

# UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

## NET BUREAU

Code No. : 45

**Subject : JAPANESE**

### SYLLABUS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS

**Note :**

Paper-II consists of 50 multiple choice questions of 2 marks each. The syllabus will cover the areas of language, literature, general awareness about Japan. Paper-III(A) consists of 10 questions of 16 marks each. Each question is to be answered in approximately 180 characters. Use of maximum number of 'KANJI' is desirable. Question No. 1 to 6 are to be answered in short note-form, on some or all of the topics. The candidate has a choice to answer up to a maximum of three questions in English. At least three questions must be answered in Japanese. Question Nos. 7 to 10 are translation of passages from Japanese into English and vice-versa. Paper-III(B) consists of a composition to be written in Japanese on one of the three given topics, within 1200 characters (3 'genkoyoshi' of 400 spaces each) carrying 40 marks. Use of maximum 'KANJI' is desirable.

#### PAPER-II

**1. Language**

Grammar : Particles; Parts of speech; Passive and Causative constructions; Conjugation; Coordination  
Scripts and Pronunciation  
Honorifics (Keigo)  
Idioms and Proverbs  
Onomatopoeic Expressions  
Synonyms and Antonyms  
Comprehension

**2. Literature**

—Names of books and authors and the period they belonged to  
—Characters in famous literary works  
—Names of various genres of Japanese literature

**3. General Awareness**

Questions related to all aspects of Japan, viz., culture, society, history, politics, economics, sports, etc.

**Unit-I**

Various literary styles and literary movements in Japan, trends in ancient, medieval and modern literature; famous writers of poetry, prose, novel and drama; themes of famous literary works.

**Unit-II**

Aspects of Japanese society; annual events and festivals; religion; traditional and fine arts of Japan, viz., tea ceremony, flower arrangement, theatre art, painting, etc.; way of living of the Japanese; the Japanese work culture; education; women in Japan; aging society; socio-cultural concepts such as bushido, seppuku, etc.; sports and leisure activities; contemporary social problems.

**Unit-III**

Historical periods of Japan and the respective political institutions; various political ideologies, viz., Confucianism, kokugaku, rangaku, etc.; Emperor system in Japan; feudalism—shogunate, daimyo, sankin kotai, bushido, etc.; modernisation of Japan; Japanese Imperialism; Pacific War; Post-war occupation period; rapid economic growth; rise of the middle-class; Constitution; electoral system and parliamentary democracy in Japan, etc.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

PAPER-II

1. 月末で忙しい時ですからね、あなたに( )と困るんですよ。  
a. 休まれる    b. 休ませる    c. 休まされる    d. 休む
2. 来年結婚することになりましたので、今年いっばいで会社を( )いただきたいのです。  
a. やめて    b. やめさせて    c. やめさせられて    d. やめないで
3. 新しい薬を医者にすすめられて飲んだら、( )頭痛がひどくなった。  
a. いっそう    b. もっと    c. なおさら    d. さらに

PAPER-III(A)

1. 家の近くには大きなこうえん①がある。

Or

大きなかんぱん②がこの店の目印だ。

Or

PAPER-III(B)

11.

Or

★ ★ ★