M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2013

SANSKRIT

PAPER—SAN-201

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1.  (a) Write an elaborate note on the Atharvaveda with special emphasis on its contents.  

Or

(b) What is upaniṣad? What is its chief message? How many upaniṣads are there? Give a short account of any two of the upaniṣads.
2. Give a brief discourse on the date of Vālmīki's Rāmāyaṇa. Which of the Rāmāyaṇa and the Mahābhārata is earlier and why?  

Or

Describe the society as revealed in the Mahābhārata.  

3. Write short notes on the following in Sanskrit using Devanāgarī Script.

(a) (i) S'atapathabrahmana

Or

(ii) Kalpasūtra.

(b) (i) Padmapurāṇa

Or

(ii) Vāyupurāṇa