

Sindhi Literature — Optional Syllabus

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination

The Sindhi 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 Sindhi (Arabic or Devanagari Script)

Section A: 1. (a) Origin and evolution of Sindhi language—views of different scholars.

- (b) Significant linguistic features of Sindhi language, including those pertaining to its phonology, morphology and syntax.
- (c) Major dialects of the Sindhi language.
- (d) Sindhi vocabulary—stages of its growth, including those in the pre-partition and post-partition periods.
- (e) Historical study of various Writing Systems (Scripts) of Sindhi.
- (f) Changes in the structure of Sindhi language in India, after partition, due to influence of other languages and social conditions.

Section B: 2. Sindhi literature through the ages in context of socio-cultural conditions in the respective periods

- (a) Early medieval literature upto 1350 A.D. including folk literature.
- (b) Late medieval period from 1350 A.D. to 1850 A.D.
- (c) Renaissance period from 1850 A.D. to 1947 A.D.
- (d) Modern period from 1947 and onwards. (Literary genres in Modern Sindhi literature and experiments in poetry, drama, novel, short story, essay, literary criticism, biography, autobiography, memoirs and travelogues.)

Paper II syllabus 250 marks · 3 hours

Answer must be written in Sindhi (Arabic or Devanagari script) This paper will require the first-hand reading of the texts prescribed and will be designed to test the candidate's critical ability.

Section A References to context and critical appreciation of the texts included in this section.: (1) Poetry

- a. "Shah Jo Choond Shair" : ed. H.I. Sadarangani, Published by Sahitya Akademi (First 100 pages).
- b. "Sachal Jo Choond Kalam" : ed. Kalyan B. Advani Published by Sahitya Akademi (Kafis only).
- c. "Sami-a-ja Choond Sloka" : ed. B.H. Nagrani Published by Sahitya Akademi (First 100 pages).
- d. "Shair-e-Bewas" : by Kishinchand Bewas("Saamoondi Sipoon" portion only).
- e. "Roshan Chhanvro" : Narayan Shyam.
- f. "Virhange Khapoi je Sindhi Shair jee Choond" : ed. H.I. Sadarangani, published by Sahitya Akademi.

Section A References to context and critical appreciation of the texts included in this section.: (2) Drama

- g. "Behtareen Sindhi Natak" (One-act Plays) : Edited by M. Kamal Published by Gujarat Sindhi
- Academy. h. "Kako Kaloomal" (Full-length Play) : by Madan Jumani.

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