

A practical guide to A Level Sanskrit study

Resources:

Noun and Verb Paradigm cards - free from <http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/Free-IGCSE-Resources.html>

A Level Examination Syllabus: – free from <http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/A-Level-Syllabus.html>

This includes a list of grammar requirements and a list of A Level Literature Prescribed Texts, pp 6 & 7, (Buddhacarita, Laws of Manu, Upanishads & Bhagavadgita).



Study aids:

- A Level Set Literature Textbook – this has been prepared to help students with translation of all of the prescribed literature extracts from the Buddhacarita, Laws of Manu, Upanishads & Bhagavadgita.

- A Level Set Literature Vocabulary – this helps with translation of the Set Literature noted above.

<http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/Free-A-Level-Resources.html>

- 'The Sanskrit Language, An Introductory Grammar & Reader Vols 1 & 2', by Walter Harding Maurer
For A Level it is recommended that students have covered the main points of all the chapters. The Sanskrit to English translation passages after chapter 23, and the English to Sanskrit passages after chapter 20 are not recommended; at this stage students should be attempting past papers for practice.

A Level Grammar:

- Includes the Option B Level grammar. See details <http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/Free-IGCSE-Resources.html> and <http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/sanskrit-igcse-2019.html>

Also see AS Level Examination Syllabus pp 6, 7. Includes scansion of the sloka (See St James Course Bk 3 p 48, <http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/Free-IGCSE-Resources.html>)

There is no Defined Vocabulary for unseen translations as a general knowledge is required at this stage, however a thorough knowledge of the AS set vocabulary is recommended.

Background reading for essays:

General knowledge of Buddhism, The Bhagavad Gita, The Upanishads, The Mahabharata, The Ramayana and the Hitopadesha is helpful for essay writing in English (see Paper 3). A list of recommended reading in English is given in the A Level Examination Syllabus pp 7 & 8.

Past Papers:

<http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/A-Level-Past-Papers.html>

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