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1. All the instructions prescribed in *M.L.A. Hand Book for Writers of Research Papers* (2004) Sixth Edition have been followed.

2. For Raja Rao’s *The Serpent and The Rope*, the text followed is the one published by Orient Paperbacks, Delhi (1995)

3. For Jayakanthan’s *Jaya Jaya Shankara*, the text used is translated in English with the same title (2002) by K. S. Subramanian.

4. The entries in the works cited for both primary and secondary sources are listed alphabetically in the order of the authors.

5. The following abbreviations have been used for brevity:

- **SR** - *The Serpent and The Rope*
- **JJS** - *Jaya Jaya Shankara*
- **The Gita** - *The Bagavad-Gita*