The Story of the Elephant and the Sparrow* ?
 - (a) All's well that ends well
 - (b) Destroy the enemy without mercy
 - (c) Honesty is the best policy
 - (d) Unity is strength
- (10) How many diplomatic methods have been mentioned in the story *The Monkey and the Log* ?
 - (a) Six
 - (b) Twelve
 - (c) Eighteen
 - (d) Twenty-four
- (11) Who lived beneath the palm sapling, at the foot of the vilva tree ?
 - (a) Lion
 - (b) Hare
 - (c) Tortoise
 - (d) Heron
- (12) Where was the home of the two young geese situated in the story *The Talkative Tortoise* ?
 - (a) Mount Fuji
 - (b) Mount Everest
 - (c) Mount Makalu
 - (d) Mount Cittakuta