

## An overview of Option B IGCSE Sanskrit study

### Option B Language:

In addition to Option A grammar:-

- Noun/pronoun paradigms: *dhātr, pitr, mātṛ* and *svasṛ*  
*ātman, rājan, karman, nāman, manas, jñānin* (masc), *dhīmat* (masc & fem)  
*ayam, iyam and idam*  
substitutes for *aham & tvam* (*te, vām, vaḥ* etc)  
*suhṛd, sumanas* (masc);
- Verb paradigms: *bhavati, karoti* and *vardhate* (present, past, future, optative and perfect)  
3<sup>rd</sup> person singular imperative forms for verbs like *bhavati*, eg *bhavatu*

An ability to apply the paradigm endings to other Option A&B vocabulary (see syllabus).

- topics: complementary sentences (*yadā / tadā* etc); indefinites (*kiṃcit, kutrāpi* etc); passive verbs; *tavat* forms; common *upsargas*; *sandhi* and its application
- topics: the *samāsa* system (compound words); infinitives, present participles, locative absolute; *kr̥tya*; regular and special use of cases (*vibhakti*); the *śloka* and its scansion
- topics: common *dhātus* in the active, passive, future, and perfect forms, all in 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular; also in the infinitive, *kr̥tya, -ta & -tvā* forms

### Option B Literature

- **Epic Civilization** – same as Option A syllabus
- **Set Text Literature** – *Hitopadeśa* Stories and *Bhagavad Gītā* verses - see syllabus for references. See free study aids Books 2 & 3 on examinations website for help with Set Texts and vocabulary. More help is given in the Set Text Booklet also on the same webpage.

**For Full details:** – see the **Examination Syllabus 0499** on the website: [www.sanskritexams.org.uk](http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk)

**Free Resources from [www.sanskritexams.org.uk](http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk):**

**Paradigm lists** – see **Free Option B Resources page**

**Exam Syllabus** (see above) - includes **Option A&B Vocabulary** (p 7), **Option B Set Texts** (p 29), **Epic Civilization** (p 33)

**Study aids:** **St James Senior School Course Book 1**, and **St James Senior School Course Books 2 & 3**, plus the **Set Text booklet**. See ‘**Free Option B Books**’ page on website.