



Department of Sanskrit
University of Delhi
Under Graduate Course for Sanskrit
B.A. (Hons.)
Under UGCF-22



GE-1
Basic Sanskrit

Max. Marks: (75+25= 100)

Total Credits: 04
Teaching Hours: 48

[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 sentences.

[B] Course Learning Outcomes:

Students will acquire basic knowledge of the Sanskrit language

They will be able to communicate in simple Sanskrit

They will develop an interest in Sanskrit and the Bhagwadgita and they will be motivated to study further.

[C] Contents

Unit: I Grammar and Composition Part I:

1 Credit

Nominative forms of 'a' ending masculine and neuter gender nouns with paṭh, khād, likh, bhū, and similar simple verbs in present, past and future. Objective forms of the nouns in singular with more simple verbs

'ā' and 'ī' ending feminine words in nominative and accusative cases with loṭ lakāra (imperative).

Masculine and Feminine nouns ending in 'ī' and masculine nouns ending in 'u' in various cases in singular.

Nominative forms of pronouns- asmad, yuṣmad, tat, etat, yat, kim in masculine, feminine and neuter.

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

1 Credit

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 Sandhi and Pratyayas

1 Credit

Ac Sandhi:

yaṅ, guṇa, dirgha, ayadi, vṛddhi and pūrvarūpa

Hal sandhi:

scutva, stutva, anuṅāsikatva, chhatva and jaṣṭva

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Visarga sandhi:

satva and rutva

Unit: IV

1 Credit

Pratyayas–

ṣaṭṛ, śānac, ktavatu, kta

ktvā, lyap, tumun

Active – passive structures in only laṭ lakāra

[D] Suggested Books/Readings:

Compulsory Reading:

1. Anuvada Chandrika
2. Apte's Guide to Sanskrit Composition
3. Rupa Chandrika
4. Kridanta Rupa Mala – Srijan Jha – App. available on Google Play Store

[E] Teaching Learning Process:

1. Teachers will introduce each element of grammar with several examples
2. They will make students repeat those examples
3. Teachers shall put words in phrases and sentences and repeat them with several variations
4. Students will make many sentences in the class singly and collectively, orally and in writing