

PC I Sem.I  
Credit 4

Contact Hrs 90

### Aim of course

To give general awareness of the ancient period of Vedas, Upanisads and Smrtis

### Objectives of course

1. To give general knowledge about the ancient literature of India.
2. To familiarize the students with the Upanisads
3. To make the students aware of ancient literature on Dharmasutras and its relevance through the study of Smrtis

### Course Outline

#### Module I

Hymns on Agni, Indra, Hiranyagarbha, Purusha, Nasadiya, Vak

#### Module II

Textual study of the Brhadaranyaka Upanishad (chapter two upto sixth Brahmana )

#### Module III

Textual study of the Manusmrti - chapter Two - The Karmakalpa

#### Module IV

Textual study of chapter One Vinayadhikarana of Kautilya's Arthashastra. ( Upto 8<sup>th</sup> Adhyaya )

### Essential Reading

1. The Vedic Reader for Students- A.A Macdonell ,R.S. Vadhyar & sons 1990
2. The Brhadaranyaka Upanishad- Editors and Publishers Sri Ramakrishna Math, Puranattukara, Thrissur-1985
3. The Manusmrti - Editer J. L. Shastri Publishers Motilal Banarsidas, 2000
4. The Arthashastra – Editer L.N.Rangarajan , Publishers Penguin Books India,1992

## Additional Reading

1.The Laws of Manu - Author Wendy Doniger, Publishers Penguin Books, 1991

2.The Manusmrti - Editer Mridananda swamy Publishers Sri Ramakrishna Math,Puranattukara,Thrissur-1988

3.The Brhadaranyaka Upanisad Edited by Ranganadhananda swamy Publishers Sri Ramakrishna Math,Puranattukara,Thrissur-1988

	Module I	Module II	Module III	Module IV
Part A	2 questions	2	2	2
Part B	2	2	2	2
Part C	2	2	-	2

#### Scheme of Examination

	Type of Questions	Weight	No of Questions to be answered

Part A	.1-8 Short answer Qns (not more than one page) 2Qns from module I 2 Qns from module II 2 Qns from module III 2Qns from module IV	1	5*1=5
Part B	9-16 Short Essay Qns(not more than Two pages) 2Qns from module I 2 Qns from module II 2 Qns from module III 2 Qns from module IV	2	5*2=10
Part c	17-22 Essay Qns 2Qns from module I 2 Qns from module II Nil from module III 2 Qns from module IV	5	5*3=15