

IGCSE® SANSKRIT EXAMINATION 2019

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SANSKRIT IGCSE?

By supporting this examination you are:

- helping to keep Sanskrit on the school curriculum internationally
- encouraging English-speaking students world-wide to study the Sanskrit language
- helping students to achieve internationally recognised qualifications
- demonstrating the ability of students to work with English and Sanskrit together
- providing students with an interesting qualification to attract the attention of university admissions officers

The first Cambridge Sanskrit IGCSE® examination in a new, fresh format will be held in May/June 2019. There will be one examination covering all levels of ability and it will consist of two papers. The current form of the examination (Option A and Option B) will continue for 2017 and 2018. Schools which are not registered as Cambridge International Examinations Centres can use the services of British Council centres.

Information and free resources

1. For the 2019 Sanskrit Syllabus no. 0499 and specimen papers: visit the **IGCSE®** subjects section at www.cie.org.uk

2. 2019 Sanskrit Epic Civilisation Course:

<http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/file/documents/new%20igcse/Epic%20Civilization%202015.pdf>

3. 2019 Sanskrit Literature Set Texts Study Aid:

<http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/file/documents/IGCSE%202019/Set%20Text%20book%20website%202017.pdf>

4. Conjugation sheet

<http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/file/documents/IGCSE%202019/IGCSEKriyaRupani2019.pdf>

and Declension sheet

<http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk/file/documents/IGCSE%202019/IGCSENamaRupani%202019.pdf>

5. 2019 Examination Preparation videos are currently being filmed or adapted. Meanwhile, most of the current videos for Option A and Option B will be needed for the 2019 examination. The main changes relate to the Literature Set Text materials and the examination paper preparations which are included in the last videos of the series.

IGCSE Sanskrit 2019 Syllabus Outline

Grades given: A* - E.

The general syllabus outline is as follows:

Assessment

There are two written examination papers:

Paper 1 Language (1.5 hrs) (90 marks)

Candidates should show the ability to translate simple Sanskrit into English and to comprehend and appreciate simple Sanskrit passages. They should be able to use sandhi. They should also be able to translate from simple English into Sanskrit not using sandhi.

Four questions will be asked:

1. A previously unseen piece of Sanskrit not in sandhi for comprehension. Some vocabulary will be given. [30]
2. A previously unseen piece of Sanskrit partly in sandhi for translation. Some vocabulary will be given. [30]
3. Sentences for translation from English to Sanskrit using the Sanskrit script, with no sandhi required. [15]
4. A previously unseen piece of Sanskrit in sandhi for comprehension. Some vocabulary will be given. [15]

Paper 2 (1.5 hrs) (90 marks)

Candidates should show comprehension and appreciation of prepared passages of Sanskrit. They should have knowledge of the Epic Civilisation course, and should be able to write Sanskrit words using English letters.

Four questions will be asked:

1. A previously prepared piece of Sanskrit not in sandhi for comprehension. Questions are asked in English and answers are to be given in English. [15]
2. Previously prepared Sanskrit verses in sandhi for comprehension. These verses will be from the verse set texts. These set verses are from the Gita. The Gita raises profound issues and gives much insight into the large questions of life. Questions are asked in English and answers are to be given in English. [15]
3. Questions on the civilization of the Sanskrit Epics, based on the course material given in English. Questions are asked in English and answers are to be given in English. [35]

4. A previously prepared piece of Sanskrit prose in sandhi for comprehension. This piece will be from the prose set texts. These set texts consist of simple, amusing, thought-provoking Sanskrit stories, similar to Aesop's fables, often involving animals. [25]

How is work assessed?

Two written exam papers are set, marked and moderated by the CIE Board. These are taken at the end of the course in Year 11. The content of these exams is outlined above.

Exam preparation information 2017 to 2019

How much homework is set each week?

Recommended amounts of homework are Year 10 (2 x 40 mins per week) and Year 11 (1.5 hours per week). The tasks set include any/all of the following elements: Epic Civilization study; study of exam set texts; review and consolidation of the main elements of the language.

How often will assignments be set for external assessment?

There are no externally assessed assignments required before the final IGCSE exams.

How is work assessed during the course?

Work during the course should be assessed internally as usual, by the teacher, and pupils should be regularly informed of their progress.

What constitutes worthwhile work and progress?

Everyone studying the subject in 2017 in Year 9 should be working on a systematic course which includes application of sandhi and understanding of more sophisticated stories. During Year 10 and 11, lesson and homework time should be devoted to the continuing study of the literature and language required for the examinations. It is therefore important to:

- o Continue to follow any guidance given to help with study skills
- o Use all study time given to the best advantage
- o Make use of any resources provided to help make learning easy and fun!

A Sanskrit examinations website is available to gain easy access to all necessary materials:
www.sanskritexams.org.uk