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**KARNATAKA STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (K-SET)  
FOR LECTUERSHIP**

Subject: SANSKRIT

Subject Code: 19

**Syllabus and Sample Questions**

**NOTE:**

There will be two question papers, Paper-II and Paper-III. Paper II will have 50 objective Type Questions (Multiple choice, Matching type; True/False, Assertion-Reasoning type) carrying 100 marks. All the 50 questions are compulsory and have to be marked in OMR sheet. Paper III contains **seventy five (75)** objective type questions (Multiple choice, Matching type; True/False, Assertion-Reasoning type) of **two (2)** marks each. All the 75 questions are compulsory and have to be marked in OMR sheet

**PAPER-II**

**1. VEDIC LITERATURE**

Deities

Agni; Savitṛ; Viṣṇu; Indra; Rudra; Bṛhaspati; Aśvinā; Varuṇa; Uṣas; Soma

Subject matter of :

Saṃhitās; Brāhmaṇas and Āraṇyakas; Upaniṣads

Dialogue Hymns

Pururavā—Urvāśī; Yama—Yami; Sarmā—Pani; Viśvāmitra—Nadi

History of Vedic Literature :

Main theories regarding the age of the R̥gveda—Maxmüller; A. Weber;

Jacobi; Balgangadhar Tilak; M. Winternitz; Indian traditional views

Arrangement of the R̥gveda

Recensions of the Saṃhitās

Vedāṅgas :

Śikṣā; Kalpa; Vyākaraṇa; Nirukta; Chandas; Jyotiḥ

## 2. DARŚANA

Sāṁkhyakārikā of Iśvarakṛṣṇa :

Satkāryavāda; Puruṣa-svarūpa; Prakṛti-svarūpa; Sṛṣṭikrama;  
Pratyayasarga; Kaivalya

Vedāntasāra of Sadānanda :

Anubandha-catuṣṭaya; Ajñāna; Adhyāropa-Apavāda; Lingaśariotpatti;  
Pañcikaraṇa; Vivarta; Jīvanmukti

Tarkabhāṣā of Keśavamīśra/Tarkasamāṅgraha of Annambhaṭṭa :

Padārtha; Kāraṇa; Pramāṇa; Pratyakṣa; Anumāna; Upamāna; Śabda

## 3. GRAMMAR AND LINGUISTICS

Grammar :

Definitions—Sarhītā; Guṇa; Vṛddhi; Prātipadika; Nadi; Ghi; Upadhā;  
Apr̥ktā; Gati; Pada; Vibhāṣā; Savarṇa; Ti; Pragṛhya; Sarvānāmasthāna;  
Niṣṭhā

Kāraka : As per Siddhāntakaumudi

Samāsa : As per Laghusiddhāntakaumudi

Linguistics :

Definition and types of languages—geneological and morphological

Classification of Languages

Speech-mechanism and classification of sounds : stops, fricatives,  
semi-vowels and vowels

Phonetic Laws

Characteristics of the three types of Indo-Aryan

## 4. SANSKRIT LITERATURE AND POETICS

General study of the following works :

Poetry : Raghuvamīśa; Meghadūta; Kirātārjunīya; Śiśupālavadha;  
Naiṣadhiyacarita; Buddhacarita

Prose : Daśakumāracarita; Harśacarita; Kādambarī

Drama : Svapnavāsavadattā; Abhijñānaśākuntala; Mṛcchakaṭīka;  
Uttarārāmacarita; Mudrārākṣasa; Ratnāvalī; Venīsamīhāra

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*Poetics :*

Sāhityadarpaṇa

Definition of Kāvya

Refutation of other definitions of Kāvya

Śabdaśakti—

Saṅketagraha; Abhidhā; Lakṣaṇā; Vyanjanā

Rasa—Types of Rasas with their sthāyi bhāvas

Types of Rūpaka

Characteristics of Nāṭaka

Characteristics of Mahākāvya

**PAPER—III(A)**

[CORE GROUP]

**Unit-I**

Saṃhitās :

Study of the following hymns :

R̥gveda—Agni [1.1]; Indra [2.12]; Puruṣa [10.90]; Hiraṇyagarbha [10.121]; Nāsadiya [10.129]; Vāk [10.125]

Atharvaveda—Pṛthivī [12.1]

Brāhmaṇas and Āraṇyakas :

General characteristics; Peculiarities; Darśapaurnamāsa sacrifice;

Legends—Śunahṣepa and Vāñmanas; Pañcamahāyajñas

Grammar and Schools of Vedic Interpretation :

Padapāṭha

Accent—Udātta, Anudātta and Svarita

Points of difference between Vedic and Classical Sanskrit

Schools of Vedic Interpretation—Traditional and Modern

## **Unit-II**

Study of the contents and main concepts with special reference to the following Upaniṣads :  
Iśa; Kaṭha; Kena; Brhadāraṇyaka; Taittiriya

## **Unit-III**

General and brief introduction of Vedāṅgas  
Nirukta (Chapters I and II)  
Four-fold division of Padas—Concept of Nāma; Concept of Ākhyāta;  
Meaning of Upasargas; Categories of Niपात्स  
Six states of Action (Ṣaḍbhāvavikāra)  
Purposes of the study of Nirukta  
Principles of Etymology  
Etymology of the following words :  
Ācārya; Vīra; Hrada; Go; Samudra; Vṛtra; Āditya; Usas; Megha;  
Vāk; Udaṅga; Nadi; Aśva; Agni; Jātavedas; Vaiśvānara; Nighaṇṭu

## **Unit-IV**

Mahābhāṣya (Paspāśāṅnika) :  
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  
Siddhāntakaumudi :  
Tiñanta (Bhū and Edh only)  
Kṛdanta (Kṛtya Prakriyā only)  
Taddita (Matvarthīya)  
Kāraka  
Strī pratyaya

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- Linguistics :**
- Definition of language
  - Classification of languages (geneological and morphological)
  - Speech-mechanism with special reference to Sanskrit sounds
  - Causes of phonetic-change
  - Phonetic laws (Grimm, Grassmann and Verner)
  - Directions of semantic change and reasons of change
  - Definition of Vākya and its types
  - General and brief introduction of Indo-European family of languages
  - Difference between Bhāṣā and Vāk
  - Difference between language and dialect

#### **Unit-V**

- Explanation and critical questions
- Sāṃkhyakārikā of Īśvarakṛiṣṇa
- Vedāntasāra of Sadānanda
- Arthasaṃgraha of Laugākṣī Bhāskara

#### **Unit-VI**

- Rāmāyaṇa*
- Arrangement of the Rāmāyaṇa
  - Legends in the Rāmāyaṇa
  - Society in the Rāmāyaṇa
  - Rāmāyaṇa as a source of later Sanskrit works
  - Literary value of the Rāmāyaṇa

### *Mahābhārata*

Arrangement of the Mahābhārata

Legends in the Mahābhārata.

Society in the Mahābhārata

Mahābhārata as a source of later Sanskrit works

Literary value of the Mahābhārata

### *Purāṇas*

Definition of Purāṇa

Mahāpurāṇas and Upapurāṇas

Purāṇic cosmology

Purāṇas and Secular Arts

Purāṇic legends

### Unit-VII

Kauṭiliya Arthaśāstra (First ten Adhikāra)

Manusmṛti (I, II and VII Adhyāyas)

Yājñavalkyasmṛti (Vyavahārādhya only)

### Unit-VIII

*Poetry :*

Raghuvarṇśa (I and XIV Cantos)

Kirātārjunīya (I Canto)

Śisupālavadha (I Canto)

Naiṣadhiyacarita (I Canto)

*Prose :*

Daśakumāracaritam (VIII Ucchvāsa)

Harśacaritam (V Ucchvāsa)

Kādambarī (Mahāśvetā Vṛttānta)

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**Kāvyasāstra :**

Kāvyaprakāśa—Kāvya lakṣaṇa; Kāvyaprayojana; Kāvyahetu;  
 Kāvyabhedā; Śabdaśakti; Abhihitānvayavāda; Anvitābhidhānavāda;  
 Concept of Rasa and discussion of Rasasūtra; Rasadoṣa; Kāvyaguna  
 Alarhikāras—Anuprāsa; Śleṣa; Vakrokti; Upamā; Rūpaka; Utprehṣā;  
 Samāsokti; Apahnuti; Nidarśanā; Arthāntaranyāsa; Dṛṣṭānta;  
 Vibhāvanā; Viśeṣokti; Saṅkara; Sansṛṣṭi  
 Dhvanyāloka (I Udyota)

**Unit-IX**

Nātya—Karnabhāra; Abhijñānaśākuntala; Uttarārāmacarita; Mudrārākṣasa;  
 Ratnāvalī  
 Nātyasāstra—Nātyasāstra of Bharata (I, II and VI Adhyāya); Daśarūpaka  
 (I and III Prakāśa)

**Unit-X**

Tarkasarṇgraha (with Dīpikā)  
 Tarkabhāṣā of Keśavamīśra  
 A study of the concepts of Pramāṭr, Prameya, Pramāṇa and  
 Pramiti

**PAPER—III(B)**

[ ELECTIVE / OPTIONAL ]

**Elective-I**

**Saṃhitās :**

Study of the following hymns :

Rgveda  
 Varuṇa [1.25]  
 Sūrya [1.125]  
 Uṣas [3.61]  
 Parjanya [5.83]

*Sukla Yajurveda*

Sivasāṅkalpa [1.6]

Prajāpati [1.5]

*Atharvaveda*

Rāṣṭrābhivardhanam [1.29]

Kāla [10.53]

Brāhmaṇa :

Subject-matter

Vidhi and its types

Agnihotra and Agniṣṭoma Sacrifices

Affiliation of the Brāhmaṇa texts with different Sarṇhitās

Rkprātiśākhya :

Definitions of the following :

Samānākṣara; Sandhyakṣara; Aghoṣa; Soṣman; Svarabhakti;

Yama; Rakta; Saṁyoga; Pragṛhya; Riphita

Nirukta (VII Adhyāya—Daivata Kānda)

Types of Mantras

Characteristics of Deities

Number of Deities

**Elective-II**

*Vākyapadiya (Brahmakānda)*

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

Siddhāntakaumudi

Samāsa; Parasmaipadavidhāna; Ātmane padavidhāna

Pāṇiniyāśikṣā

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### **Elective-III**

**Yogasūtra—Vyāsabhāṣya**

Cittabhūmi; Cittavṛttis; Concept of īśvara; Yogāṅgas; Samādhi;  
Kaivalya

**Vedānta : Brahmaśūtra-Śāṅkarabhāṣya (1.1)**

**Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika : Nyāyasiddhānta-Muktābali (Anumāna Khanda)**

**Sarvadarśana-saṅgraha : Jainism; Buddhism**

### **Elective-IV**

**Kāvya-prakāśa (II and V Ullāsa)**

**Vakroktijīvitam (I Unmeṣa)**

**Kāvyamimāṁsā (I to V Adhyāyas)**

**Rasagangādhara (I Ānana up to Rasanirūpana)**

### **Elective-V**

**Palaeography :**

History of the decipherment of the Brāhmī Script

Antiquity of the art of writing in India

Theories of the origin of the Brāhmī Script

Types of Epigraphical records

Brāhmī Script of the Mauryan and Gupta periods

**Inscriptions of Aśoka :**

Major Rock Edicts

Major Pillar Edicts

Gujarrā Minor Rock Edict

Māski Rock Edict

Rummindei Pillar Edict

Bilingual Inscription from Kāndhāra

**Post-Mauryan Inscriptions :**

- Sāraṇātha Buddhist Image Inscription of Kaniṣka's regal—year, 3
- Mankiālā Inscription of Kaniṣkas regal—year, 18
- Nāsik Cave Inscription of Nahapānas time (years 41, 42, 45)
- Girnār Rock Inscription of Rudradāman
- Hāthīgumphā Inscription of Khāravela

**Gupta and post-Gupta Inscriptions :**

- Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudragupta
- Mathura Stone Inscription of Chandragupta II's reign—year 61
- Mehrauli Iron Pillar Inscription of Chandra
- Bilsad Pillar Inscription of the time of Kumāragupta I
- Damodarpur Copper Plate Inscription of Kumāragupta I—  
year 128
- Girnār Rock Inscription of Skandagupta
- Indore Copper Plate Inscription of Skandagupta
- Bhitari Pillar Inscription of Skandagupta
- Mandasor Stone Inscription of the Guild of silk weavers
- Poona Copper Plate Inscription of Prabhāvatī Guptā
- Eran Inscription of Toramāṇa
- Gwalior Inscription of Mihirakula
- Mandasor Pillar Inscription of Yasodharman
- Mandasor Stone Inscription of Yaśodharman-Viṣṇuvardhana
- Bodhagaya Inscription of Mahānāman
- Nālandā Stone Inscription of the time of Yaśovarmadeva
- Aphsad Stone Inscription of Ādityasena

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Deobarnārka Inscription of Jīvitagupta II  
Māliyā Copper Plate Inscription of Dharasena II  
Harahā Inscription of Īśānavarman  
Banāskherā Copper Plate Inscription of Harṣa  
Aihole Stone Inscription of Pulakeśin II  
Gwalior Inscription of Pratihāra King Mihirbhoja

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