Banaras Hindu University  
Faculty of Arts  
Department of Indian Languages

Syllabus

Two Year U.G. Diploma in Tamil

(There shall be Four written papers in Level – I, carrying 70 marks each of 3 credit points along with 30 marks of Internal Assessment and viva-voce for 100 marks of 3 credit points will be conducted at the end of Level – I by Internal & External examiners. There shall be Four written papers in Level – II, carrying 70 marks each of 3 credit points along with 30 marks of Internal Assessment and viva-voce for 100 marks of 3 credit points will be conducted at the end of Level – II by Internal & External examiners. Admission eligibility criteria and time frame of the course will remain same as before)

LEVEL – 1 SEMESTER – 1

PAPER – I: Introduction to Tamil Script  
CREDITS – 3  
70 Marks

Unit 1

1.1: Background to the Tamil language  
1.2: The Tamil Alphabet (’Soul’ and ’Body’ letters)  
1.3: Tamil Sounds and Pronunciation  
1.4: Tamil Grantha Letters (Special Letters)

Unit 2

2.1: Tamil Greetings  
2.2: Parts of the Body  
2.3: Days of the Week  
2.4: Pronouns (Personal and Possessive)

Internal Assessment  
30 Marks

Reference Materials


PAPER – II: Introduction to Basic Tamil  
CREDITS – 3  
70 Marks

Unit 1

1.1: Numbers (1-100)  
1.2: Demonstrative Pronouns  
1.3: Talking about oneself and one’s family  
1.4: Listening to a Conversation
Unit 2

2.1: Colours and Descriptions
2.2: Question Words
2.3: Finding a Restaurant
2.4: States, Places and Languages

Internal Assessment 30 Marks

Reference Materials


LEVEL – 1 SEMESTER – 2

PAPER – III: Reading and Comprehension - I  CREDITS – 3
70 Marks

Unit 1

1.1: Reading a passage
1.2: Discussing a picture
1.3: Simple reading exercise
1.4: Listening to a Conversation

Unit 2

2.1: Identifying Flora and Fauna
2.2: Describing Weather
2.3: Talking about own state
2.4: Talking to a co-passenger

Internal Assessment 30 Marks

Reference Materials


LEVEL – 1 SEMESTER – 2

PAPER – IV: Reading and Comprehension - II  CREDITS – 3
70 Marks

Unit 1

1.1: Numbers (100-1000)
1.2: Vocabulary review (Trees/Fruits/Vegetables)
1.3: Making simple descriptions
1.4: Spelling practice
Unit 2

2.1: Telling the Time
2.2: Times of the day
2.3: Conversation practice
2.4: Translating a passage

Internal Assessment

Reference Materials


Viva-Voce

LEVEL – 2 SEMESTER – 3

PAPER – V: Grammar & Communication Skills

Unit 1

1.1: Identifying basic sentence structures
1.2: Verb formation
1.3: Active and Passive sentences
1.4: Wh-questions and Answers

Unit 2

2.1: Using ‘perhaps’, ‘might be’, ‘proably’
2.2: Thoughts and intentions of using ‘because’ and ‘but’
2.3: Months & Seasons
2.4: Talking about one’s weekend & One’s family tree

Internal Assessment

Reference Materials

LEVEL – 2 SEMESTER – 3

PAPER – VI: Writing Skills

CREDITS – 3
70 Marks

Unit 1

1.1: Jobs and Professions
1.2: Daily routines
1.3: Making arrangements
1.4: Adjectives and Adverbs

Unit 2

2.1: Spotting spoken and written forms
2.2: Writing a small passage
2.3: Contemporary Tamil Cinema
2.4: Revision of vocabulary

Internal Assessment

30 Marks

Reference Materials


LEVEL – 2 SEMESTER – 4

PAPER – VII: Tamil Grammar

CREDITS – 3
70 Marks

Unit 1

1.1: Prepositions
1.2: Similarity and Contrast
1.3: Irregular verbs
1.4: Future Tense

Unit 2

2.1: Reporting someone’s speech
2.2: Making adjectives into verbs
2.3: Infinitive verbs
2.4: Negative verbs

Internal Assessment

30 Marks
Reference Materials


LEVEL – 2 SEMESTER – 4

PAPER – VIII: Introduction to Tamil Literature and Culture

Unit 1

1.1: Brief overview of Tamil Literature
1.2: Sangam literature and short history of Tamil literature
1.3: Essays on Tamil Important Tamil Literary works
1.4: Contemporary Tamil literature

Unit 2

2.1: Tamil Festivals
2.2: Tamil Proverbs
2.3: Essays on Tamil Important Places of Tamil Nadu
2.4: Tamil in other countries

Internal Assessment

Reference Materials

Internal Assessment


Viva-Voce

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