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Class : VIII
DHARMA SHIKSHA
(English Medium)

(Summative Assessment - I)

Please check that this question paper contains 34 questions and 4 printed pages.

Time : 3 Hrs.

Maximum Marks : 90

General Instructions :

1. The question paper is divided into 5 sections i.e. A, B, C, D & E.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the same serial number against your answer as given for the question in question paper.

SECTION - A

Note : Choose the right option and write it for question numbers 1-10.

1. Religious people attain God by performing : 1
(a) Functions (b) Yajnas
(c) road shows (d) rallies
2. What do you mean by the word Veda? 1
(a) Vidwan (b) Intelligence
(c) Ignorance (d) Knowledge
3. God can only be worshipped in _____ in one's heart, because it is here in that he truly lives. 1
(a) Silence (b) loud chanting
(c) murmuring (d) anger
4. Which of the following 'Veda' says that 'य एक इत तमुश्टहि'? 1
(a) Rig Veda (b) Yajur Veda
(c) Sama Veda (d) Panchama Veda
5. The knowledge that God gives is _____ for all times. 1
(a) Fluctuating (b) Infinite
(c) changing (d) constant
6. The person one who sees God as fire, calls him; 1
(a) Varuna (b) Prithvi
(c) Agni (d) Anthariksh

7. There are _____ Vedas. 1
 (a) 6 (b) 3
 (c) 5 (d) 4
8. 'God is present everywhere'. Choose the appropriate term for this from the following : 1
 (a) Omniscient (b) Omnipotent
 (c) Omnipresent (d) Omnivulent
9. Indian scholars such as Dr. Pasricha of the well known institute _____ at Bangalore has also participated in the research spread over many long years. 1
 (a) Industrial training of Acharya (b) NIMHANS
 (c) Hotel Management (d) Nadgir Polytechnic Management
10. _____ means good and proper behaviour of human beings towards every object in the universe. 1
 (a) Dharma (b) Community
 (c) Population (d) Religion

SECTION - B

11. Name the four Rishis who were given the Vedic knowledge by God at the beginning of creation of human life. 2
12. (a) Who was the author of the great epic Mahabharata?
 (b) Which book of laws describes all aspects of dharma? 2
13. "You reap what you sow". Elaborate the proverb. 2
14. "Although God exists within us, we cannot see him". Then, how can we feel his presence? 2
15. Complete :
 (a) यतो भ्युदयानि: _____
 (b) By whom are these words spoken? 2
16. What does the word Sanskara mean? How many sanskaras are to be performed during a person's life from birth till death? 2
17. complete the given saying and write its meaning.
 एकम सद्विप्रा _____ _____ 2

SECTION - C

18. (a) 'Satyameva Jayate Nanritam' Give the meaning.
(b) The concept of high born or low born is _____.
(c) We should serve the _____ as true worship of God. 3
19. 'Gayatri Mantra' is considered so important. Why? 3
20. Name six festivals which should be celebrated by the Aryas. 3
21. (a) What is the major difference between 'Dharma and Religion'?
(b) Name the first dimension of dharma that one should practise in life. 3
22. What was not needed by God to give the Vedic knowledge to Rishis? How did God impart this knowledge to Rishis? 3
23. Write the accurate meaning for the following 'Upanishad' sloka :
एको देवः सर्व भूतेषु गूढः।
सर्व व्यापी सर्व भूतांतरात्मा॥ 3
24. What do Vedas instruct human beings? 3

SECTION - D

25. Describe 'Social dharma' in your own words. (any 4 points) 4
26. Explain 'Balivaishvadeva Yajna' in brief and who takes care of this yajna in modern times? 4
27. How does remembering that God exists within us benefit us? 4
28. (a) यथेमावाचं _____
_____ चार्याय चारणायच स्वाय।
(b) "Rishi Dayanand had given some instructions regarding the study of the Vedas". List them 2+2=4
29. (a) इभावास्यमिदं _____
(b) (i) God is _____ without any conceivable form.
(ii) People use the prefix _____ before the names of certain great men like Rama, Krishna, Buddha etc., out of deep regard of them. 2+2=4

SECTION - E

30. List out the ten aspects of 'dharma'. 5

OR

Explain any five aspects of National Dharma.

31. If the law of karma is correct, why do many people believe in cleaning up their sins by bathing in the river Ganga or propitiating some deity? 5

OR

Explain the essence of the given 'Mahabharata sloka'

सत्यम् तीर्थम्ए क्षमा तीर्थ तीर्थमिन्द्रियन्निहः
ब्रहाचर्य परतीर्थए अहिंसा तीर्थमुच्चते
सर्वभूतदया तीर्थए तीर्थमार्जवमेव च
तीर्थानामुत्तम तीर्थ विभुद्धिर्मनसः पुनः

32. How should one lead life according to Vedas? 5

OR

Complete the given saying of Bhagavadgita and write its meaning.

_____ तमभ्यर्च्य _____

33. (a) Describe 'yajna' according to yajnalkya'
(b) What is the true purpose of yajna?
(c) Mention all the connotations of yajna and give their meaning. 1+1+3=5

OR

What is Brahma Yajna? How does one benefit from this yajna? 2+3=5

34. Explain 'Deva yajna' in detail. 5

OR

- (a) What is meant by the term Atithi?
(b) What do you mean by Atithi yajna?
(c) How should one welcome an Atithi?
(d) What is pitri yajna? What is its benefit? 1+1+ 1+2 = 5