M.A PHILOSOPHY REGULAR W.E.F 2017-18

Section

Overview

Semester I Modification in numbering for Paper III (A) and IV (B) and Bridge Course under revision

Paper I (Core): Metaphysics (Indian and Western)

Paper II (Core): Epistemology (Indian and Western)

Paper III (Core): Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) A

Paper IV (Core): Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) B

Bridge Course for those from other disciplines without SYBA in Philosophy

Semester II Modification in the Ethics paper w.e.f 2017-18

Paper V (Core): Ethics (Indian and Western)

Paper VI (Core): Philosophy of Consciousness (Indian and Western)

Paper VII (Core): Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) C

Paper VIII (Core): Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) D

Semester III w.e.f 2017-18

Paper IX Basket I (Elective): Classical Thought

Paper X Basket II (Elective): Thinkers

Paper XI Basket III (Elective): Logic and Epistemology

Paper XII Basket IV (Elective): Socio-Political and Religio-Spiritual Thought

Paper XIII Basket V (Elective): Contemporary Trends

Semester IV w.e.f. 2017-18

Paper XIV Ability Enhancement Course (any **one** from groups A or B)

(A)(i)Critical Thinking

OR

(A) (ii)Studies on Meditation (Indian & Western)

(B)(i)Logical Reasoning (Indian & Western)

OR

(ii)Symbolic Logic (Second-order Sentential Logic)

Paper XV Interdisciplinary/Cross disciplinary Course (one)

Paper XVI Dissertation

MA I Philosophy-All Core Papers

Semester Iw.e.f 2016-17(revised numbering for Papers III (A) and IV (B) and Bridge Course w.e.f 2017-18

Paper I (Core): PAPHI101 Metaphysics (Indian and Western)

Paper II (Core): PAPHI102 Epistemology (Indian and Western)

Paper III (Core): PAPHI103 Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) A

Paper IV (Core): PAPHI104 Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) B

PLUS BRIDGE COURSE FOR THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE ENTRANCE EXAM

Semester IIw.e.f.2016-17 and revised w.e.f 2017-18

Paper V (Core): PAPHI201 Ethics (Indian and Western)

Paper VI (Core): PAPHI202 Philosophy of Consciousness(Indian and Western)

Paper VII (Core): PAPHI203 Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) C

Paper VIII (Core): PAPHI204 Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) D

MA REGULAR w.e.f 2017-18

MA II Philosophy

Semester III: 5 Electives

Paper IX Basket I

Classical Thought

- a. Ancient Greek Philosophy
- b. Buddhism & Metaphysics
- c. Early Medieval Philosophy
- d. Greek, Hellenistic and Roman Philosophy
- e. Jaina Metaphysics
- f. Late Medieval Philosophy
- g. Samkhya Metaphysics
- h. Schools of Vedanta
- i. Shaivism, Shaktism and Tantrism

Paper X Basket II

Thinkers - 13

- a. Acarya Kundakunda
- b. Aristotle: Practical Philosophy
- c. Gandhi
- d. Heidegger (Later Philosophy)
- e. Hume
- f. J. Krishnamurti
- g. Kant: Practical Philosophy
- h. Nagarjuna
- i. Plato: Moral Philosophy, Politics and Art
- j. Rāmānuja
- k. Śankara
- 1. Svatmarama: Hathayogapradipika
- m. Wittgenstein

Paper XI Basket III

Logic and Epistemology-11

- a. Advanced Indian Epistemology
- b. Advanced Western Epistemology
- c. Aristotle-Epistemology
- d. Buddhist Epistemology
- e. Jaina Epistemology
- f. Kant-Epistemology
- g. Nyaya Epistemology
- h. Plato-Epistemology
- i. Symbolic Logic (First-order Sentential Logic)
- j. Traditional Logic
- k. Yoga Epistemology

Paper XII Basket IV

Socio-Political and Religio-Spiritual Thought

- a. Buddhist Text Study
- b. Comparative Religion
- c. Contemporary Political Thought
- d. Islamic Philosophy
- e. Jainism Text Study
- f. Jnaneshwar
- g. Modern Political Thought
- h. Philosophy of Religion
- i. Sufism-Politics & Culture
- j. Vallabha
- k. Yoga Text Study

Contemporary Trends-09

- a. Buddhist Psychology and Meditation
- b. Existentialism
- c. Feminities, Masculinities and Language
- d. Frankfurt School and Critical Theory
- e. Jaina Psychology and Meditation
- f. Language and Reality
- g. Philosophy of Science
- h. Structuralism and Post Structuralism
- i. Yoga Psychology and Meditation

Semester IV New

Paper XIV Ability Enhancement Courses Choose any one from any one group (A) OR (B)

- (A)(i)Critical Thinking
 - OR
 - (ii) Studies on Meditation (Indian & Western)
- (B) (i)Logical Reasoning (Indian & Western)

OR

(ii)Symbolic Logic (Second-order Sentential Logic)

Paper XV Interdisciplinary/Cross disciplinary Courses

- a. Buddhist Ethics
- b. Environmental Ethics
- c. Jaina Ethics
- d. Mind and Conceptions of the Self
- e. Philosophy of Art
- f. Philosophy of Education
- g. Philosophy of Feminism
- h. Philosophy of Film
- i. Philosophy of Management
- j. Schools of Yoga
- k. Sufi Philosophy
- 1. Symbolic Logic (Relational Logic and Axiomatic Systems)
- m. Yoga Ethics

Paper XVI Dissertation (1500 words)

SEMESTER I

Paper I (Core): Metaphysics (Indian and Western)

Section I: Indian Metaphysics

Unit I:

- a) <u>Substance</u>: Monism, Dualism and Pluralism (Vedanta, Samkhya and Nyaya-Jaina); Realism and Idealism (Samkhya-Nyaya-Jaina and Vedanta/Idealist Buddhist schools)
- b) <u>Theory of Causation</u>: Satkaryavada and Arambhavada/Asatkaryavada; Vivartavada and Pratitya Samutpada

Unit II:

- a) <u>Concepts of Space and Time</u> (Akasa, Dik and Kala) according to Jainism and Nyaya-Vaisesikas.
- b) <u>Status of World</u>: *Vyavahrik and Paramarthika* (Vedanta); *Samvritti* and *Parmarthik* (Buddhism)

Section II: Western Metaphysics

Unit III: Basic Concepts of Metaphysics

- a) <u>The Nature of Speculative Metaphysics: Being and Becoming; Existence and Essence; Universals and Particulars</u>
- b) The problems of causality, space and time

Unit IV: Some Metaphysical Debates

- a) Realism and Idealism Debate
- b) New Directions in Metaphysics: Critique of Speculative Metaphysics; Reconstruction in Metaphysics (Strawson and Heidegger)

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- 2. "Brahmavada of Sankara", by Dr. Naulakh

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- 2. Cambridge Companion to Kant, Ed. Paul Guyer, 1992.
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- 4. Cambridge Companion to German Idealism, Ed by Karl Ameriks, CUP, 2000.
- 5. Cambridge Companion to Carnap, Ed by Richard Creath and Michael Friedman, CUP, 2007.
- 6. A survey of Metaphysics, E.J. Lowe, OUP, 2002.
- 7. Metaphysics, An Anthology, Ed by Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa, Blackwell, 1999.
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- 9. Werner Marx. 1975. *Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit*, New York: Harper and Row.
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Paper II (Core): Epistemology (Indian and Western)

Section I: Indian Epistemology

Unit I:

- a) Inana and Prama: Definition and kinds of Pramana, Pramanyavada
- b) Perception
- c) Khyativada

Unit II:

- a) Inference: Definition, Classification and Components
- b) Vyapti and Fallacies
- c) <u>Sabda</u>: Meaning (Word and Sentence); *Anvitabhidanavada* and *Abhihitanvayavada*

Section II: Western Epistemology

Unit III:

- a) <u>Knowledge and Belief</u>: The tripartite account of knowledge as justified true belief; Gettier's paradox
- b) The Problem of Perception
- c) Memory: As a Source of Knowledge (Locke and Ayer); Types of Memory

Unit IV:

- a) The Sceptical Challenge
- b) Critique of Epistemology I: Contextualism (Rorty)
- c) Critique of Epistemology II: Feminism (Harding)

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Section I: Indian Epistemology

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- 2. 'Nyaya Theory of Knowledge', S.C. Chatterjee.
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Paper III (Core): Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) A

Section I: Indian Philosophy

Unit I:

Rethinking Tradition

- a) <u>Swami Vivekanada</u>: Universal Religion, Practical Vedanta and explanation of Maya
- b) <u>Sri Aurobindo</u>: Ascent and descent of Reality, Seven Cords of reality, Gnostic Being

Unit II:

Reconstructing Mysticism

- a) R. D. Ranade: Mysticism as a Method, Pathway to God-realization, Advaita Vedanta Culmination of Spiritual Experience
- b) <u>Rabindranath Tagore</u>: Relation of the Individual to the Universe, Soulconsciousness, Problem of evil and Self, Realization of the Infinite through Love, Action and Beauty

Section II: Western Philosophy

Unit III:

Linguistic Turn

- a) Frege's notion of Sense and Reference; Function, Concept and Object.
- b) <u>Language as truth functional, The Philosophy of Logical Atomism</u>: Russell (Analysis of facts and Theory of descriptions) and Early-Wittgenstein (Picture theory of meaning).

Unit IV:

Positivism and Pragmatism

- a) <u>Logical Positivism</u>: The Analytic-Synthetic distinction, Elimination of Metaphysics, Status of protocol statements and principle of Verifiability; Popper on Falsifiability.
- b) Pragmatism and conceptions of Truth: Peirce, James, Dewey and Rorty.

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Section I: Indian Philosophy

- 1. Contemporary Indian Thought by V.S.Narawane
- 2. Contemporary Indian Philosophy by R.S.Srivastava
- 3. Contemporary Indian Philosophy by B.K. Lal
- 4. Twentieth Century Indian Philosophy Nilima Sharma
- 5. Philosophical Trends in Modern Maharashtra- Mathew Lederle Popular Prakashan
- 6. The Complete Works of Vivekananda Eight Volumes, Advaita Ashram, 1957
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- 8. Integral Advaitism of Sri Aurobindo by R.S. Mishra
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- 9. Ayer AJ, Russell and Moore- The Analytic Heritage, Macmillan, 1971.

Paper IV (Core): Contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western) B

Section I: Indian Philosophy

Unit I:

Repudiation and Reconstruction of Tradition

- a) <u>Pandita Ramabai</u>: Account of the High-caste Brahmin Woman, Social Reform from a Gender-perspective, the Issue of Conversion
- b) <u>Mahatma Jotiba Phule</u>: Critique of Tradition, Philosophy of Universal Humanism, Social Reforms

Unit II:

Repudiation and Reconstruction of Tradition

- a) <u>Gopal Ganesh Agarkar</u>: Critique of Hinduism, Reformist Position as Expressed in Sudharaka, Agnosticism
- b) <u>Lokmanya Tilak</u>: Gitarahasya as a Commentary on Bhagvadgita, Analysis of Karmayoga, Ethics founded on Metaphysics

Section II: Western Philosophy

Unit III:

Phenomenological Psychology and Science

- a) <u>Brentano</u>: Critique of Psychologism; Intentionality, Primary and Secondary Objects
- b) Husserl: Rigorous science, Intentionality, Method (reduction), Life-world

Unit IV:

Phenomenological Ontology and Embodiment

- a) <u>Heidegger</u>: Ontological difference between Being and beings, Significance of Dasein, Fundamental ontology of Dasein (inauthenticity and authenticity), Time
- b) Merleau-Ponty: Living Body, New Account of Perception, Art

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Section I: Indian Philosophy

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BRIDGE COURSE IN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

(FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT S.Y.B.A IN PHILOSOPHY WHO HAVE GIVEN THE ENTRANCE EXAM)

TOTAL LECTURE HOURS: 20

MARKS: THIS COURSE IS AN AUDIT COURSE WITHOUT EVALUATION OR MARKS. STUDENTS HAVE TO SUBMIT THE SPECIFIED ASSIGNMENTS TO WHICH TEACHER FEEDBACK IS INTEGRAL

I. General Introduction

[Four Hours]

- (i) Meaning of Philosophy
- (ii) Philosophy as a second order activity
- (iii) Role and relevance of Philosophy

II.Development of Western Philosophy

[Four hours]

(Ancient to modern)

- (i) Approach : Pre-Socratic , Plato, Aristotle
- (ii) Medieval Thought: Anselm, Aquinas, Averroes
- (iii) Modern philosophy: Descartes, Hume, Kant

III. Important Philosophical questions: Western perspective (Ethics & Epistemology) [Four hours]

Truth, Knowledge, Good and Right, Justice, Problem of Evil

IV. Honing skills to explore Western Philosophy

[Four hours]

- (i) **Introduction to Reasoning:** Meaning, Method, Analysis, Argument and Discussion
- (ii) **Writing Philosophy:** Comprehending a topic, understanding, interpretation, expression (Basic writing skills)

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PATTERN:

- (1) One primary text summary (1500 words)
- (2) One research paper (1500 words)
- (3) One classroom presentation

This is a pass/fail course there are no marks assigned to it.

Books:

- 1. Cooper David. 2003, World Philosophies. Blackwell Publications, Malden, MA
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SEMESTER II

Paper V (Core): Ethics (Indian and Western)

Section I: Indian Ethics

Unit I:

- a) Various approaches to Dharma in Indian tradition; The Mimamsa definition of Dharma in terms of Chodana and nature of Vidhivakya
- b) Theory of Karma and Problem of Freedom, Analysis of Karma, Akarma, Vikarma and Nishkama Karma
- c) Theory of Purusharthas: Vedic perspective in comparison with Carvaka and Sramana

Unit II:

- a) Carvaka ethics- Hedonism, theory of Purusarthas
- b) Buddhist ethics- Concept of Dukkha Dvadasa Nidana, Eight Fold Path Pancashila, Brahmaviharas, Paramitas, Nirvana
- c) Jaina ethics- Ahimsa, Concept of Karma, Problem of determinism and free will, Triple Jewels; Path of Liberation

Section II: Western Ethics

Unit III:

- a) <u>Cognitivism</u>: Intuitionism (Moore) Neo-naturalism (Searle)
- b) Non-Cognitivism: Emotivism (Ayer/ Stevenson); Prescriptivism (Hare)

Unit IV:

- a) Existential Ethics: de Beauvoir / Sartre: Ethics of situation, freedom and ambiguity
- b) Feminist Ethics: Ethics of care (Gilligan); Ethics of justice (Okin)

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Section I: Indian Ethics

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- 6. Hudson, W.D. 1983Modern Moral PhilosophyHoundmills, Hampshire: Macmillan
- 7. Hare, R.M.1952 Language of Morals Oxford: Oxford University Press
- 8. Searle, John 1969 Speech Acts: An Essay in Philosophy of LanguageCambridge: Cambridge University Press
- 9. Sartre, Jean Paul. 1946. "Existentialism is a Humanism" in Existentialism From
- 10. Dostoevsky to Sartre ed. Walter Kaufmann, Cleveland: World Publishing
- 11. de Beauvoir, Simone. 1976 Ethics of AmbiguityNew York: Citadel Press

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- 13. Okin, Susan. 1989 "Reason and Feeling in Thinking about Justice" Ethics 99(2): 229-249
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Paper VI (Core): Philosophy of Consciousness (Indian and Western)

Section I: Indian Perspective

Unit I:

- a) <u>Upanishadic and Vedantic views</u> of consciousness; Psychological analysis of waking, dream, deep sele and turiya states
- b) <u>Samkhya-Yoga view</u>: Purusa as drsta, citta vritti, citta bhumi, nirvikalapa Samadhi
- c) Nyaya-Vaisesika: Status of Consciousness

Unit II:

- a) <u>Jainism</u>: Status of *jiva and lesya*
- b) Materalist (Carvaka) view of consciousness.
- c) Buddhist view of consciousness and the denial of Soul

Section II: Western Perspective

Unit III:

- a) <u>The Problem of Consciousness</u>: Aristotelian and the Cartesian paradigms; Spinozean interventions
- b) <u>The Mind-Body problem and the linguistic solution</u>: Ryle and Later-Wittgenstein

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- a) <u>The Mind-Body problem restated</u>: The 'hard' problem of consciousness and the notion of an 'explanatory gap'; <u>Theories of Consciousness</u>: Identity theories (reductive and non-reductive), Eliminativism
- b) Computational model of mind, Artificial Intelligence and Functionalism, Naturalist and Transcendental theories of consciousness

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- a) Mahatma Gandhi (Spiritual Foundations of Politics): Reality with Multiple Aspects, Truth as God, Interdependence between multiple selves and other forms of life- Svaraj and Ahimsa
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