

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN SANSKRIT

Paper 12 - Vedic Literature

[A] Prescribed Course

Section 'A' Ṛgveda, Yajurveda, Atharvaveda and Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa	24 Hrs.
Section 'B' Vedic Grammar	08 Hrs.
Section 'C' Upaniṣad: Muṇḍakopaniṣad	16 Hrs.
Projects / Presentations	12 Hrs.

[B] Course Objectives

This Vedic literature course aims to get the students to know about the world's most ancient texts and the vision of our ancient seers. For this, selected hymns from three Vedas and a portion of the Brāhmaṇa literature has been prescribed. Also, students will be able to read one great Upaniṣad, namely, Muṇḍaka, where primary Vedānta-view is propounded.

[C] Unit-wise Division

Section 'A'

(Saṁhitā and Brāhmaṇa)

Unit 1	Ṛgveda- Agni- 1/1 Uṣā- 3/61, Akṣa- 10/34, Hiranyagarbha- 10/121	3 weeks/12 hrs.
Unit 2	Yajurveda- Śivasankalpa Sūkta- 34.1-6	1week/04 hrs.
Unit 3	Atharvaveda- Sāmanasyam- 3.30, Bhūmi- 12.1-12	1week/04hrs.
Unit 4	Śatapathabrāhmaṇa - Agnihotrāvayavopāsana-11/3/11	1week/04hrs.

Section 'B'

(Vedic Grammar)

Declensions (*nāmarūpa*), Conjugations (*dhāturūpa*), Imperatives (*loṭ*), Subjunctive mood (*leṭ*) and Indicative mood (*vidhimūlakabhāva*) only; Gerunds (*ktvārthaka*) and Vedic Accent.

2weeks/8hrs.

Section 'C'

(*Muṇḍakopaniṣad*)

Unit 1	<i>Muṇḍakopaniṣad</i> - 1/1 to 2/1	1 ^{1/2} week/6hrs.
Unit 2	<i>Muṇḍakopaniṣad</i> - 2/2 to 3/2	1 ^{1/2} week/6hrs.

[D] Suggested Projects

Students may :

- (i) Prepare a list of Ṛṣis, Devatās and metres of all Hymns.
- (ii) Collect similar social hymns and comment on them.
- (iii) Collect gerunds from given hymns and highlight the roots.
- (iv) Mark the sign of Vedic accent on unread mantras and give the reason for the same.
- (v) Collect the mantras from *Muṇḍakopaniṣad* which emphasize the nature of Atman and explain them.

[E] Recommended Books

- ऋग्वेदसंहिता (सायणाचार्यकृत भाष्य एवं हिन्दी व्याख्या सहित), (संस्करण) रामगोविन्द त्रिवेदी, चौखम्बा संस्कृत प्रतिष्ठान, दिल्ली.
- मुण्डकोपनिषद् (शाङ्करभाष्य) : (संस्करण) श्री जगन्नाथशास्त्री तैलंग, भारतीय विद्या प्रकाशन, दिल्ली.
: (संस्करण) जयपाल विद्यालंकार, ईस्टर्न बुक लिंकर्स, दिल्ली.
- वैदिक संग्रह, कृष्णलाल, ईस्टर्न बुक लिंकर्स, दिल्ली.
- शुक्लयजुर्वेदसंहिता, (पदपाठ, उव्वट-महीधर भाष्य संवलित 'तत्त्वबोधिनी' हिन्दी व्याख्या सहित), (संस्करण) रामकृष्ण शास्त्री, चौखम्बा संस्कृत प्रतिष्ठान, दिल्ली.
- *Atharvaveda* (Śaunakīya): (Ed.) Vishva Bandhu, VVRI, Hoshiarpur, 1960.
- *Ṛksūktāvalī*, H.D. Velankar, Vaidika Sanshodhana Mandala, Pune, 1965.
- *Ṛksūktavaijyantī*, H.D. Velankar, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay, 1972.
- *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa*, (Ed.) Ganga Prasad Upadhyaya, SLBSRS Vidyapeeth, Delhi.
- *Śuklayajurveda-Samhitā*, (Vājasaneyi-Mādhyandina), (Ed.) Jagadish Lal Shastri, MLBD, Delhi, 1978.