

टिळक महाराष्ट्र विद्यापीठ, पुणे

नृत्यकला विशारद (बी.ए.) कथक

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प्रथम सत्र

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दिनांक: १०/०१/२०२५

गुण: ५०

वेळ: स. १०.०० ते १२.००

Instructions: 1) Attempt **any five** questions from the following.

2) All Questions carry equal marks.

Q.1 Fill in the blanks using the correct option: (10)

1. He has been looking for her ____ last Tuesday. (for / since / in)
2. This is one of ____ most read books of all times. (a / an / the)
3. The tense of the sentence 'He visits the temple every Thursday' is ____ (present continuous / simple present / future perfect)
4. Linguistics ____ the science of language. (is / am / are)
5. When the phone rang, she ____ to her neighbour. (talked/ was being talking / was talking)
6. It is necessary that we adhere ____ the rules of the university. (to / with / by)
7. We didn't ____ any mistakes in the draft. (find / found / finded)
8. Each of the performers ____ given it their best to win the trophy. (have / has / are)
9. Identify the voice of the sentence 'Kathak is an Indian classical dance form' : ____ (active / passive / none of these)
10. ____ honest man is respected by all. (a / an / the)

Q.2 Write an essay on 'Dance: Science or Art?' OR 'The importance of exercise'. (10)

Q.3 You will be performing at an international dance festival. You need 7 days leave for the same. Write a letter to your HoD requesting leave. (10)

Q.4 Read the passage below and answer the questions: (10)

Kuchipudi is a classical dance form that originated in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. Traditionally, it was performed by male dancers in temples as a form of devotional worship, particularly in the 3rd century CE. Over time, it evolved into a highly stylized art form that includes both dance and drama. The name "Kuchipudi" is derived from the village of Kuchipudi, where it is believed to have been first practiced. The dance form is known for its graceful movements, intricate footwork, and expressive storytelling. Kuchipudi dancers wear a traditional costume consisting of a sari, a headpiece, and ankle bells, and they perform to live music, typically Carnatic classical compositions.

A key feature of Kuchipudi is its use of *abhinaya*, or facial expressions, to convey emotions and tell stories. The dancer uses elaborate hand gestures, eye movements, and body language to narrate tales from Hindu mythology, with particular emphasis on stories involving Lord

Krishna and his exploits. It is through such gestures that the dancer portrays the character's thoughts, feelings, and reactions to various situations. Unlike other classical dance forms, Kuchipudi incorporates dialogues and vocal singing within the performance, which adds a theatrical element to the dance. Over the years, Kuchipudi has gained recognition internationally, with many dancers incorporating contemporary themes into the traditional framework.

1. What is the historical origin of Kuchipudi, and how did it evolve over time? (2)
2. Explain the role of *abhinaya* in Kuchipudi dance and its importance in storytelling. (2)
3. How does Kuchipudi differ from Kathak in terms of performance style? (2)
4. Find words from the passage that mean the same as: (a) involves (b) detailed (c) globally (d) structure (4)

Q.5 Identify and correct the errors in the passage: **(10)**

There is the new restaurant that opened last week in my locality, and its already making waves in the city. The menu offers a wide variety of cuisines, from traditional Italian dishes to fusion-inspired creations. The chef, who have been trained at one of the world's most prestigious culinary school, is eager to show off his skills. The ambiance of the restaurant is warm and inviting, with dim lighting and plush seating. However, some customers complaints about the long wait time, and the lack of a clear reservation system. Despite of this, the food is exceptional and the service are quick and friendly. Their are, however, some issues with the pricing, as many of the dishes are significantly more expensive then similar options in the area. A few patrons mentioned that they expect better value for their money. Overall, while the restaurant have great potential, it still needs to work on addressing some of these concerns.

Q.6 Use the following phrases in sentences: (any five) **(10)**

1. in light of
 2. under the auspices of
 3. in the long run
 4. turn a blind eye to
 5. by all means
 6. in a nutshell
- _____