



TAMILNADU COUNCIL FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING

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SYLLABUS – GRADE 8 BHARATANATYAM

Examination Scheme

Component	Marks
Practical Examination	100
Theory Examination	100
Project Work	100
Total	300

Practical (100 Marks)

1. **Ashtapadi** - One traditional Ashtapadi
2. **Thiruppugazh** - One prescribed Thiruppugazh
3. **Padam / Keerthanai**

Students shall perform either:

Option A

A Padam or Keerthanai expressing any one of the Navarasas (Nine Emotions)

OR

Option B

A Padam depicting any one of the Ashta Nayikas (Eight Heroines)

Students should demonstrate:

- Understanding of the Sahitya (lyrics)
- Appropriate Abhinaya
- Character portrayal
- Emotional expression

4. Mangalam - One traditional Mangalam

5. Pathira Pravesam (Character Introduction)

Students shall perform a character introduction scene from either:

- Kuravanji Natakam
- Nandanar Charitram composed by Gopalakrishna Bharati

Students should demonstrate:

- Character introduction through movement and expression
- Use of dialogue and/or song where applicable
- Distinctive characterization
- Stage presence and dramatic interpretation

6. Classical Repertoire Item

Students shall perform any one of the following:

- Daru
- Suladi
- Ragamalika
- Kriti
- An innovative choreographic work based on classical Bharatanatyam principles

Students should demonstrate:

- Musical understanding
- Rhythmic accuracy
- Appropriate use of Nritha and Abhinaya
- Stage presentation skills

7. Divya Prabandham

- One prescribed Divya Prabandham presentation

8. Asamyukta and Samyukta Hasta Viniyogas

Knowledge and practical demonstration of:

- All Asamyukta Hasta Viniyogas
- All Samyukta Hasta Viniyogas

9. Navagraha Hastas

Knowledge and demonstration of the prescribed Navagraha Hastas.

10. Dasavatara Hastas

Knowledge and demonstration of the prescribed Dasavatara Hastas.

Theory (100 Marks)

1. Asamyukta and Samyukta Hasta Viniyogas

For all prescribed Hastas:

- Meaning
- Significance
- Applications (Viniyoga)

2. Dance Notation Writing

Writing dance notations for:

- Jathis
- Solkattu (Sollukattu)
- Theermanams in Tala

3. Music and Musical Instruments

Introduction to:

- Elements of Carnatic Music
- Instruments commonly used in Bharatanatyam performances
- Their role in dance accompaniment

4. Music Composers

Study of important composers associated with Bharatanatyam and Carnatic music.

5. Introduction to the Natya Shastra and Abhinaya Darpana

- Historical background
- Authorship
- Importance in Indian classical dance
- Contribution to Bharatanatyam theory and practice

6. Technical Terms

Students should know the definitions and meanings of:

- a) Rangapravesham
- b) Purvanga
- c) Uttaranga
- d) Salangai
- e) Aradhi

7. Dance Sculptures of South Indian Temples

Study of the dance sculptures and karana representations found in:

- Chidambaram Nataraja Temple
- Brihadeeswarar Temple



Project Work (100 Marks)

Students shall complete and submit the following projects:

1. The Role of Rhythm in Bharatanatyam

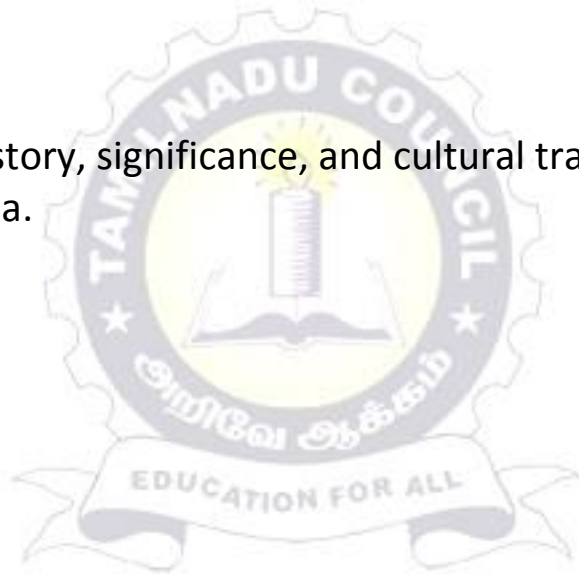
A study of tala, laya, nadai, and rhythmic structures, and their importance in Bharatanatyam performance.

2. Savitri and Satyavan

A project on the story of Savitri and Satyavan, highlighting themes of devotion, determination, and virtue.

3. Lord Ayyappa

A project on the story, significance, and cultural traditions associated with Lord Ayyappa.





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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates must have completed **7th Standard schooling or minimum 14 years of age** at the time of admission.
 - A **minimum of 7 years of prior training** in the relevant discipline is mandatory before enrollment into the program.
 - Admission is subject to verification of age, educational background, and prior training certification (where applicable).
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2. Attendance Requirements

- A minimum of **75% attendance** in both theory and practical classes is compulsory.
 - Students falling below the required attendance will not be permitted to appear for examinations unless condoned under special circumstances approved by the institution.
 - Attendance will be recorded for each session, and punctuality is mandatory.
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3. Internal Assessment System

- Internal assessments will be conducted **once every two months**.
- An assignment will be issued at the **beginning of the first month** of each cycle.
- The completed assignment must be submitted **on or before the 15th day of the second month**.
- Late submissions may be accepted only with valid reasons and approval from the faculty, subject to penalty or reduced marks.

- Internal marks will be based on assignments, class participation, discipline, and periodic evaluations.
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3B. Independent Work Requirement

- All assignments, project work, written submissions, practical records, and creative activities must be **completed independently by the student**.
 - Parents, guardians, relatives, or any other individuals **shall not participate** in the preparation, execution, or completion of the student's work.
 - Gurus, teachers, and instructors **may provide only the initial instructions, guidelines, and assessment criteria** necessary for understanding the task. They shall not assist in the actual execution or preparation of the work.
 - The role of the Guru is limited to **evaluating the completed work** and providing observations during the **final review or inspection stage**.
 - The purpose of this regulation is to encourage self-learning, creativity, discipline, and the development of individual skills.
 - Any submission found to have been substantially prepared or completed by another person may be rejected, and marks may be withheld at the discretion of the examining authority.
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4. Project Work

- Project work submission date will be notified **at least 3 weeks in advance which should be done in the aforementioned topics**.
 - Students must submit their projects within the stipulated deadline mentioned in the notification.
 - Projects must be original work. Any form of plagiarism or copying will result in disqualification of the submission.
 - Viva-voce (oral examination) may be conducted as part of project evaluation.
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5. Examination Regulations

- Students must appear for all internal and external examinations as per the schedule announced by the institution.
- Hall tickets/eligibility cards will be issued only to students with required attendance and fee clearance.
- Malpractice or unfair means during examinations will lead to strict disciplinary action, including cancellation of papers or disqualification.

5.A Examination and Evaluation Criteria

The assessment of students shall consist of both **Internal Assessment** and **External Examination** components. The distribution of marks shall be as follows:

A. Practical Examination

Component	Marks
Internal Assessment	20
External Examination	80
Total	100

B. Theory Examination

Component	Marks
Internal Assessment	30
External Examination	70
Total	100

C. Project Work

Component	Marks
Project Assessment (Internal)	80
Viva Voce	20
Total	100

Regulations

1. Students must secure the minimum prescribed passing marks in each subject as determined by the University from time to time.
 2. Internal Assessment marks shall be based on assignments, class performance, attendance, discipline, periodic tests, practical work, and other academic activities as prescribed.
 3. External examinations shall be conducted by duly appointed examiners and evaluated according to the approved syllabus and examination scheme.
 4. Viva Voce examinations shall assess the student's understanding, presentation, originality, and practical application of the project work undertaken.
 5. Students absent for any examination without prior approval or valid reason shall be marked absent, and no marks shall be awarded for that component.
 6. The decision of the Examination Board regarding assessment, moderation, and results shall be final and binding.
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6. Code of Conduct

- Students are expected to maintain discipline, respect faculty members, and uphold the dignity of the institution.
 - Use of mobile phones or electronic devices during classes or examinations is strictly prohibited unless permitted for academic purposes.
 - Any form of misconduct, indiscipline, or disruption of classes will be dealt with seriously.
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7. Promotion and Completion Criteria

- Students must successfully complete both **theory and practical components** to be eligible for promotion to the next level.
 - Passing criteria will be as per institutional or university guidelines (minimum 40% in each component).
 - Completion certificates will be issued only after fulfilling all academic, attendance, and fee requirements.
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8. Leave Policy

- Leave must be informed in advance or submitted with valid reason post-absence.
 - Long-term absence without approval may lead to cancellation of enrollment.
 - Medical leave must be supported by valid medical certificates if required.
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9. Fee Regulations

- Fees must be paid within the prescribed deadlines.
- Late fee payments may attract penalties as per institutional policy.
- Fees once paid are non-refundable except under special institutional circumstances.

10. General Guidelines

- Students are expected to actively participate in all academic, practical, and cultural activities.
- The institution reserves the right to modify rules, syllabus, and assessment patterns when necessary.
- Any disputes or issues will be resolved under the jurisdiction of the institution's governing body.

