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Subject: SANSKRIT

Code No. 03

SYLLABUS

Unit - I

Vedic-Literature

(a) General Introduction of Vedic Literature:

- Main theories regarding the Vedās : Maxmüller; A.Weber; Jacobi ; Balgangadhar Tilak; M.Winternitz ; Indian traditional views.
- Saṁhitā Literature
- Dialogue Hymns: Pururavā-Urvaśī; Yama-yamī; Saramā-Paṇi ; Viśvāmitra-Nadī
- Brāhmaṇa-Literature
- Āraṇyaka Literature
- Vedāṅgas: Śikṣā; Kalpa; Vyākaraṇa; Nirukta; Chandas; Jyotiṣa

Unit - II

(b) Specific Study of Vedic Literature:

- Study of the following hymns:
 - Ṛgveda : Agni (1.1); Varuṇa (1.25); Sūrya (1.125); Indra (2.12); Uṣas (3.61); Parjanya (5.83); Kitava (10.34); Jñāna (10.71); Puruṣa (10.90); Hiraṇyagarbha (10.121); Vāk (10.125); Nāsadīya (10.129);
 - Śuklayajurveda : Śivasamkalpa , Chapter-34 (1-6)
 - Prajāpati-Chapter-23 (1-5)
 - Atharvaveda : Rāṣṭrābhivardhanam (1.29); Kāla (10.53); Prithivī (12.1)
- Brāhmaṇa Literature
 - Subject-matter; Vidhi and its types; Agnihotra; Agniṣṭoma; Darśapūrṇamāsa ; Yajña; Pañcamahāyajña; Akhyāna (Śunahśepa , Vānmanas)
- Upaniṣad Literature:
 - Subject-matter and main concepts with special reference to the following Upaniṣads ;
 - Īśa; Kaṭha; Kena; Bṛhadārṇyaka ; Taittirīya; Śvetāśvatara

- Vedic Grammar; Nirukta and Vedic interpretation
- Ṛkprātiśākhya : Definitions of Samānākṣara ; Sandhyakṣara; Aghoṣa; Soṣman; Svarabhakti ; Yama ; Rakta; Saṁyoga; Pragṛhya ; Riphita
- Nirukta (Chapters-I & 2)
- Four-fold division of Padas-Concept of Nāma; Concept of Ākhyāta ; Meaning of Upasargas; Categories of Nipātas.
- Purposes of the study of Nirukta
- Principles of Etymology
- Etymology of the following words:

Āchārya; Vīra; Hrada; Go; Samudra; Vṛtra; Āditya; Uṣas; Megha; Vāk; Udak; Nadī;
 Aśva; Agni; Jātavedas; Vaiśvānara; Nighaṇtu
 Nirukta (Chapter-7; Daivatakāṇḍa)
 Vedic Accent- Udātta, Anudātta and Svarita

Unit - III

(c) Darśana:

- General Introduction of major schools of Darśana with special reference to the following :

Pramāṇamīmāṃsā ; Tattvamīmāṃsā ; Ācāramīmāṃsā (Cārvāka , Jaina, Bauddha)
 Nyāya, Sāṁkhya, Yoga, Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, mīmāṃsā

Unit - IV

(d) Darśana Literature: Special Study:

- Īśvarakṛṣṇa : Sāṁkhyakārikā - Satkāryavāda, Puruṣasvarūpa, Prakṛtisvarūpa, Śṣtikrama, Pratyaysarga, Kaivalya.
- Sadānanda : Vedāntasāra - Anubandha-catuṣṭaya, Ajñāna, Adhyāropa-Apavāda, Lingaśārotpatti, Pañcikaraṇa, Vivarta, Jīvanmukti
- Annambhaṭṭa, Tarkasaṁgraha / Keśavamiśra; Tarkabhāṣā : Padārtha; Kāraṇa; Pramāṇa; (Pratyakṣa; Anumāna; Upamāna; Śabda), Prāmāṇyavāda, Prameya .
- Laugākṣibhāskara ; Arthasaṁgraha.
- Patañjali ; Yogasūtra - (Vyāsaabhāṣya) : Cittabhūmi, Cittavṛttis ; Concept of Īśvara; Yogāṅgas; Samādhi ; Kaivalya
- Bādarāyaṇa ; Brahmasūtra 1.1 (Śāṅkarabhāṣya)
- Viśvanāthapañcānana ; Nyāyasidhāntamuktāvalī (Anumāna Kāṇḍa)
- Sarvadarśana-Saṁgraha ; Jainism ; Buddhism

Unit - V

(e) Grammar and Linguistics:

- General Introduction of the following grammarians:

Pāṇini , Kātyāyana , Patañjali , Bhartṛhari , Vāmanajayāditya , Bhaṭṭojidīkṣita ,
Nāgeśabhaṭṭa , Kaiyyaṭa , Jainendra , Śākaṭāyana , Hemacandrasūri ,
Sārasvatavyākaraṇakāra.

Pāṇinīya Śikṣā.

Linguistics:

Definition of Language, Geneological and Morphological classification of Languages,
Speech Mechanism and classification of sounds: Stops, Fricatives, Semi-Vowels and
vowels (with special reference to Sanskrit sounds).

Phonetic Laws (Grimm, Grassman, Verner).

Directions of semantic change and reasons of change.

Definition of Vākya and its types

General introduction of Indo-European family of Languages

Difference between Vedic Sanskrit and Classical Sanskrit

Difference between Bhāṣā and Vāk

Difference between language and dialect

Unit - VI

(f) Specific Study of Grammar

- Definition : Saṁhitā, Saṁyoga Guṇa, Vṛddhi, Prātipadika, Nadī , Ghi, Upadhā,
Aprkta, Gati, Pada, Vibhāṣā , Savarṇa, Ṭi, Pragṛhya, Sarvanāmasthāna, Bha ,
Sarvanāma, Niṣṭhā .
- Sandhi - Ac sandhi, Hal sandhi, Visarga sandhi (according to laghusiddhāntakaumudī)
- Subanta – Ajanta - Rāma , Sarva (in all genders) , Viśvapā, Hari , Tri (in all genders) ,
Sakhi , Sudhī , Guru , Pitṛ , Gau , Ramā , Mati , Nadī , Dhenu , Mātṛ , Jñāna , Vāri ,
Madhu .
- Halanta - Lih , Viśvavāh , Catur (in all genders) , Idam, Kim, Tad (in all genders),
Rājan , Maghavan , Pathin , Vidvas , Asmad , Yuṣmad .
- Samāsa - Avyayībhāva , Tatpuruṣa , Bahuvrīhi , Dvandva (according to
laghusiddhāntakaumudī)
- Taddhita - Apatyārthaka and Matvarthīya (According to Siddāntakaumudī) ,
- Tiṇanta - Bhū , Edh , Ad , Us, Hu , Div , Ṣuñ , Tud , Tan, Kṛ , Rudh , Krīñ , Cur .
- Prayayānta - Nijant, Sannanta , Yañanta , Yañluganta , Nāmdhātu.
- Kṛdanta - Tavya / Tavyat , Anīyar , Yat , Nyat , Kyap , Śatṛ , Śānac , Ktvā , Kta ,
Ktavatu , Tumun , Namul .
- Strīpratyaya - According to Laghusiddhāntakaumudī.
- Kāraka Prakarana - According to Siddāntakaumudī .
- Parasmaipada and Ātmanepada Vidhāna - According to Siddāntakaumudī .
- Mahābhāṣya (Paspāśāhnika)- Definition of Śabda, Relation between Śabda and Artha,
Purposes of the study of grammar, Definition of Vyākaraṇa, Result of the proper use
of word , Method of grammar .
- Vākyaapadīyam (Brahmakāṇḍa) - Nature of Sphoṭa, Nature of Śabda-Brahma, Powers
of Śabda-Brahma, Relation between Sphoṭa and Dhvani , Relation between Śabda and
Artha, Types of Dhvani, Levels of Language.

Unit - VII

Sanskrit Literature, Poetics and Prosody

(a) General Introduction of following

- Bhāsa, Aśvaghoṣa , kālidāsa, Śūdraka, Viśākhadatta, Bhāravi, Māgha, Harṣa, Bāṇabhaṭṭa, Daṇḍin, Bhavabhūti, Bhaṭṭanārāyaṇa, Bhilhaṇa, Shṛīharṣa, Ambikādatta vyāsa, Panditā Kṣamārao, V. Raghavan, Shri Dhar Bhaskar Varnekar
- Schools of Sanskrit Poetics – Rasa, Alaṅkāra, Rīti, Dhvani, Vakrokti, Aucitya,
- Western Poetics – Aristotle, Longinus, Croche

Unit - VIII

(b) Specific study of the following

- Poetry: Buddhacaritam (First Canto), Raghuvaṃśam (First Canto), Kirātārjunīyam (First Canto), Śiśupālavadham (First Canto), Naiṣadhīyacaritam (First Canto)
- Drama: Svapnavāsavadattā, Abhijñānaśākuntalam, Mṛcchakaṭikam, Uttarakāmaritā, Mudrārākṣasam, Uttarakāmaritā, Ratnāvalī
- Prose: Daśakumāracaritam (viii Ucchvāsa), Harṣacaritam (V Ucchvāsa), Kādambarī (Śukanāsopadeśa)
- Campū Kāvya - Nala Campū (I Ucchvāsa)
- Sāhityadarpaṇaḥ:
Definition of Kāvya, Refutation of other definitions of Kāvya, Śabdaśakti - Saṅketagraha; Abhidhā; Lakṣanā; Vyanjanā, Kāvyaabheda (Chapter Fourth), Śravyakāvya (prose poetry and mix)
- Kāvya prakāśa –
Kāvyalakṣṇa, Kāvya prayojana, Kāvya hetu, Kāvya bheda, Śabdaśakti, Abhihitānvayavāda, Anvitābhidhānvayavāda, concept of Rasa, discussion of Rasasūtra, Rasadoṣa, Kāvya guṇa, Vyanjanāvriti (Fifth Chapter)
- Alamkāras –
Vakrokti; Anuprāsa, Yamaka, Śleṣa, Upamā, Rūpaka, Utprekṣā, Samāśokti, Apahnuti, Nidarśanā, Arthāntaranyāsa, Dṛṣṭānta, Vibhāvanā, Viśeṣokti, Svabhāvokti, Virodhābhāsa, Saṅkara, Sansṛṣṭi
- Dhvanyāloka (I Udyota)
- Vakroktijīvitam (I Unmeṣa)
- Bharata – Nāṭyaśāstram (First and Sixth Chapter)
- Daśarūpakam (First and Third Prakāśa)
- Chanda –
Āryā, Anuṣṭup, Indravajrā, Upendravajrā, Vasantatilakā, Upajāti, Varṇasastha, Drutavilambita, Śālinī, Mālinī, Śikharṇī, Mandākrāntā, Hariṇī, Śārdūlavikrīḍita, Sragdharā

Unit - IX

Purāṇetiḥāsa, Dharmaśāstra and Epigraphy

(a) General introduction of the followings:

- Rāmāyaṇa –
Subject matter, age, society in the Rāmāyaṇa, Rāmāyaṇa as a source of later Sanskrit works and literal value of the Rāmāyaṇa, legends in the Rāmāyaṇa
- Mahābhārata –
Subject matter, age, society in the Mahābhārata, Mahābhārata as a source of later Sanskrit works and literal value of the Mahābhārata, legends in the Mahābhārata
- Purāṇa –
Definition of Purāṇa, maha Purāṇa and Upa Purāṇas, Purāṇic cosmology and Purāṇic legends
- General introduction of main Smṛitis.

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- General introduction Kauṭīliya Arthaśāstra
 - Paleography –
History of the decipherment of Brāhmī script, Theories of the origin of Brāhmī Script
 - Inscriptions - General introduction

Unit – X

(b) Specific study of the following

- Kauṭīliya arthaśāstra (First – Vinayadīkarika)
- Manusmṛti (I, II and VII Adhyāyas)
- Yājñavalkyasmṛti (Vyavahārādhyaya only)
- Paleography and Inscriptions –
 - Brahmi Script of Mauryan and Gupta periods
 - Inscription of Ashoka – Major Rock Edicts, Major Pillar Edicts
 - Post – Mauryan inscriptions –

Sāranātha Buddhist Image Inscription of Kaniṣka's regal – year, 3, Gīrnār Rock

Inscription of Rudradāman,

Hāthīgumphā inscription of Khāravela

- Gupta and Post-Gupta inscriptions –

Allahabad Pillar Inscriptions of Samudragupta,

Mandasor Pillar Inscription of Yasodharman,

Banāskherā Copper Plate Inscription of Harṣa,

Aihole Stone Inscription of Pulakeśīn II

