



Somaiya Vidyavihar University

Syllabus

Certificate Course in Prakrit Language and Literature

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Preamble:

The word Prakrit is derived from Pra-krti which means nature and so Prakrit is a natural language. It is the name for a group of Middle Indo Aryan languages which were popular dialects of ancient India, spoken until the 4th-8th centuries. This programme focusses on Maharashtri, Shauraseni, Magadhi and Ardhamagadhi Prakrits, introducing grammar from the well-known text, Hemchandra's Vyakarana.

Prakrit literature is a treasure of ancient Indian texts of various genres: epics, poems, romantic and narrative literature, as well as doctrinal and philosophical treatises. Inscriptions at ancient heritage sites are generally found in Prakrit and this language is invaluable for students of history and archaeology.

Eligibility: SSC or equivalent.

Duration: 2 semesters

Semester I
Credit Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Teaching Scheme (Hrs.) TH – P – TUT	Total (Hrs.)	Credits Assigned TH – P – TUT	Total Credits
128C03C101	Prakrit Language and Literature : 1	02 – 0 – 0	02	02 – 0 – 0	02
Total		02 - 0 - 0	02	02 - 0 - 0	02
Semester II					
128C03C201	Prakrit Language and Literature : 2	02 – 0 – 0	02	02 – 0 – 0	02
Total		02 - 0 - 0	02	02 - 0 - 0	02
Grand Total		04 - 0 - 0	04	04 - 0 - 0	04

Examination Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Examination Scheme		
		Marks		
		IA	ESE	Total
128C03C101	Prakrit Language and Literature : 1	50	50	100
128C03C201	Prakrit Language and Literature : 2	50	50	100
Total		100	100	200

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Semester I

Course Name: Prakrit Language and Literature : 1

Credit Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Teaching Scheme (Hrs.) TH – P – TUT	Total (Hrs.)	Credits Assigned TH – P – TUT	Total Credits
128C03C101	Prakrit Language and Literature : 1	02 – 0 – 0	02	02 – 0 – 0	02

Examination Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Examination Scheme		
		Marks		
		IA	ESE	Total
128C03C101	Prakrit Language and Literature : 1	50	50	100

Paper / Course Code	Paper / Course Title			
128C03C101	Prakrit Language and Literature : 1			
	TH	P	TUT	Total
Teaching Scheme(Hrs.)	02	--	--	02
Credits Assigned	02	--	--	02
Examination Scheme	Marks			
	IA	ESE	Total	
Semester I	50	50	100	

Course Objectives

The term Prakrit is used for the popular dialects of India which were spoken until the 4th-8th centuries. There is a big treasure of literature available up to 200 A.D. to 1200 A.D in various Prakrit languages, which introduce us with ancient history, culture and, tradition. This course helps to understand basic grammar to learn Prakrit language.

Course Outcomes

At the end of successful completion of the course the student will be able to

1. Students will be able to understand the Grammar of Maharashtri Prakrit language.
2. Students will be acquainted with Prakrit Language and its rules.
3. Students will be able to understand the importance of Prakrit language to know more on history, ancient culture and literature.

Module No.	Unit No.	Prakrit Language and Literature : 1	Marks / Hrs.
1.0	1.1	Introduction to elementary Prakrit Grammar(s)	20/22
		1. History and development of Prakrit language. 2. Types of Prakrit Languages and their special features. 3. Prākṛta Vyākaraṇa Praveśikā (Alphabets, Declension of nouns and pronouns)	
2.0	2.1	Prakrit Literature	30/24
		1. Pāgada Pavesa with 5 lessons 2. Basic Sutras from Hemchandra Vyakaran – Pāda I	

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Recommended books:

Sr. No.	Name/s of Author/s	Title of Book	Name of Publisher with country	Edition and Year of Publication
1.	Dr. Jagdish Chandra Jain	<i>Prakrit Sahitya ka Itihasa</i>	Choukhmba Vidyabhavan, Varanasi	1961
2.	Dr. N. C. Shastri	<i>Prakrit Bhasha aur Sahitya ka Alochnatmak Itihasa</i>	Tara Publication, Varanasi	1966
3.	Dr. Prem Suman Jain	<i>Prakrit Svayam Shikshak</i>	Prakrut Bharati Academy, Jaipur	1982
4.	Satyarnjan Banarji	<i>Prakrit Vyakaran Praveshika</i>	B.L. Institute of Indology, Delhi	1999
5.	K.V. Apte	<i>Hemchandra Shabdanushasan</i>	Chaukhambha Sanskrit Bhavan, Varanasi	1996
6.	Kothari C.K.	<i>Prakrit Pravesh</i>	NIPSR	2004
7.	Pro. Jagdish Chandra Jain	<i>History and Development of Prakrit Literature</i>		2004
8.	Dr. Tara Daga	<i>Prakrit Sahitya ki Ruparekha</i>	Prakrut Bharati Academy, Jaipur	2006
9.	Dr. Radha Vallabh Tripathi	<i>Universal Values of Prakrit Texts</i>	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi	2011

Semester II

Course Name: Prakrit Language and Literature : 2

Credit Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Teaching Scheme (Hrs.) TH – P – TUT	Total (Hrs.)	Credits Assigned TH – P – TUT	Total Credits
128C03C201	Prakrit Language and Literature : 2	02 – 0 – 0	02	02 – 0 – 0	02

Examination Scheme

Course Code	Course Name	Examination Scheme		
		Marks		
		IA	ESE	Total
128C03C201	Prakrit Language and Literature : 2	50	50	100

Paper / Course Code	Paper / Course Title			
128C03C201	Prakrit Language and Literature : 2			
	TH	P	TUT	Total
Teaching Scheme(Hrs.)	02	--	--	02
Credits Assigned	02	--	--	02
Examination Scheme	Marks			
	IA	ESE	Total	
Semester II	50	50	100	

Course Objectives

Prakrit is not one language but it is the group of many dialects. These were colloquial languages in ancient time. There are many Jaina Scriptures which written in Prakrit language and even Sanskrit writers had used this language in their writings. Hence this language is more useful to understand the lifestyle of ancient people and Jaina scripture.

Course Outcomes

At the end of successful completion of the course :

1. Students will be able to understand Prakrit literature and mostly philosophical literature of the Jainas.
2. Students will be able to understand the difference between Maharashtri, Shauraseni, Magadhi and Ardhamagadhi Prakrit.
3. Students will be benefitted by this course and will be able to read Prakrit text.

Module No.	Unit No.	Prakrit Language and Literature : 2	Marks/Hrs.
3.0	3.1	Prakrit Literature	25/22
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uttarājhyayaṇa Sutta – Viṇaya Sutta 1-10 Gāhā 2. Gāhāsattasāī – 10 Gāhā 3. Pāgada Pavesa with 6 lessons 4. Sutras on Vibhakti and Dhatu Pratyaya from Hemchandra Vyakaran – Pada III 	
4.0	4.1	Introduction to elementary Prakrit Grammar(s)	25/22
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prākṛta Vyākaraṇa Praveśikā (Sampurn) – Satyaranjan Banarji 2. Introduction to Shauraseni, Magadhi and Ardhamagadhi Prakrit 3. Translation from Prakrit language to chosen language and Sentence formation 	

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1.	P.L.Vaidya	<i>Prakrit Grammar</i>	Bhandarkar oriental Research Institute, Poona	1980
2.	K.V. Apte	<i>Hemchandra Shabdanushasan</i>	Chaukhambha Sanskrit Bhavan, Varanasi	1996
3.	Acharya Mahapragya	<i>Prakrit Vakyarachana Bodha</i>	Jaina Vishwa Bharati, Ladnun, Rajasthan	2003
4.	Kothari C.K.	<i>Prakrit Pravesh</i>	NIPSR	2004
5.	Satyarnjan Banarji	<i>Prakrit Vyakaran Praveshika</i>	B.L.Institute of Indology - Delhi	2012
6.	Dr. Tara Daga	<i>Prakrit Sahitya ki Ruprekha</i>	Prakrit Bharti Academy , Jaipur	2006
7.	Alfred C. Woolner	<i>Introduction to Prakrit</i>	Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi	2008
8.	Dr. Vinitpragya	<i>Uttaradhyayan Sutra</i>	Shri Chandraprabhu Maharaj Juna Jaina Mandir Trust, Chennai	2002
9.	Shri Subhadra Muni	<i>Shri Uttaradhyayan Sutra</i>	University Publication, New Delhi	1999
10.	Dr. Jagannath Pathak	<i>Gathasaptashati</i>	Chaukhambha Sanskrit Sansthan, Varanasi	2008