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Subject: PALI (LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)

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**Unit – I**

**Biography of the Buddha based on Pāli sources :** Ariyapariyesanasutta/  
Pāsarāsisutta (Majjhimanikāya), Mahāparinibbānasutta (Dīghanikāya),  
Jātakanidānakathā and Jinacarita.

Introduction to First, Second and Third Buddhist Councils: Based on Cullavagga  
(Pañcasatikā-khandhaka, Sattasatikā-khandhaka), Samantapāsādikā (Bāhirakathā)  
and Mahāvamsa.

**Unit – II**

Tradition and Characteristics of Pāli grammar.

Derivation of the word 'Pāli' and Homeland of Pāli language.

Pāli Alphabets, Sandhi, Kāraka, Samāsa, Taddhita, Ākhyāta and Kṛdanta (based on  
the Bālāvātara).

**Unit –III**

**Mahāvagga :** Mahākhanda.

**Cullavagga :** Kammakhanda.

**Pātimokkha**

General Introduction to Vinayapiṭaka.

## Unit – IV

**Dīghanikāya** : Brahmajālasutta and Kūṭadantasutta.

**Majjhimanikāya** : Satipaṭṭhānasutta.

**Samyuttanikāya** : Buddhavagga of Nidānavagga's Nidānasamyutta.

**Aṅguttaranikāya**: Nīvaraṇappahāṇavagga and Akammaṇīyavagga of Ekakanipāta.  
General Introduction to Suttapiṭaka.

## Unit – V

**Dhammapada** : Yamakavagga, Appamādavagga and Cittavagga.

**Suttanipāta** : Kasibhāradvājasutta, Vāseṭṭhasutta.

**Therīgāthā** : Mahāpajāpati-gotamītherī and Ambapālitherī.

**Jātaka** : Vānarindajātaka, Sasajātaka and Javasakuṇajātaka.

General Introduction to Khuddakanikāya.

## Unit – VI

**Dhammasaṅgaṇī** : Dukamātikā and Tikamātikā.

**Abhidhammatthasaṅgaha** : Citta, Cetasika, Rūpa and Nibbāna.

Introduction to Abhidhamma Literature.

## Unit – VII

**Milindapañha** : Bāhirakathā, Lakkhaṇapañha.

General Introduction to Milindapañha.

## Unit – VIII

**Visuddhimagga** : Sīlaniddesa.

General Introduction to Visuddhimagga.

General Introduction to Aṭṭhakathā Literature and contribution of Buddhadatta, Buddhaghosa and Dhammapāla.

## Unit – IX

General Introduction to Vaṃsa Literature.

General Introduction to Pāli Kāvya Literature.

## **Unit – X**

**Buddhist Philosophical Concepts:** Arahata, Bodhisatta, Paccekabuddha, Sammāsambuddha, Sīla, Samādhi, Paññā, Brahmavihāra, Ariyasacca, Ariya-aṭṭhaṅgika-magga, Tilakkhaṇa, Paṭiccasamuppāda, Kammavāda, Bodhipakkhiya-dhamma, Nibbāna, Nīvaraṇa, Saṃyojana, Hetu and Āsava.