

## HINDUISM HANDOUT

TABLE A: ŚRUTI AND SMṚTI

śruti	smṛti
(1) Sanskrit: "That Which is Heard"	(1) Sanskrit: "That which is remembered"
(2) non-human authorship & wisdom ( <b>apauruṣeya</b> )	(2) human authorship & wisdom
(3) Primary/Direct Revelation	(3) Secondary/Indirect Revelation
(4) timeless & eternal ( <b>sanātana</b> )	(4) historically mediated
(5) transmitted by mythical seers ( <b>ṛṣis</b> )	(5) composed by historical personages
(6) synonymous with the <b>Vedas</b>	(6) consists of: (a) <b>Itihāsas</b> (epics) (b) <b>Purāṇas</b> (mythologies) (c) <b>Dharmaśāstras</b> (law codes)