

## An overview of IGCSE Sanskrit study for 2019 - 2021

### Grades A\* - G

#### (Cambridge Examinations syllabus number 0499)

#### Language:

- Basic Sanskrit word order (e.g. verb comes at the end)
- writing the Sanskrit script in transliteration
- **Noun/pronoun paradigms:** *rāma, sītā, mitram, hari, guru* and *nadī, dhātr, pitr, mātr* and *svasr, ātman, rājan, karman, nāman, manas, jñānin* (masc), *dhīmat* (masc & fem); *suhrd, sumanas* (masc); *tat* in 3 genders; *idam* in 3 genders, *aham* and *tvam* and substitutes for *aham* & *tvam* (*te, vām, vaḥ* etc) [see [paradigm sheets](#)]
- **Verb paradigms:** *bhavati, karoti* and *vardhate* (present, past, future, optative and perfect) 2<sup>nd</sup> person singular and plural imperative forms for verbs like *bhavati* 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular imperative forms for verbs like *bhavati*, eg *bhavatu* imperatives with the middle person, singular and plural, for verbs like *bhavati asti* (present) and *āsīt* (past) [see [paradigm sheets](#)]

Ability to use the paradigm endings, where applicable, with other IGCSE vocabulary words.

- Past passive participles ending in *-ta* (e.g. *gata* ‘gone’); the use of a *-tvā* gerund (e.g. *gatvā* ‘having gone’), and its change to *-ya* after a prefix (e.g. *āgatya* ‘having come’)
- *iti* after direct speech
- *saha* with the third case ending (e.g. *rāmeṇa saha* ‘together with Rāma’)
- *samīpe* with the sixth case ending (e.g. *rāmasya samīpe* ‘near Rāma’)
- *dadāti* and *namati* with the fourth case ending (e.g. *rāmāya phalam dadāti* ‘He gives fruit to Rāma’)
- the use of the sixth case ending to show possession (e.g. *rāmasya pustakam asti* - ‘Rāma has a book’).

#### Topics:

Complementary sentences (*yadā / tadā* etc); Indefinites (*kiṃcit, kutrāpi* etc); Passive verbs; *tavat* forms; Common *upsargas*; *sandhi* and its application; The *samāsa* system (compound words); Infinitives; Present Participles; Locative Absolute; *kr̥tya*; Regular and Special use of cases (*vibhakti*); the *śloka* and its scansion; common *dhātus* in the active, passive, future, and perfect forms, all in 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular, and in the infinitive; *kr̥tya, -ta* & *-tvā* forms

#### Literature:

- Epic Civilization Course: provides a brief overview of literature associated with the Sanskrit tradition.
- 6 Mahābhārata Adapted Stories; 5 *Hitopadeśa* Selections and 20 *Bhagavad Gītā* verses – see ‘[Study Aid Book](#)’ and [videos](#).

For details, [resources](#), and specimen papers, go to [www.sanskritexams.org.uk](http://www.sanskritexams.org.uk)

**Other Study Books** (available online from Amazon): The Stories of Krishna, Parts 1 & 2 (introductory); The Story of Rama, Parts 1 & 2, Stories from the Mahabharata, 1, 2 and 3.