

**CORE COURSE VIII – HISTORY OF SANSKRIT LITERATURE
(Excluding Darsanas)**

BOOKS FOR REFERENCE

1. A History of Sanskrit Literature by Macdonell A.A.,.
2. History of Indian Literature, by Winternitz, M.
3. History of Classical Sanskrit Literature by Keith, A.B.
4. History of Sanskrit Dramas by Keith, A.B.,
5. History of Classical Sanskrit Literature by De, S.K., and Das Gupta.

UNIT I	The Vedic Period The Rgveda, Yajurveda, Samaveda and Atharvaveda BraahmaNas and UpaniSads, their date and contents.
UNIT II	The Sutra Period.The vedangas and Kalpasutras
UNIT III	The Classical period – The Epics and Purana-s Ramayana and Mahabharata – Their comparative Chronology.Puranas: The 18 Mahapuranas and Upapuranas Mahakavyas: Pancamahakavyas, their authors, dates Historical Kavyas; Lyrics; Gnostic and Didactic poems; Anthologies.
UNIT IV	Prose Romances; Campus; Popular Tales and Fables; Dramas, Types of Sanskrit Dramas; Characteristics of Sanskrit Dramas; Alankara Sastra.
UNIT V	Scientific Literature Music; Kamasastra; Prosody; Lexicography; Science of Grammar-its schools; Astrology; Astronomy and Mathematics; Dharma Sastram AyurvedaH, Artha Sastram, Dhanurvedah and Architecture.