

Important Questions and Preparation Tips

* Essays/Long Answer Questions (10-15 marks each):

* Detailed explanation of themes, characters, or philosophical concepts from the prescribed poetry (Valmiki Ramayanam, Yaksha Prasna, Mevada Rajyastapanam, Buddacharitam).

* Elaborate on the "Sishyanusasanam" from Taittiriyaopanishad or "Sraddhatrayavibhagayoga" from Bhagavadgita.

* Discuss the significance of Swami Vivekananda's thoughts or King Bhoja's patronage of scholars.

* Essays on the contributions of important Sanskrit authors (e.g., Kalidasa, Bharavi, Magha, Bhavabhuti, Sankaracharya).

* Sandarbhas (Contextual Explanations - 5 marks each):

* You'll be given a verse or a prose passage and asked to explain its context, meaning, and significance. This is a common question type.

* Practice identifying important verses from the prescribed poetry sections.

* Short Answer Questions (2-5 marks each):

* Definitions and examples of specific Alankaras.

* Brief descriptions of the works or contributions of Sanskrit authors mentioned in the History of Literature section.

* Basic questions related to the plot or characters of the prescribed texts.

* Grammar Questions (vary in marks, often a significant portion):

* Shabda Rupani: Be able to write the full declensions (all cases and numbers) of the given Nouns and Pronouns. This is a must-practice area.

* Dhatu Rupani: Conjugate the given verbs in different tenses (e.g., Lat, Lit, Lrut, Lang, Vidhiling, Lot) and persons/numbers.

* Krudanta Pratyayas: Identify the Krudanta pratyaya in given words or form words using specific pratyayas.

* Sandhi: Identify the type of Sandhi in given words or combine words using specified Sandhi rules (e.g., Latva, Jastva).

* Alankaras: Define the Alankara and give a suitable example.

General Study Strategy:

* Understand the Syllabus: Get a clear printout of the official AKNU 1st Semester Sanskrit syllabus.

* Textual Study: Read and understand the prescribed texts thoroughly. Don't just memorize translations; try to grasp the Sanskrit meaning.

* Grammar Practice: Dedicate significant time to grammar. Practice declensions, conjugations, and Sandhi rules regularly. Flashcards can be helpful.

* Alankaras: Learn the definitions and unique characteristics of each Alankara, along with at least one clear example for each.

* History of Literature: Make concise notes on each author mentioned in the syllabus – their period, major works, and significance.

* **Time Management:** During the exam, allocate time according to the marks for each section.