

SEC-1: Reading & Writing Skills in Brahmi Scripts

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Prerequisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Reading & Writing Skills in Brahmi Scripts	02	1		1	Class XII Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives

Course of Epigraphy & script is an inter-disciplinary course within Sanskrit. The Brahmi script used in Indian inscriptions was developed into all modern Indian scripts like Tamil, Malayalam, Oriya, Bangali, Gurmukhi, among others. Study of inscriptions written mostly in Sanskrit languages, helps in preparation of ancient history.

Learning outcomes

This course is helpful for students to investigate how actually Brahmi script developed and transformed into a wide variety at a time when mode and means of transport and communication were extremely slow. After acquiring knowledge of its variation, it will certainly be helpful in ascertaining to understand period of an inscription whose date is uncertain. This course is highly helpful for the students willing to adopt archaeology as their occupation with a background of Sanskrit.

Detailed Syllabus

Unit I

Introduction to Brahmi Script

Introduction to Brahmi Script (Origin and Development)
Early Brahmi alphabet Asokan period

Unit II

Translation

Translation to variations up to 4th century C.E.
Reading Asokan Inscriptions

Essential/recommended readings

1. Dani, A.H.: Indian Paleography, 1963
2. Upasak, C.S.: History & Paleography of Mauryan Brahmi Script, 1960
3. Verma, T.P.: Paleography of Brahmi script in North India, 1971
4. ओझा, गौ. ही. भारतीय प्राचीन प्रमाला
5. पाण्डेय, राजबली अशोक के आभलेख 1967

Examination scheme and mode: Subject to directions from the Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time