

An overview of Option B IGCSE Sanskrit study
Grades A* - G

Option B Language:

In addition to Option A grammar:-

- Noun/pronoun paradigms: *dhātr, pitr, mātr* and *svasr*
ātman, rājan, karman, nāman, manas, jñānin (masc), *dhīmat* (masc & fem)
ayam, iyam and idam
substitutes for *aham & tvam* (*te, vām, vah* etc)
suhrd, sumanas (masc);
- Verb paradigms: *bhavati, karoti* and *vardhate* (present, past, future, optative and perfect)
3rd 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 (*kimcit, kutrāpi* etc); passive verbs; *tavat* forms; common *upsargas*; *sandhi* and its application
- topics: the *samāsa* system (compound words); infinitives, present participles, locative absolute; *krtya*; 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 3rd person singular; also in the infinitive, *krtya, -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

Free Resources from 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.