



Manonmaniam Sundaranar University  
**TAMIL NADU STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (TNSET**

**SYLLABUS**

**Subject: SANSKRIT**

**Code No.: 2435**

**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

- R̥kpr̥at̥is̥ākhyā : 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; Nighaṅtu

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 :

Pramāṇamīmāṁsā ; Tattvamīmāṁsā ; Ācāramīmāṁsā (Cārvāka , Jaina, Bauddha) Nyāya, Sāṁkhya, Yoga, Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, mīmāṁsā

## Unit - IV

(d) Darśana Literature:

Special Study:

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

## Unit - V

(e) Grammar and Linguistics:

□ General Introduction of the following grammarians:

Pāṇini , Kātyāyana , Patañjali , Bhartṛhari , Vāmanajayāditya , Bhaṭṭojidīkṣita , Nāgeśabhaṭṭa , Kaiyyāṭa , 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 , Savarna, Ṭi, Pragṛhya, Sarvanāsthāna, 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), □ Tiṅanta - Bhū , Edh , Ad , Us, Hu , Div , Ṣuñ , Tud , Tan, Kṛ , Rudh , Kṛñ , Cur .
- Prayayānta - Nijant, Sannanta , Yaṅanta , Yaṅluganta , Nāmdhātu.
- Kṛdanta - Tavya / Tavyat , Anīyar , Yat , Ṇyat , 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 .
- Vākya-padīyam (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, Aśvaghōṣa , kālidāsa, Śūdraka, Viśākhadatta, Bhāravi, Māgha, Harṣa, Bāṇabhaṭṭa, Daṇḍin, Bhavabhūti, Bhaṭṭanārāyaṇa, Bhilhaṇa, Shrīharṣa, 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), Raghuvamśam (First Canto), Kirātārjunīyam (First Canto), Śiśupālavadham (First Canto), Naiṣadhīyacaritam (First Canto)
- Drama: Svapnavāsavadattām, Abhijñānaśākuntalam, Mrcchakaṭīkam, Uttararāmacaritam, Mudrārākṣasam, Uttararāmacaritam, 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-abheda, Śabdaśakti, Abhihitānvayavāda, Anvitābhidhānvayavāda, concept of Rasa, discussion of Rasasūtra, Rasadoṣa, Kāvya-guṇa, Vyanjanāvriti (Fifth Chapter)
- Alaṅkāras –  
Vakrokti; Anuprāsa, Yamaka, Śleṣa, Upamā, Rūpaka, Utprekṣā, Samāsokti, Apahnuti, Nidarśanā, Arthāntaranyāsa, Dṛṣṭānta, Vibhāvanā, Viśeṣokti, Svabhāvokti, Virodhābhāsa, Saṅkara, Sansrṣṭi
- Dhvanyāloka (I Udyota)
- Vakroktijīvitam (I Unmeṣa)
- Bharata – Nāṭyaśāstram (First and Sixth Chapter)
- Daśarūpakam (First and Third Prakāśa)
- Chanda –

## Unit - IX

### Purāṇetihāsa, Dharmasāstra 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.
- General introduction Kauṭīliya Arthasāstra
- 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 arthasātra (First – Vinayadikarika)
- 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,  
Girnār Rock Inscription of Rudradāman,

Hāthīgumphā inscription of Khāravēla

- 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