

Generic Elective (GE)- English

INDIAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
GE-9 Indian Classical Literature	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII with English from List A in CUET	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To offer students a foundational understanding of Indian classical literary tradition.
- To introduce students to a rich and diverse literature from two classical languages of India, Sanskrit and Tamil.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to gain knowledge of the aesthetic and cultural values that serve as the groundwork for later developments in Indian philosophical and social change.

SYLLABUS OF GE-9

UNIT – I

1. Vyasa. Selections from *The Mahabharata*, from *The Mahabharata of Krishna-Dwaipayana Vyasa*, trans. K. M. Ganguli (Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 2012).

- a) 'The Dicing' and 'Sequel to Dicing', Book 2, Sabha Parva Section XLVI-LXXII
- b) 'The Temptation of Karna', Book 5, Udyog Parva, Section CXL-CXLVI.
- c) 'Krishna's Peace Proposal', Book 5, Udyog Parva, Section LXXXIX-CXXXI

UNIT – II

1. Kalidasa. *Abhijnanasakuntalam*, trans. Chandra Rajan, in *Kalidasa: The Loom of Time*. Penguin Classics, 1989, reprint 2000.

UNIT – III

1. Ilango Atikal. 'The Book of Vanci', *Cilappatikaram*. trans. R. Parthasarathy (Columbia University Press, 1993; Penguin Books India, 2004).

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. Bharata Muni. Selections from *Natyasastra*. (i) Chapter 6, 'The Sentiments'; (ii) Chapter 20, 'Ten Kinds of Play'; (iii) Chapter 35, 'Characteristics of the Jester', trans. Manomohan Ghosh, Calcutta: Asiatic Society of Bengal, 1951. pp105-17; 355-74; 548-50
2. Osho. Selections from *Krishna: The Man and His Philosophy*. (i) Krishna is Complete and Whole (ii) Draupadi: A Rare Woman (iii) Action, Inaction and Non-Action (iv) Rituals, Fire and Knowledge, Delhi: Jaico Publishing House, 1991.
3. Kapoor, Kapil. *Indian Knowledge System Vol. 1*. New Delhi: D.K. Printworld Pvt. Ltd., 2005. pp 1-31
4. Gerow, Edwin, et al. 'Indian Poetics', *The Literatures of India: An Introduction*. ed. Edward. C. Dimock et al, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1974. pp 115-143
5. Venkatachalapathy, R. 'Introduction', *Love Stands Alone: Selections from Tamil Sangam Poetry*. Delhi: Penguin Classics, 2013. pp XIII-XLI; 25; 45; 70; 186

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.