

Type:	Compulsory
Course Code:	SANS 11223
Title:	Sanskrit Epics and Didactic Fables
Pre requisites:	General requirements of the Faculty of Humanities to follow the Level I course units
Learning outcomes:	At the end of this course unit, the students should be able to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the origin and development of Epics and Didactic Fables in Sanskrit, • Understand the structure of the Epics and Didactic Fables, • Interpret the selected extracts from Sanskrit Literature, • Describe the practical values of Didactic Fables and Epics, • Apply the Proverbs in Sanskrit parables.

Course Content:

History of Sanskrit epics and didactic fables, structure of great epics (*Rāmāyana* and *Mahābhārata*), essence of the epics, themes of the didactic fables, styles of great epics and didactic fables, social norms and values as depicted in didactic fables.

Prescribed Texts:	<i>Rāmāyana</i>	– <i>Sundarakhāṇḍa 14-17</i>
	<i>Mahābhārata</i>	– <i>Bhagavad Gītā, III & IV</i>
	<i>Pañchatantra</i>	– <i>IV</i>
	<i>Hitopadeṣa</i>	– <i>III</i>
	<i>Katāsaritsāgara</i>	– <i>X,4,10-107</i>

Methodology:

Lectures, discussions, tutorials and presentations.

Scheme of Assessments:

Assignments, presentations, in class tests, end of the semester examinations.
(For written examination 60%, for assignments, presentations, in-class tests 40%)

Recommended Reading:

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Ghosh, J., (1963). *Epic Sources of Sanskrit Literature*, Sanskrit College, Calcutta.
Guruge Ananda, (1960). *The Society of Rāmāyana*, Saman Press, Maharagama, Ceylon.
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මුනිදාස, සෙනරත් යාපා, (1990). සංක්ෂිප්ත මහාභාරතය, ගොඩගේ පොත් සමාගම, මරදාන.
සේනානායක, ජේ. එස්. බී., (1998). රාමායණය i,ii,iii, ගොඩගේ පොත් ප්‍රකාශකයෝ, මරදාන.
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