



# Sanskrit

## Sanskrit Syllabus for UPSC Main Examination

### Paper-I

#### Section-A

1. Significant features of the grammar, with particular stress on Sanjna, Sandhi, Karaka, Samasa, Kartari and Karmani vacyas (voice usages) (to be answered in Sanskrit).
2.
  - a) Main characteristics of Vedic Sanskrit language.
  - b) Prominent features of classical Sanskrit language.
  - c) Contribution of Sanskrit to linguistic studies.
3. General Knowledge of:-
  - (a) Literary history of Sanskrit,
  - (b) Principal trends of literary criticism
  - (c) Ramayana,
  - (d) Mahabharata
  - (e) The origin and development of literary genres of:
    - Mahakavya
    - Rupaka (drama)
    - Katha
    - Akhyayika
    - Campu
    - Khandakavya
    - Muktaka Kavya.



**Section-B**

4. Essentials of Indian Culture with stress on

- a) Purusarthas-
- b) Samskaras-
- c) Varnasramavyavastha
- d) Arts and fine arts
- e) Technical sciences

5. Trends of Indian Philosophy

- a) Mimansa
- b) Vedanta
- c) Nyaya
- d) Vaisesika
- e) Sankhya
- f) Yoga
- g) Bauddha
- h) Jaina
- i) Carvaka

6. Short Essay in Sanskrit

7. Unseen passage with the questions, to be answered in Sanskrit.



## Paper-II

### Section-A

General study of the following groups:-

#### Group 1

- a) Raghuvamsam-Kalidasa
- b) Kumarasambhavam-Kalidasa
- c) Kiratarjuniyam-Bharavi
- d) Sisupalavadham-Magha
- e) Naisadhiyacaritam-Sriharsa
- f) Kadambari-Banabhatta
- g) Dasakumaracaritam -Dandin
- h) Sivarajyodayam-S.B. Varnekar

#### Group 2

- a) Isavasyopanisad
- b) Bhagavadgita
- c) Sundarakanda of Valmiki's Ramayana
- d) Arthasastra of Kautilya

#### Group 3

- a) Svapnavasavadattam- Bhasa
- b) Abhijnanasakuntalam- Kalidasa



- c) Mrcchakatikam-Sudraka
- d) Mudraraksasam-Visakhadatta
- e) Uttararamacaritam- Bhavabhuti
- f) Ratnavali-Sriharshavardhana
- g) Venisamharam- Bhattanarayana

**Group 4** Short notes in Sanskrit on the following:-

- a) Meghadutam-Kalidasa
- b) Nitisatakam-Bhartrhari
- c) Panchtantra-
- d) Rajatarangini-Kalhana
- e) Harsacaritam-Banabhatta
- f) Amarukasatakam-Amaruka
- g) Gitagovindam-Jayadeva

### **Section-B**

This Section will require first hand reading of the following selected texts :-

#### **Group 1**

- (a) Raghuvansam-Canto I, Verses 1 to 10
- (b) Kumarasambhavam-Canto I, Verses 1 to 10
- (c) Kiratarjuniyam-Canto I, Verses 1 to 10



**Group 2**

- (a) Isavasyopanisad-verses-1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 15 and 18
- (b) Bhagavatgita II chapter verses 13 to 25
- (c) Sundarakandam of Valmiki Canto 15, Verses 15 to 30 (Geeta Press Edition)

**Group 3**

- (a) Meghadutam-verses 1 to 10
- (b) Nitisatakam-Verses 1 to 10 (Edited by D.D. Kosambi Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Publication)
- (c) Kadambari-Sukanasopadesa (only)

**Group 4**

- (a) Svapnavasavadattam Act VI
- (b) Abhijnansakuntalam Act IV verses 15 to 30 (M.R. Kale Edition)
- (c) Uttararamacaritam Act 1 verses 31 to 47 (M.R. Kale Edition)