KNOWLEDGE TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES OF INDIA (CODE NO. 073) MARKING SCHEME CLASS XII (2025-26)

Time allotted: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 70

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

PART A:

- 1. This question paper contains four sections, Section I to IV.
- 2. Section I has 16 questions carrying 01 mark each.
- 3. Section II has 07 Short Answer type questions carrying 02 marks each.
- 4. Section III has 04 descriptive type questions carrying 05 marks each.
- 5. Section IV has 04 descriptive type questions carrying 05 marks each.
- 6. One internal choice is given in Q15.

PART B:

This question paper contains the following types of competency based questions as follows:

Type A: Knowledge / Understanding

Type B: Application

Type C: Analysis / Synthesis (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Type D: Evaluation (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

	SECTION - I			
Q.No	Question	М	Chapter No. & Name	Туре
1	Study the picture and answer the question that follows: Which of the following option best describes the given picture?	1	CH 1- Agriculture - a survey	A

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7	There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and a	1	CH 4-	С
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	animals and farmers. Reason (R): Rigveda insists that natural forces must remain			
	management, tree cutting, desire for rain and contented			
	Assertion (A): Rigveda deals with cow protection, cattle			
	below.		a survey	
6	There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and a Reason (R). Mark your answer as per the codes provided	1	CH 1- Agriculture -	С
ANS	a) The upper Ganga-Yamuna region		0114	
	d) Downstream of the Srirangam Island			
	c) The Brahmaputra region			
	b) The Kaveri river basin			
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5	The first appearance of glass objects in India, according to	1	CH 8-Other	Α
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ANS	d) A wooden stick and a shield are usually used in the			
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ANS	a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.			
11	There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and a Reason (R). Mark your answer as per the codes provided below.	1	CH 5-Ethics	С
	Assertion (A): The four ends of life righteousness, material wellbeing, fulfilment of desires and liberation from all worldly ties give right direction and purpose to human life.			
	Reason (R): Ancient Indian education gave importance to both higher knowledge and lower knowledge. a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of			
	A.b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.c) A is true, R is false.			
	d) A is false, R is true			
ANS	a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A			
12	Apart from wrestling there were other exercises that were recommended in order to increase physical strength as a preparation to the mastering of martial arts. These exercises were, bhāraśrama or weightlifting both by hands and feet, bhramaṇaśrama, walking and running and taking brisk walks in the morning, salilaśrama, swimming in a tank, lake or river Assertion (A): These exercises involved the entire body and also the mind.	1	CH 6-Martial Arts	С
	Reason (R): They involved more than one part of the body and there was need to apply mind.a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.			
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ANS	a) Both A & R are right and R is the right reason for A.	1	CITO Other	
13	Assertion (A) : Wells would not collapse inward due to	1	CH 8-Other	С
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	pressure of underground infiltrations.		e	
	Reason (R): Harrapans invented trapezoid bricks a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of		S	

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14	"The Chinese scholars I-tsing (Yijing, left) and Hsüantsang (Xuanzang, right) visited Nālandā in the 7th century CE. Education was free and there were more than 5,000 students and 1,500 teachers. A hundred lectures were conducted every day and the practice of learning through debates and discussions was highly developed. Comment on the effectiveness of the system as observed by the Chinese Scholars. Would this system work today in our Schools?	1	CH 4- Educational Practices & systems	В
	 a) this would work partially b) would work exactly as described c) Will not work at all d) can work only through Govt intervention 			
ANS	a) this would work partially			
	Study the following picture and the textual description given below and answer the question given: The target recently and the following gold and semiprecious beads, micro beads, gold bangles and fillets, and long carnelian beads (source: J.M. Kenoyer).		Technologie s	
	TEXT MATRIAL: India's love for bangles is traceable to the Harappans' manufacture of large numbers of gold, bronze, conch-shell, glazed faience or humble terracotta bangles. Weavers used wheel-spun thread and, besides widely used cotton, evidence of silk has recently come to light at two sites. Other crafts included stone and ivory carving, carpet making and inlaid woodwork.			
	We can infer that woman during the Harappan period were:			
	 a) Fashionable b) Designed outdated jewellery c) Creative designers d) Loved only metal jewellery 			

ANS	Options 1. a and d 2. a and b 3. a and c 4. b and d 3) a and c			
ANS	OR			
15	Study the following picture and the textual description given below and answer the question given: **The state of the control of the state of the	1	CH 8-Other Technologie s	В
	a) Efficient b) Proactive c) Clumsy d) Not futuristic e) Practical even today Options: 1. a,d,e			
	2. a,b,e,			
	3. b,c,e 4. a,b,d			
ANS	2) a,b,e,			
16	Which of the following options doesn't signify the qualities of a dharmic leader?	1	CH 5-Ethics	A

	o. He should never inflict evitreme numiches ante	1		
	a. He should never inflict extreme punishments.			
	b. By means of virtue should he attain success, by means of			
	virtue should he sustain it.			
	c. He should ignore persistent sufferings of those that			
	depends on him.			
	d. He should set heart on inflicting misery on any group.			
	Options			
	a) a and d			
	b) a and b			
	c) c and d			
	d) b and d			
ANS	c) c and d only			
	SECTION - II	,		
17	The application of <i>kunapajala</i> on crops is still practised by	2	CH1-	Α
	farmers. State the reason.		Agriculture -a	
			survey	
ANS	Crops grown with natural manure will give good yield.			
	• The liquid manure <i>(Kunapajala)</i> is prepared by boiling			
	a mixture of animal excreta, bone marrow, flesh and			
	dead fish in an iron pot and then adding to it sesame			
	oil cake, honey,soaked black gram and a little ghee.			
	No fixed quantities of materials were required and so			
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	farmers find it easy to follow			
18	Truthfulness and humility are ethics. Justify your stand with	2	CH 5-Ethics	Α
	example.			
ANS	Truthfulness is important to build up the character of a			
	man.			
	• It promotes trust, fosters healthy relationships,			
	strengthens organisations and societies.			
	Raja Harischandra gave up all in order to uphold his			
	word to adhere truthfulness.			
	Humility is a very important spiritual principle to			
	imbibe in our lives.			
	A Rishis/ saints are known for their nature of humility.	_	0.1.0	
19	In what ways does the study of Dhanurveda have modern	2	CH6-Martial	В
	relevance, and how can its principles and techniques be		Arts	
	applied in contemporary contexts such as self-defense,			
A N I O	physical fitness, and stress management?			
ANS	The study of Dhanurveda has modern relevance in			
	several ways. Its principles and techniques can be			
	applied in contemporary contexts such as self-defense,			
	physical fitness, and stress management.			
	Emphasizes physical and mental discipline, which			
	can be beneficial for individuals seeking to improve			
	their overall well-being.			
	Practices improve physical fitness by increasing			
	strength, agility, and endurance.			

	 Has self-defense techniques that can help individuals feel more empowered and prepared to protect themselves in potentially dangerous situations. Includes breathing techniques and meditation, which can help reduce stress and improve mental clarity. Overall, the study of Dhanurveda offers a holistic approach to wellness that is relevant and applicable in modern times. 			
20	How can Pyrotechnic methodology be applied in current situation in India. Elaborate	2	CH 8-Other Technologies	В
ANS	 Pyrotechnic practices, or fireworks, appear to have been current in India in the 13th or 14th century. Gunpowder became an article of warfare at the beginning of the 16th century. Rockets too began being used in wars waged in India, as testified by military annals of the period. For instance, the Mahrattas are reported to have fired rockets at the 1761 battle of panipat. At present, as a major fire hazard, pyros can also cause damage to grounds and surroundings. It is illegal to bring them into stadiums and there are consequences for anybody who breaks the law and ground regulations. 			
21	Indian concept of education was not focused on the intellect alone. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?	2	CH4- Educational Practices & systems	С
ANS	 Yes, I do agree with this. Indian education aimed at both the inner and the outer dimension of a person. The outer goal was mastering a discipline, history, art of debate, law, medicine etc. The realisation of purusartha catustaya and inner values such as truth, patience, regularity, humility, self-denial was the inner goal. 			
22	Analyse the contributions on any Indian historical personality of your choice, who, in your opinion, would be an embodiment of the concept of nishkama karma.	2	CH 5-Ethics	С
ANS	(Students can share their views about any National Patriotic leaders)			
23 ANS	The five stages of the practice of kalarippayattu, including body conditioning, flexibility training, basic techniques, advanced techniques, and free-style practice. Based on your study of Kalarippayatty, would you agree or disagree that these stages build upon each other to develop the physical and mental skills necessary for mastery of the martial art.? I agree with this because:	2	CH 6-Martial Arts	D

	Skipping any one stage would mean lopsided development of both mental and physical skills SECTION – III			
24	The martial arts apart from being sources of popular entertainment also provide training in skills required by professionals, including soldiers. India has an ancient tradition in diverse martial arts. Nearly every part of India has evolved one or the other form of a popular stick combat martial art. Analyse the statement.	5	CH6-Martial Arts	A
ANS	 i. Lathi khela: a. Popular martial art in North India. b. Metal tipped –to ward off the enemy through various wielding techniques, steps and posturing. c. The wielder of the lathi is known as a lethal or lathial. ii. Silamabam a. Literally Bamboo fight b. Practised with Bamboo sticks c. Later with steel swords and shields d. Bamboo staff used is usually 5 feet in length and is swirled while attacking the enemy. e. It is one of kind of training in javelin or spear fighting. iii. Kuruntadi a. Short sticks roughly of two-palm length. b. Accompaniment of drums and music c. Each stroke is aimed at particular varnam or vital points of the human body 			
25	i) Elucidate how the ancient education traditions of the gurusisya parampara is relevant and can be integrated in today's system.	2	CH4- Educational Practices & systems	В
ANS	 The Guru-Shishya parampara of Vedic times, the Guru was expected to become a mentor who understood the personal needs of every student. The Guru would differentiate the education and skills taught to each student based on individual needs. Today also the role of mentoring of students based on individual needs has been recommended by NEP. 			
25	ii) The student and the teacher had a symbiotic relationship. Comment on this statement and how this applies to schools of today.	2	CH4- Educational Practices & systems	В
ANS	 In Gurukula system of the Vedic times, the acharya and the student had a symbiotic relationship and students were treated as members of the teacher's family. 		•	

	 Students living with the teacher led a life of self-control, abstinence, obedience and devotion. Today also it is strongly recommended to treat students with equity and the teacher demonstrates the value systems expected of the pupil. 			
25	iii) Physical education was given importance in ancient education Is this applicable and valid even today? Justify your answer.	1	CH4- Educational Practices & systems	В
ANS	 Physical education was important and students participated in krida, vyama prakara, dhanurveda for acquiring martial skills and yoga-sadhana for developing control over the sense organs. Schools of today are expected to lay equal emphasis on holistic development including self defence skills as part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum 			
26	i) Explain how Dharma that is emphasized in Mahabharata is applicable even today? What role can Schools play in this?	3	CH 5-Ethics	С
ANS	 The concept of right and wrong is emphasized in Mahabharata. It pertains rightful order and morality. Dharma is the moral law combined with spiritual discipline that guides one's life. This is very relevant in today's world where we can see several acts of treason, wrong doings, child abuse, black marketing, misuse of medical sciences, education and so on. There seems to be a loss of rightful order and moral doing. Hence, schools should give top priority to discussions on morality and rightful order and ethics. Students should be given opportunities to examine the right versus wrong and the implications of wrong doing on the self, family, nation. 			
26	ii) "Values are caught not taught". How far do you agree with this statement? Reflect on some values you have acquired from your table family school	2	CH 5-Ethics	С
ANS	Students will share their own experiences regarding the values that they have imbibed.			
27	TEXT EXTRACT: Water conservation and management is an area of great importance, and the great variety and sophistication of water structures in ancient India testify to the care with which people harvested and conserved water and managed its distribution.	5	CH 8-Other Technologies	D

ANS	 How would you evaluate the efficacy and relevance of the water conservation management of ancient India with regard to their usage in modern times? Harappans invention of trapezoid bricks for the construction of wells - is still in use in many towns and villages that stand testimony to the efficacy of the well construction methods A step well dug at the bottom provided for extended storage by recharging the water table during the monsoon-the step wells are used even today to recharge water tables In later periods, we find such networks of reservoirs spreading to other parts of India. In the Ganges valley, excavations at Sringaverapura, brought to light a simple but effective series of interconnected reservoirs. These reservoirs exist today and are the best and most effective ways to store water The earthen embankment meant to contain a reservoir 			
	or divert a stream-has been adapted in many villages today. Any other relevant points to be accepted			
00	SECTION – IV		0114	
28	i) The findings of the British reports on the ancient Gurukula system cultivated culture and discipline. Do you agree? Give arguments in support of your answer.	3	CH4- Educational Practices & systems	A
ANS	 In gurukula pupils gathered and lived with the teacher. The teacher, the guru, the acharya, was highly honored and was seen as the guide who helped students escape the darkness of ignorance and attain the light of knowledge. The teacher and the student had a symbiotic relationship and students were treated as members of the teacher's family. Students living with the teacher regulated their lives by adhering to yama and niyama – sauca, satosa, tapas, svadhyaya and isvarapranidhana. Two kinds of knowledge were given importance. Lower knowledge and the higher knowledge. Lower knowledge is the Rig Veda, the Yajur Veda, the Sama Veda, nirukta, chandas adnd jyotis. Higher knowledge is that by which the imperishable Brahman is attained. 			
28	ii) Women savants also played a vital role. Support the statement with examples.	2	CH4- Educational Practices & systems	A
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	 Women savants played a vital role in ancient education. Gargi, Maitreyi or Lopamudra find mention in the Upanishads as leading acaryas and dialecticians. 			
29	The term 'dharma' does not mean mere religion. Then what does it stand for? If Dharma transcends religious barriers, how can the tenets of 'Dharma' be practiced as a Universal code of conduct?	5	CH 5-Ethics	В
ANS	 Dharma is that which leads to the highest common good (śreyas). Dharma is "right living" defined by the practice of universal ethics and personal morals. Dharma is the science of conduct, the systematized principles according to which one should act. The purpose of morality is to bring about happiness for the maximum number of people by creating harmony. Harmony between individuals of a family, between families of a community, between communities that live together in a nation. Harmony between nations that make up humanity. Harmony between humankind and the environment and other creatures that share our earth and harmony between earthlings and the inhabitants of other worlds. Where there is harmony there is happiness, disharmony cause unhappiness. The ultimate object of morality is to bring about universal happiness. The underlying principle of Dharma is the recognition of the unity of the Self and the diversity of the not-self. 			
30	Present an argument to support the statement that "Kalarippayattu is not solely a physical combat technique for self-defense". Justify your argument by your understanding of the cultural, spiritual, and holistic aspects of this traditional Indian martial art form.	5	CH 6-Martial Arts	С
ANS	The cultural, spiritual, and holistic aspects of Kalarippayattu provide ample evidence to support the argument that it is not solely a physical combat technique or for self-defense. As a combat training, it increases agility and includes a wide range of techniques, including kicks, punches, joint locks,			

TEXT MATERIAL: Varāhamihira's chapter on treatment of tre trees are vulnerable to disease when weather, strong winds, and hot sun; this foundation of classifying tree diseases b	exposed to cold s possibly laid the	CH1- Agriculture -a survey	D
 The farmers believe more in the and they have blind belief in these predictions. Farmers have not updated themselve predictions by organizations limple. Meteorological Department. Farmers have blind beliefs as they have some seasons of successful crop properties. Farmers are confident about their methods as they have been to forefathers to consider only these methods. 	tions. s about scientific ke the Indian have experienced broduction based beliefs in these utored by their ethods		
illnesses. These practices include medicine, and acupuncture. The traditional healing practices is passe generations of practitioners and is an of the tradition. c)As an art form - Kalarippayattu is not but also an art form that combines fl movements with precise and powerful d)Spiritual: Kalarippayattu is that it is practitioners develop a deeper connect body, mind, and spirit. e) Physical fitness and coordination quickly and effectively to unexpected a how to defend themselves against m (Self-defense) Overall, it aims at the holistic development in the position often dependence monsoon rains, scholars worked out make rainfall. Kiniparasara and Bihat Samhitimethods in every season. Parasara's make based on the positions of the Moon and the Varahamihira in his Bihat Samhitamansions (naksatras) in predicting Because of the confidence they have in a large number of farmers in India even to operations based on them. i) Based on the passage /text extract give methods used by farmers even toda monsoons, how would you evaluate the dependence on these predictions?	knowledge of ed down through important aspect only a martial art uid and graceful techniques. believed to help etion between the en, how to react attacks, as well as aultiple attackers. elopment of the language of the elopment of the language of the elopment of the language of the such ain technique was the Sun in the sky. considered lunar seasonal rainfall. In ancient methods, a day carry out farm the language of the langua	CH1- Agriculture -a survey	D

	such as vāta, pitta and kapha. Surapāla suggests using a number of plant species that we know today have	
	antimicrobial properties, including mustard paste and milk.	
	ii) Based on this textual material -what can we infer about the ancient practices of management of crop diseases?	
ANS	Farmers were very advanced in disease management of trees as they were fully aware of weather conditions and impact on trees. They were environmental conservationists as they used only natural materials to treat diseases (Any other similar/relevant phrases that assess the farmers can be accepted)	

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