

What is the Hindi A: Literature?

Language A: Literature focuses on the formal analysis of texts and wide coverage of a variety of literature. In this two-year course, students explore and analyse literary texts such as poems, novels, and plays. Students can choose to study this course either at Higher level or at Standard level.

What skills would I develop as a learner?

- A personal appreciation of literature and develop an understanding of the techniques involved in literary criticism.
- Develop power of expression, both in oral and written communication, and the opportunity of practising and developing the skills involved in writing and speaking in a variety of styles and situations
- Ability to read a range of literary works of different periods, genres, styles and contexts.
- Develop my perspective through the study of works from other cultures and languages

Are there any differences between SL & HL?

- a. The number of texts studied—13 literary works at higher level; 10 literary works at standard level
- b. Teaching time—a minimum of 240 hours at higher level; a minimum of 150 hours at standard level
- c. Fewer assessment tasks at standard level
- d. More assessment guidance at standard level
- e. The criteria of assessment are different to account for greater rigour at higher level
- f. Grade boundaries are higher at higher level—a higher level student has to score more marks than a standard level student to achieve the same grade.
- g. The duration of the assessment components, such as examination papers, is longer at higher level.

What is the curriculum of Hindi A: Literature?

At higher level students will read texts, such as *Nirmala*, *Godan*, *Satranj ke khiladi* by Munsif Premchand, *Parneeshwarnath Renu's Maila Aanchal*, *Suraj ka satvaan Ghoda* by Dharamveer Bharti, as well as collections of poems written by renowned Hindi poets – Mahadevi Verma, Phanishwar Nath 'Renu', Ramdhari Singh Dinkar. In addition to these texts, all students will need to work with unseen texts as well.

How does assessment look in Hindi A: Literature?

Students have five assessment components in this course:

- a. An oral commentary on an extract from a text
- b. One individual oral presentation on a topic of the student's choice
- c. One written assignment
- d. A written examination paper that requires the analysis of unseen texts
- e. A written examination paper that requires an essay based on two literary texts studied

How will Hindi A: Literature will help me later?

Students will develop a personal appreciation towards literature. This will also help them to develop skills in literary criticism and to express themselves effectively through oral and written form. They will be able to appreciate cultural differences with a broader perspective and understand the sustainable ways of thinking and challenges of a language.

In the long run, this course helps students develop the ability to analyse ideas critically and make relevant connections in any sphere of life. It also helps develop a student's power of expression, and encourages an appreciation of other cultures and perspectives, something the world is in need of now.