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Third Year (Honours)

Course Code	Course Title	Marks	Credits
1472	History of Buddhism in India	100	4
1473	Buddhist Sanskrit Literature	100	4
1474	Comparative Philology, Linguistics and Translation	100	4
1475	Pali Prosody, Phetoric, Essay and Amplification	100	4
1476	Non-Cononical Pali Literature	100	4
1477	Suttapitak: Jataka and Apadana Literature	100	4
1478	Pali Vamsa Literature	100	4
1479	Introduction to Theravade Buddhist Philosophy	100	4
	Total =	800	32

Course Code	1472	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	History of Buddhism in India			

1. Pre-Buddhistic history of political, religious and social conditions.
2. The history of Buddhism from Buddha to Pala Dynasty (Bimbisara, Prasenjit, Ajatasatru, Udyan, Kalasoka, Mauriyan period – Asoka, Kanishka, Harsavardhan, Gupta-period and Pala period).
3. Rise and decline of Buddhism in India and contribution of kings and setthis.

Books Recommended

1. H.C. Roy chowdhury – Political History of Ancient India.
2. V.A. Smith – Early History of India (Part -VI)
3. B.C. Law: Historical Geography of Early Buddhism.
4. H.C. Hazra – Royal Patronage of Buddhism in Ancient India.
5. Lama Chimba and Alak Chatto padhyay (tr)
-Taranath's History of Buddhism in India.
6. Nihar Ranjan Roy – Bangalir Itihas – (Beng.)
7. R. C. Majumder – Banglar Itihas (Beng.)
8. Sukomal Chowdhury – Contemporary Buddhism in Bangladesh.
9. Gopal Chandra Haldar – Bharatbarser Itihas (Beng.)
10. Manikuntala Haldar – Bauddhadharmer Itihas (Beng.)
11. Dipankar Srijnan Barua – Bangalee Bauddhader Itihas, Dharma o Sanskriti (Beng.)

Course Code	1473	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	Buddhist Sanskrit Literature			

1. Saddhammapundarika – sutra
2. Lankavatar sutra
3. Lalitvistara,
4. Prajnaparamita sutra.
5. Samadhiraja sutra.
6. Gandhavuha.
7. Karandavuha
8. Dasabhumika
9. Suvarnaprabhasa.
10. Bodhicaryavatara.

Books Recommended

1. M. Winternitz – History of Indian Literature vol. II
2. K. R. Narayan – Literary History of Sanskrit Literature
3. A. C. Banerji – Saravativada Literature.
4. N. Dutt – Saddharmapundarika Sutram.
5. R.L. Mitra – Sanskrit Buddhist Literature of Nepal.
6. B.C. Law – A History of Pali Literature vol. II
7. Shilachar Shastri – Bauddhadarsan (Beng.).
8. Shantidev (tran. by Jyotipal Mahathera) – Bodhicaryavatar.
9. R.B. Barua – Pali Sahitryer Itihas vol. I (Beng.)
10. B.N. Chowdhury – Bauddha Sahitya (Beng.)

Course Code	1474	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	Comparative Philology, Linguistics and translation			

Selected topics :

1. Comparative philology 40

Definition of Comparative philology, Its relation with other sciences, Origin of languages, Theory of the origin of languages, It is not an organic growth, Its constant change, Dialects, Theory of phonetic change, Causes of phonetic change, Grimm's theory.

2. Elements of linguistics 40

The Indo-European Family of languages, Periods in the development of Indo-Aryan Speech, The characteristics of sound inflexion, Syntex, periods in the development of Pali, Theories regarding the home of Pali, Various elements of Pali, philology of vowels – consonants, Conjunct – consonants, Development of inflexion with reference to Indo-European, Pali and other M.I.A. Languages from M.I.A.

3. Translation – (Unseen) 20

A. From Pali to Bengali or English.

B. From Bengali or English to Pali.

Books Recommended

1. Sukumar Sen – Bhasar Itivritya (Beng.)
2. S.K. Chatterjee – Origin and Development of Bengali Languages (Introduction only)
3. R.B. Barua – Madhya Bharatiya Aryabhasa o Sahitya (Beng.)
4. Bhikkhu Sasana Rakkhit – Bhasatattva Sar. (Beng.)
5. Rafiqul Islam – Bhasatattva (Beng.)
6. Atindra Majumder – Madhya Bharatiya Aryabhasa o Sahitya (Beng.)
7. Murari Mohan Sen – Bhasar Itihas vol. I, II (Beng.)

For Translation:-

1. N.R. Mutsuddy and Bhupendra Nath Mutsuddy – Vyakaran o Anuvad Siksha. (Beng.)
2. Principal P.R. Barua – Pali Prakasika (Beng.)
3. A.P. Buddhadatta Maha Nayaka Thera – The New Pali Course.
4. Dipankar Srijnan Barua – Pali Vyakaran of Anuvad Pariciti. (Beng.)
5. Nutan Chandra Barua – Pali Vyakaran o Anuvad Siksha. (Beng.)

Course Code	1475	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	Pali Prosody, Rhetoric, Essay and Amplification			

Selected topics:

1. Pali Prosody 30

Definition, Characteristics, Samapada, Addha Samapada, Visamapada and Samavutta Chanda, Kumara Lalita, Chitrapada, Vijjummala, Halamukhi, Champakamala, Indavajira, Upendavajira, Salini, Vamsattha, Indavamsa, Totaka, Piyamvada.

2. Rhetoric 30

Definition, Necessity, Upama, Rupaka, Vyatireka, Vibhavana, Atthalankar, Sabdalankar

3. Essay - 25

4. Amplification 15

Books Recommended

1. Jnauiswar Mahasthvir – Pali Prabesh (Vuttodaya)
2. Aryavangsha Sthavir – Subodhalankar.
3. Prajnananda Sthavir – Mahavagga Pali.
4. Dipankar Srijan Barua – Pali Vyakaran o Anuvad Pariciti.

Course Code	1476	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	Non – Canonical Pali Literature and Translation			

Selected topics :

1. Milinda Panha – Bahirakatha, Saddha, Viriya, Sati, Samadhi, Panna, Kamma, Supina, Nibbana.
2. Visuddhimagga – Sila Niddesa, Samadhi Niddesa.
3. Nettipakarana – Uddesavara, Niddesavara, Desanahar, Adhitthanahar.

Books Recommended:

1. Dharmadhar Mahasthvir (tran.) – Milinda Panha
2. Sraman Punnananda Swami and Gopal Das Chowdhury (Tran.) – Visuddhimagga.
3. Shilananda Brahmachari – Visuddhimagga Parikrama
4. Bhikkhu Nanamoli – The Path of Purification.
5. P. Maung Tin – The Path of Purity.
6. Rabindranath Basu – A Critical Study of the Milinda Panha.
7. B. A. Pali Selection – Prose – Published by the Calcutta University.
8. Santarakkhit Mahasthvir – Nettipakaran. (Trans.)

Course Code	1477	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	Suttapitaka : Jataka and Apadana Literature			

Selected topics:

1. Jataka

- A. Introduction to Jataka – vol. I and II
- B. Jataka – Nemi Vidurapandita Kusa
Kunala Sibi Shyama Maha
Ummaga Khantivadi Rajovada
Vesrantara

2. Apadana

Sariputtapadana, Upali Apadana, Subhuti Apadana, Khemapadana, Mahapajapati Apadana.

Books Recommended

1. Ishan Chandra Ghose (trans.) – vol. 1-6.
2. Fausball – Jataka. vol. 1-6.
3. B. A. Pali Selection – Poetry – Published by Calcutta University.
4. M. Winternit – History of Indian Literature vol. II.
5. B. C. Law. A History of Pali Literature. vol. I.
6. R. B. Barua – Pali Sahityer Itihas vol. I.
7. B. N. Chowdhury – Baudha Sahitya.

Course Code	1478	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	Pali Vamsa Literature			

Selected topics:

1. Mahavamsa – Chapter – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 18
2. Dipavamsa – Chapter - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13
3. Thupavamsa – Chapter 1-3
4. Dathavamsa – Full.
5. Sasanavamsa – Chapter 1-5

Books Recommended:

1. Geiger – Mahavamsa.
2. Subhara Barua – Mahavamsa.
3. Dipankar Srijnan Barua and Sumangal Barua (tran.)- Dipavamsa.
4. Sadhan Kamal Chowdhury (tran.)- Thupavamsa.
5. Bela Bhattacharya – Thupavamsa. (tran.)
6. Asha Das (tran.) – Dipavamsa.
7. Dvarika Mohan Mutsuddy – Dathavamsa (Beng.)
8. Dharmadhar Mahasthvir (tran.) – Sasanavamsa.
9. M. Winternitz – History of Indian Literature vol. II.
10. R. B. Barua – Pali Sahityer Itihas. vol. I.
11. B. C. Law – A History of Pali Literature vol. I
12. B. N. Chowdhury – Bauddha Sahitya (Beng.)
13. Anukul Chandra Bandopadhyay – Buddha o Bauddha dharma. (Beng.)

Course Code	1479	Marks: 100	Credits: 4	Class Hours: 60
Course Title:	Introduction to Theravada Buddhist Philosophy			

Selected topics:

- A. Four Noble Truths (Cattaro Ariya Saccani), Eight – fold Noble Path (AriyatthangiKamagga), Sila, Anicca dassana, Anatta Dassana, Paticca – Samuppada, Theory of Kamma, Theory of Rebirth, Nibbana.
- B. Abhidhammattha Sangaha – Citta and Cetasika.

Books Recommended:

1. Sukomal Chaudhuri – Gautom Buddher Dharma of Darshan (Beng.)
2. Sukomal Chaudhuri – An Analytical Study of AbhidhammaKosa
3. birendra Lal Mutsuddy – Abhidharmartha Sangraha
4. Ramchandra Barua – Abhidharmartha Sangraha.
5. Subhuti Ranjan Barua – Abhidharmartha Sangraha.
6. Acharya Visuddhananda Mahasthvir – Satya Darshah.
7. Shilananda Brahmachari – Abhidharma Darpan.
8. R. B. Barua – Pali Sahityer Itihas vol. I.
9. Jinabodhi Bhikkhu – Tathagata Buddher Bodhividhi.
10. M. winternitz – History of Indian Literature vol. II
11. A. P. Maungtin – A Compendium of Buddhist Philosophy.
12. A. B. Keith – Buddhist Philosophy of India and Ceylon.