

**SEMESTER IV**  
**OPTIONAL PAPER**  
**OLD INDO-ARYAN**  
**Code – D1**

**Module I** **(20+5 Marks)**

Development of Old Indo-Aryan from Proto-Indo-European via Indo-Persian; stages of Old Indo-Aryan: its features: Old Indo-Aryan dialects; grammarians' description of dialectal divisions of OIA. Distinction between the Vedic Language and Classical Sanskrit.

Phonology: Development of OIA sounds: different sources; ablaut, accent and Sandhi phenomena. Phonological processes in OIA: embryonic presence of phonological processes found in later stages of Indo-Aryan (MIA).

**Module II** **(20+5 Marks)**

Morphology: Origin of OIA case endings; different sources and its own innovations; nominal and pronominal declensions; degrees of comparison: comparative and superlative degrees: their development from Proto-Indo-European sources.

Numerals: development of numerals from PIE and OIA innovations. Verbal system: finite verbs: endings, tenses, moods; voices: active, middle, passive; non-finite verbs: infinitives, gerunds, gerundives; participles: active and middle; nominalisation in OIA.

OIA lexicon: constituents of OIA vocabulary.

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