

Generic Elective (GE)

Sanskrit : Basic Sanskrit

Max. Marks: (75+25= 100)

Total Credits: 04

[A] Course Objectives:

This is an elementary course in Sanskrit language designed for students who wish to learn Sanskrit from the very beginning. Essential Sanskrit grammar will be introduced (without reference to Panini's sutras) through the multiple example method with emphasis on students constructing themselves the simple Sanskrit sentences.

[B] Course Learning Outcomes:

- Students will acquire the basic and working knowledge of the Sanskrit language.
- Students will be able to communicate in simple Sanskrit.
- Students will develop an interest in Sanskrit.
- Students will be motivated to study further.

[C] Course Contents

Unit: I Grammar and Composition, Part I:

- Nominative forms of 'a' ending masculine and neuter gender nouns with paṭh, khād, likh, bhū, and other similar simple verbs in present, past and future tenses. Accusative forms of nouns in singular number with the usage of more simple verbs.
- 'ā' and 'ī' ending feminine words in nominative and accusative cases with loṭ lakāra (imperative).
- Masculine and Feminine nouns ending in 'i' and masculine nouns ending in 'u' in various cases in singular number.
- Nominative forms of pronouns- asmad, yuṣmad, tat, etat, yat, kim in masculine, feminine and neutral genders.
- Masculine nouns ending in consonants – bhavat, guṇin, ātman and Feminine nouns ending in consonants – vāk.
- Neuter nouns ending in consonants – jagat, manas.

Unit: II Grammar and Composition, Part II

Special Verb forms – in parasmaipada –past, present, future and imperative - kṛ, śrū
Special Verb forms – in parasmaipada –past, present, future and imperative - jñā
Special Verb forms – in parasmaipada –past, present, future and imperative – dā, dhā
Special Verb forms – in ātmanepada – past, present, future and imperative – edh, sev

Unit: III Sandhis and Pratyayas

Ac Sandhis:

yaṇ, guṇa, dirgha, ayadi, vrddhi and pūrvarūpa

Hal sandhis:

scutva, stutva, anunāsikatva, chhatva and jaṣṭva

Visarga sandhis:
satva and rutva

Unit: IV Pratyayas–
śatr, śānac, ktavatu, kta
ktvā, lyap, tumun
Active – passive structures only in laṭ lakāra

[D] References:

Compulsory Readings:

1. Mishra, Dr. Yadunandan, Anuvada Chandrika, Chaukhambha Orientaliya, Delhi, 2021.
2. Apte, Vaman Shivram, Students Guide to Sanskrit Composition, The Standard Publishing Company, Girgaon, Bombay, 1925.
3. Tripathi, Dr. Brahmananda, Rupa Chandrika, Chaukhamba Surbharati Prakashan, Varanasi, 2008.
4. Kridanta Rupa Mala – Srijan Jha – App. available on Google Play Store

[E] Teaching Learning Process:

1. Teachers will introduce the prescribed components of grammar with several examples.
2. Teachers will make students produce and practise with more examples.
3. Teachers will put words in phrases and sentences and repeat them in several variations.
4. Students will construct Sanskrit sentences in the class singly and collectively and exhibit them in spoken as well as written forms.
5. Teachers will provide practice sheets to the students for each section, which they will solve either in class or at home.
6. Teachers will from the very beginning, encourage students to make short and simple Sanskrit sentences and speak in Sanskrit.

[F] Weekly Plan

Week 1 – Unit 1
Week 2 – Unit 1
Week 3 – Unit 2
Week 4 – Unit 2
Week 5 – Unit 3
Week 6 – Unit 3
Week 7 – Unit 4
Week 8 – Unit 4

[G] Assessment Methods: