An overview of IGCSE Sanskrit study for 2019 - 2024
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, dhātṛ, pitṛ, mātṛ* and *svasṛ, 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)
  2nd person singular and plural imperative forms for verbs like *bhavati*
  3rd 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; *kṛtya*; Regular and Special use of cases (*vibhakti*); the *śloka* and its scansion; common *dhātus* in the active, passive, future, and perfect forms, all in 3rd person singular, and in the infinitive; *kṛtya*, *-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 (mostly free), and specimen papers, go to www.sanskritexams.org.uk

Other Study Books **(available online from mlbd.in : The Stories of Krishna, Parts 1 & 2; Sanskrit: An Introductory Course; The Story of Rama, Parts 1 & 2, Stories from the Mahabharata, 1, 2 and 3.**