

- Q1. Write a note on the role of divine and the supernatural in 'Abhijanasakuntalam'?
- Q2. Sakuntala doesn't resist patriarchy, rather she becomes a victim of it; examine the statement in the context of the play.
- Q3. The play 'Abhijanasakuntalam' has seven acts, each act having a distinct title. These titles help in summarising the trajectory of the play, explain with examples.
- Q4. Kannaki as a woman not only breaks various patriarchal barriers, but also establishes a new social code; elaborate with examples from the text.
- Q5. Analyse the character of Karna in Mahabharata.
- Q6. Critically comment upon Draupadi's question in the assembly hall, and the silence of the elders.
- Q7. Write a note on the north and south battle as mentioned in the book of Vanci.
- Q8. Compare and contrast Kunti, Draupadi and Gandhari from the Mahabharata.

Multiple choice questions:

Q1. King Dushyanta in Abhijanasakuntalam belonged to which dynasty?

- A. Puru
- B. Ikshavaku
- C. Yadu
- D. Kuru

Q2. On getting to know about Kovalan's murder, his wife Kanaki tears one of her breast and throws it on a city which burns down, which city is it?

- A. Vellur
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Madurai
- D. Udupi

Q3. In Abhijanasakuntalam, we find that Sakuntala is the foster daughter of sage Kanva; who are her real parents?

- A. Vishwamitra and Menaka
- B. Vishwamitra and Urvashi
- C. Vishwamitra and Rambha
- D. Vishwamitra and Pushpadeha

Q4. In Cillapatikaram, king Cenkuttuvan belongs to which dynasty?

- A. Pandya
- B. Chola
- C. Chera
- D. Chalukya

Q5. In Mahabharata, Kunti was the mother of Karna; who was his father?

- A. Moon
- B. Sun
- C. Air
- D. Water

Q6. Name the only Kaurava who supports Draupadi in the assembly hall?

- A. Karna
- B. Duryodhana
- C. Shakuni
- D. Vikarna

Q7. In 'Abhijnana Shakuntalam' Who curses Shakuntala?

- A. Narada
- B. Vishvamisra
- C. Durvasa
- D. Marica

Q8. In Mahabharata, to which clan did Krishna belong?

- A. Vrishni
- B. Kuru
- C. Puru
- D. Solar

Q9. Why does king Cenkuttuvan plan to go to himalayas in the book of Vanci?

- A. For establishing a palace
- B. For bringing a stone for the statue of the Goddess
- C. For tourism
- D. for meditating

Q10. Draupadi was born out of the sacred fire along with her brother; what was his name?

- A. Ashwathama
- B. Parikshit
- C. Shalya
- D. Drishtadyumna

Answer key:

Q1.
A

Q2.
C

Q3.
A

Q4.
C

Q5.
B

Q6.
D

Q7.
C

Q8.
A

Q9.
B

Q10.
D