

Gujarati Literature — Optional Syllabus

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination

The Gujarati language and its literature — history, criticism and prescribed texts.

Paper I	250 marks	3 hours
Paper II	250 marks	3 hours
Optional total	500 marks	Counts toward the Mains merit

Paper I syllabus 250 marks · 3 hours

(Answers must be written in Gujarati)

Section A Gujarati Language : Form and History

- (2) Significant features of the Gujarati language : phonology, morphology and syntax.
- 4. Jaina tradition
- 5. Bhakti tradition : Sagun and Nirgun (Jnanmargi)
- 7. Sudharak yug
- 8. Pandit yug
- 9. Gandhi yug
- 10. Anu-Gandhi yug
- 11. Adhunik yug

Section A Gujarati Language : Form and History: (1) History of Gujarati Language with special reference to New Indo-Aryan i.e. last one thousand years.

Section A Gujarati Language : Form and History: (3) Major dialects : Surti, pattani, charotari and Saurashtri.

- History of Gujarati literature Medieval :

Section A Gujarati Language : Form and History: 6. Non-sectarian tradition (Laukik parampara)

- Modern :

Section B Literary Forms : (Salient features, history and development of the following literary forms :) (a) Medieval

- 1. Narratives : Rasa, Akhyana and Padyavarta
- 4. Fiction : Novel and Short Story
- 5. Drama
- 6. Literary Essay
- 8. History of theoretical Gujarati criticism
- 9. Recent research in folk tradition.

Section B Literary Forms : (Salient features, history and development of the following literary forms :) (a) Medieval: 2. Lyrical: Pada

- (b) Folk

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- (c) Modern

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- (d) Criticism

Paper II syllabus 250 marks · 3 hours

(Answers must be written in Gujarati) The paper will require first-hand reading of the texts prescribed and will be designed to test the critical ability of the candidate.

Section A: 1. Medieval

- (i) Vasantvilas phagu—AJNATKRUT
- (ii) Kadambari—BHALAN
- (iii) Sudamacharitra—PREMANAND
- (iv) Chandrachandratini varta—SHAMAL
- (v) Akhegeeta—AKHO

Section A: 2. Sudharakyug & Pandityug

- (vi) Mari Hakikat—NARMADASHA
- (vii) Farbasveerah—DALPATRAM
- (viii) Saraswatichandra-Part 1—GOVARDHANRAM TRIPATHI
- (ix) Purvalap—'KANT' (MANISHANKAR RATNAJI BHATT)
- (x) Raino Parvat—RAMANBHAI NEELKANTH

Section B: 1. Gandhiyug & Anu Gandhiyug

- (i) Hind Swaraj—MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI
- (ii) Patanni Prabhuta—KANHAIYALAL MUNSHI
- (iii) Kavyani Shakti—RAMNARAYAN VISHWANATH PATHAK
- (iv) Saurashtrani Rasdhar-Part 1—ZAVERCHAND MEGHANI
- (v) Manvini Bhavai—PANNALAL PATEL
- (vi) Dhvani—RAJENDRA SHAH

Section B: 2. Adhunik yug

- (vii) Saptapadi—UMASHANKAR JOSHI
- (viii) Janantike—SURESH JOSHI
- (ix) Ashwatthama—SITANSHU YASHASCHANDRA.

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