

SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam for SAFL 2017-18

The SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam is for students who already have some basic Samskritam knowledge and would like to test in to the SAMS201/202 level directly. New students testing into SAMS201/202 should pass the SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam and also complete SAMS103 (Prajnaa or Shraddhaa camp) by June/July 2017.

How do I register for the SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam?

Registration for the SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam is part of the SAFL course registration. By registering for any of the sections (A-E) in the "**SAMS201/202**" class and selecting the "**Writing SAMS200 direct entry exam and will be attending SAMS103 exam**" option for 'Prereq for SAMS201', the registration for entrance exam can be done (along with the SAFL201/202 registration).

Please note that there is a fee of \$150 associated with the SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam that would be added to the SAFL course registration fee at the time of registration.

This entrance exam would be taken by the student online using Samskrita Bharati's Learning Management System software. The student appearing for the entrance exam would be given an account in this system and the details would be sent a few days before the exam.

How is the exam set-up?

WebEx will be used for video conference during the exam. A separate invitation for the same will be sent to the student a few days before the exam. Student should use webcam to join this video conference. For the audio part of the conference, student can either join over the integrated voip connection in WebEx or through a telephone (phone# would be in the invitation too) alternately.

When is the exam?

There are two available slots for this exam.

- 1) *Saturday, May 13, 2017 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM ET*
- 2) *Sunday, May 14, 2017 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM ET*

What do I need to take the exam?

As the SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam would be taken online, the student would need a computer, broadband internet connection, microphone (or a telephone to join the audio conference) and speaker (or an integrated headphone with microphone), webcam and a scanner (to scan and send in the handwritten part of the exam). Please ensure that everything is in good working condition. This same set-up would also be required during the rest of SAFL courses.

Please ensure that the computer has the latest version of Java installed (please visit www.java.com to check it). Also, please use the latest version of Firefox or Chrome browsers only. Windows 7 and later versions of Mac OSX preferred. Student should also have Teamviewer software installed on the computer (to help us remotely troubleshoot any issues). This can be freely downloaded from Teamviewer.com.

Topics covered in SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam (sample attached)

The following document contains some sample questions from some relevant topics that would be covered in the entrance exam. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

The written part contains three sections as described at the start of the quiz. The answers for all the questions are highlighted in [blue font](#). In addition to this, there would be a 10 minute oral part which would cover the concepts covered in abhyAsapustakam.

All three parts would have to be done during the exam time slot in the webEx session only (for part III, the topic would be given then by the teacher).

Topics for the SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam:

The exam is based on the syllabus of SAMS101 and SAMS102 courses as given in the syllabus document on our SAFL website. All the topics can be found in the Samskrita Bharati's Abhyasapustakam.

1) The seven singular(ekavacanam) vibhakti forms of words such as rAmaH, sItA, naDI and vanam, and common pronouns (eShaH, saH, eShaa, saa, etat, tat). You need to know the dual(dvivacanam) and plural(bahuvacanam) forms only for the first(prathamA) vibhakti.

2) The present tense and future tense in the third and first person singular and plural, past tense (ktavatu - forms such as gatavaan, gatavantaH, gatavatI, gatavatyaH), and imperative mood verb forms in the third person singular and plural.

3) verbal derivatives such as tumun (gantum), and ktvaa/lyap (gatvaa, aagatya)

4) The seven question words (kim/kA/kaH, kutra, kati, kadaa, kutaH, katham, kimartham)

5) Simple vocabulary such as days of the week, numbers, places, animals, fruits, vegetables, etc. Most of this vocabulary is in the Abhyasapustakam.

There is no requirement/compulsion to type in devanAgarI for this exam (if the student knows and wants to type in devAnagarI unicode font, that is fine too). They can use roman transliteration to type the answers. A pdf with transliteration rules and examples is also attached at the end. One of the written parts consists of a handwritten submission in Devanagari script. So, the student needs to be familiar with writing (by hand) in Devanagari.

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SAFL Team

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This has a sample of the SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam (aka SAMS100 level or SAMS101/102 Waiver Exam). If you have registered for SAMS 201 without having completed SAMS 102, then ***you must score at least 75% on all three portions of the written SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam and the Oral exam*** in order to gain direct entry in to SAMS 201 class.

The written SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam includes three parts - Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3.

Part 1 is a multiple choice and fill-in-the blank exam which covers grammatical concepts taught in SAMS 101/102. To begin this portion of the exam, please click on the link "SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam - Part 1." Please note you will have only 60 minutes to complete this portion. You must complete this portion in one sitting. You will not be able to start the exam and then finish it at a later time. You may write answers in either roman transliteration or Devanagari script. This part is worth 70 points.

Part 2 is an online exam testing reading comprehension. To begin this portion of the exam, please click on the link "SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam - Part 2." Please note you will have 30 minutes to complete this portion of the exam. You must complete this portion in one sitting. You will not be able to start the exam and then finish it at a later time. You may write answers in either roman transliteration or Devanagari script. This part is worth 10 points.

Part 3 is a handwritten submission of an original short story written in Samskritam. Submissions must be written by hand in Devanagari script. Submissions should be at least 10 sentences long. The short story is to be scanned and submitted to the drop box named "SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam - Part 3." This part is worth 20 points.

Please note that the answers are highlighted in blue font in this sample question paper.

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Part 1

उचितं पदं चित्वा वाक्यं समापयत ।

A. एषा न्युयोरक्-_____ वसति ।
1. नगरं 2. नगरे 3. नगराणि

B. छात्राः शालां _____ गच्छन्ति ?
1. कदा 2. कः 3. कीदृशं

C. अध्यापकः _____ आगतवान् ।
1. भारतस्य 2. भारतात् 3. कारागृहे

D. _____ मधुरं ददातु ।
1. शिक्षिकायै 2. शिक्षिका 3. शिक्षिकाय

E. सूर्योदयः _____ भवति ।
1. प्रातःकालः 2. प्रातःकालम् 3. प्रातःकाले

F. सः _____ अस्ति ।
1. बालिका 2. बालकः 3. बालकं

G. सीता _____ वस्त्रं धरति ।
1. मलिना 2. उत्तमा 3. नूतनम्

H. जनकः _____ श्रोतुम् इच्छति ।
1. गीतम् 2. गीता 3. गीतः

गणे अनर्हं पदं सूचयत ।

- A) 1. इच्छति 2. खादति 3. झटिति 4. पिबति
B) 1. किन्तु 2. नमन्तु 3. वदन्तु 4. कुर्वन्तु
C) 1. गतवान् 2. उपविष्टवान् 3. क्रीडितवान् 4. बलवान्
D) 1. माला 2. लता 3. सदा 4. लीला
E) 1. कृतवती 2. सरस्वती 3. गतवती 4. पठितवती

उदाहरणं दृष्ट्वा दत्तेषु शब्देषु उचितं पदयुगलम् उचितस्थाने योजयत ।

- १) (यद्यपि) धनिकः अस्ति (तथापि) दानं न करोति ।
२) (यदि) गृहे दुग्धं नास्ति (तर्हि) आपणतः आनयतु ।
३) (यत्र) रामः गच्छति (तत्र) हनुमान् अपि गच्छति ।
४) (यथा) माला गायति (तथा) सीता न गायति ।
५) (यावत्) धनं वित्तकोषे अस्ति (तावत्) धनं मम गृहे नास्ति ।

उदाहरणानुसारेण कोष्टकं पूरयत ।

पठतु	पठन्तु
gacchatu	गच्छन्तु
dhAvatu	धावन्तु
पृच्छतु	pRucchantu
गच्छामि	gacchAmaH
paThati	पठन्ति
करिष्यति	kariShyanti
paThiShyAmi	पठिष्यामः
likhitavAn	लिखितवन्तः
श्रुतवती	shrutavatyaH

रिक्तस्थलानि पूरयत ।

रामः सीता लक्ष्मण ऊर्मिला भरतः

शत्रुघ्नः लवः कुशः

१) (lavasya) सहोदरः कुशः ।

२) (rAmasya) पुत्रः कुशः ।

३) (lavasya kushasya ca) अम्बा सीता ।

४) (rAmasya lakshmaNasya shatrughnasya ca) सहोदरः भरतः ।

५) (lakShmaNasya) भार्या ऊर्मिला ।

उदाहरणानुसारेण कोष्टकं पूरयत ।

चमसः	चमसौ	चमसाः
पुस्तकम्	pustake	pustakAni
devI	देव्यौ	devyaH
latA	late	लताः
rAmAH	रामौ	rAmAH
सेना	sene	senAH

उदाहरणानुसारेण कोष्टकं पूरयत ।

एषा	एते	एताः
सः	tau	te
kA	के	kAH
eShaH	etau	एते
किम्	ke	kAni

Part 2

एतां कथां पठित्वा, प्रश्नानाम् उत्तराणि लिखत ।

मूढः जम्बूकः

एकः जम्बूकः अस्ति । सः एकदा आहारार्थं वने भ्रमति । एकत्र सः द्राक्षालतां पश्यति । लतायाम् अनेकानि द्राक्षाफलानि सन्ति । तानि पक्वानि ।

जम्बूकः चिन्तयति – 'अद्य मम द्राक्षाफलानां भोजनम् ' इति । द्राक्षां लब्धुम् उपरि उत्पतति । किन्तु द्राक्षाफलानि न प्राप्नोति । जम्बूकः पुनः पुनः उत्पतति । तथापि फलानि न प्राप्नोति ।

जम्बूकः कुपितः भवति । सः तानि द्राक्षाफलानि दूषयति । ' द्राक्षाफलानि आम्लानि ' इति वदति । अनन्तरं स्वस्थानं गच्छति ।

प्रश्नाः

१. जम्बूकः आहारार्थं कुत्र अटति ?
२. जम्बूकः किं पश्यति ?
३. लतायां कानि सन्ति ?
४. जम्बूकः किं चिन्तयति ?
५. जम्बूकः किं वदति ?

Part 3

This is the third section of the SAMS200 Direct Entry Exam. Please submit your handwritten original Samskritam short story (topic will be given by the teacher) here. The composition should be at least 10 sentences long. You should submit your file to this section's drop box. This section is worth 20 points.

Oral Exam:

Upon completion of the Written Exam, the teacher would give out instructions to the students regarding the Oral Exam. The topics covered in the Oral Exam would be same as that of the written part.

Transliteration key

अ आ इ ई उ ऊ ऋ क ए ऐ ओ औ अं अः
a A i l u U Ru RU e ai o au aM aH

क् ख् ग् घ् ङ्
k kh g gh ~g

च् छ् ज् झ् ञ्
c C j jh ~j

ट् ठ् ड् ढ् ण्
T Th D Dh N

त् थ् द् ध् न्
t th d dh n

प् फ् ब् भ् म्
p ph b bh M

य् र् ल् व् श् ष् स् ह् ज्
y r l v sh Sh s h j~j

Examples:

क का कि की कु क् कृ कृ के कै को कौ कं/कम् कः
ka kA ki kl ku kU kRu kRU ke kai ko kau kaM/kam kaH

पुस्तकम् - pustakam

लेखनी - lekhanl

हरिः - hariH

वृन्दा - vRundA