

Examrace

IAS Mains-2020 Sanskrit Syllabus

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Paper-I

There will be three questions as indicated in the question paper which must be answered in Sanskrit. The remaining questions must be answered either in Sanskrit or in the medium of examination opted by the candidate.

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. It includes
 - 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 and Mukta Kavya.

Section-B

1. Essentials of Indian Culture with stress on
 - a. Purusarthas-
 - b. Samskaras-
 - c. Varnasramavyavastha
 - d. Arts and fine arts
 - e. Technical sciences
2. Trends of Indian Philosophy

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

3. Short Essay in Sanskrit

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

Paper-II

Question from Group 4 is to be answered in Sanskrit only. Question from Groups 1, 2 and 3 are to be answered either in Sanskrit or in the medium opted by the candidate.

Section-A

General study of the following groups:

1. 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

2. Group 2

- a. Isavasyopanisad
- b. Bhagavadgita

c. Sundarakanda of Valmiki's Ramayana

d. Arthasastra of Kautilya

3. Group 3

a. Svapnavasavadattam-Bhasa

b. Abhijnanasakuntalam-Kalidasa

c. Mrcchakatikam-Sudraka

d. Mudraraksasam-Visakhadatta

e. Uttararamacaritam-Bhavabhuti

f. Ratnavali-Sriharshavardhana

g. Venisamharam-Bhattanarayana

4. Group 4

a. Meghadutam-Kalidasa

b. Nitisatakam-Bhartrhari

c. Panchtantra-

d. Rajatarangini-Kalhana

e. Harsacaritam-Banabhatta

f. Amarukasatakam-Amaruka

g. Gitagovindam-Jayadeva

Section-B

Questions from Groups 1 & 2 are to be answered in Sanskrit only (Questions from Groups 3 & 4 are to be answered in Sanskrit or in the medium opted by the candidate).

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

1. 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

2. 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)

3. 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)

4. Group 4

a. Svapnavasavadattam Act VI

b. Abhijnansakuntalam Act IV verses 15 to 30 (MR Kale Edition)

c. Uttararamacaritam Act 1 verses 31 to 47 (MR Kale Edition) for simultaneous equations, problem of identification-rank and order conditions of identifiability, two-stage least square method of estimation.

Present official statistical system in India relating to population, agriculture, industrial production, trade and prices, methods of collection of official statistics, their reliability and limitations, principal publications containing such statistics, various official agencies responsible for data collection and their main functions.

5. Demography and Psychometry: Demographic data from census, registration, NSS other surveys, their limitations and uses, definition, construction and uses of vital rates and ratios, measures of fertility, reproduction rates, morbidity rate, standardized death rate, complete and abridged life tables, construction of life tables from vital statistics and census returns, uses of life tables, logistic and other population growth curves, fitting a logistic curve, population projection, stable population, quasi-stable population, techniques in estimation of demographic parameters, standard classification by cause of death, health surveys and use of hospital statistics. Methods of standardisation of scales and tests, Z-scores, standard scores, T-scores, percentile scores, intelligence quotient and its measurement and uses, validity and reliability of test scores and its determination, use of factor analysis and path analysis in psychometry.

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