

## GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-8) INDIAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE

### Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
GE-9 Indian Classical Literature	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII with English from List A in CUET	NIL

### Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To offer students a foundational understanding of Indian classical literary tradition.
- To introduce students to a rich and diverse literature from two classical languages of India, Sanskrit and Tamil.

### Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to gain knowledge of the aesthetic and cultural values that serve as the groundwork for later developments in Indian philosophical and social change.

## SYLLABUS OF GE-9

### UNIT – I (15 Hours)

1. Vyasa. Selections from *The Mahabharata*, from *The Mahabharata of Krishna-Dwaipayana Vyasa*, trans. K. M. Ganguli (Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 2012).

- 'The Dicing' and 'Sequel to Dicing', Book 2, Sabha Parva Section XLVI-LXXII
- 'The Temptation of Karna', Book 5, Udyog Parva, Section CXL-CXLVI.
- 'Krishna's Peace Proposal', Book 5, Udyog Parva, Section LXXXIX-CXXXI

### UNIT – II (15 Hours)

1. Kalidasa. *Abhijnanasakuntalam*, trans. Chandra Rajan, in *Kalidasa: The Loom of Time*. Penguin Classics, 1989, reprint 2000.

### UNIT – III (15 Hours)

1. Ilango Atikal. 'The Book of Vanci', *Cilappatikaram*. trans. R. Parthasarathy (Columbia University Press, 1993; Penguin Books India, 2004).

**Practical component (if any) - NIL**

**Essential/recommended readings-** as listed in the units

#### **Suggestive readings:**

1. Bharata Muni. Selections from *Natyasastra*. (i) Chapter 6, 'The Sentiments'; (ii) Chapter 20, 'Ten Kinds of Play'; (iii) Chapter 35, 'Characteristics of the Jester', trans. Manomohan Ghosh, Calcutta: Asiatic Society of Bengal, 1951. pp105-17; 355-74; 548-50
2. Osho. Selections from *Krishna: The Man and His Philosophy*. (i) Krishna is Complete and Whole (ii) Draupadi: A Rare Woman (iii) Action, Inaction and Non-Action (iv) Rituals, Fire and Knowledge, Delhi: Jaico Publishing House, 1991.
3. Kapoor, Kapil. *Indian Knowledge System Vol. 1*. New Delhi: D.K. Printworld Pvt. Ltd., 2005. pp 1-31
4. Gerow, Edwin, et al. 'Indian Poetics', *The Literatures of India: An Introduction*. ed. Edward. C. Dimock et al, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1974. pp 115-143
5. Venkatachalapathy, R. 'Introduction', *Love Stands Alone: Selections from Tamil Sangam Poetry*. Delhi: Penguin Classics, 2013. pp XIII-XLI; 25; 45; 70; 186

**Note:** Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

### GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-9) TWENTIETH CENTURY DRAMA

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Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
GE-10 TWENTIETH CENTURY DRAMA	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL