

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

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A reference is invited to the Syllabi relating to the B. A. degree course vide this office Circular No.UG/165 of 2011 dated 20th June, 2011 and the Principals of affiliated Colleges in Arts Colleges are hereby informed that the recommendation made by Board of Studies in Philosophy at its meeting held on 24th June, 2016 has been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 24th June, 2016 vide item No. 4.90 and that in accordance therewith, the revised syllabus as per the Choice Based Credit System for the F.Y.B.A. in Moral Philosophy (Sem. I), which is available on the University's web site (www.mu.ac.in) and that the same has been brought into force with effect from the academic year 2016-17.

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16 November, 2016

To,

The Principals of affiliated Colleges in Arts.


(Dr.M.A.Khan)
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- 1) The Co-ordinator, Faculty of Arts,
- 2) The Chairman, Board of Studies in Philosophy,
- 3) The Director, Board of College and University Development,
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- 6) The Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL)


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Syllabus for F. Y. B. A. Moral Philosophy

AS PER CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

**TO BE REVISE WITH EFFECT FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2016 – 2017**

F.Y.B.A.: Semester I

Paper Title: Moral Philosophy

Marks: 100

Code: UAPHI 101

No. of Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Introduction to Moral Philosophy [15 lectures]

- (a) Definition, nature and scope (branches) of philosophy
- (b) Nature of moral philosophy (facts and values; intrinsic and extrinsic values) and areas of ethics (descriptive ethics, normative ethics, meta-ethics and applied ethics)
- (c) Ethical Relativism: arguments defending this position; critical evaluation

Unit 2: Moral concepts in Indian Philosophy[15 lectures]

- (a) Philosophy of non-attachment (nishkama karma yoga)
- (b) Sthitaprajna: the moral ideal
- (c) Concepts of Rta, Rna, and purusartha

Unit 3: The Good Life: Greek Ethics [15 lectures]

- (a) Socratic Ethics: virtue is knowledge; can ethics be taught?
- (b) The Four Virtues: Plato (in the context of *Republic*)
- (c) Ethics of Character: Aristotle

Unit 4: Are we Free?: Freedom and Determinism[15 lectures]

- (a) Determinism: types of determinism: scientific determinism, religious determinism (i.e. predestination) and fatalism; critical appraisal of determinism
- (b) Indeterminism (i.e. libertarianism): arguments in support of free will; agency theory of freedom; critical appraisal of indeterminism
- (c) Compatibilism: reconciling determinism and freedom

Semester End Exam Evaluation [100 marks]

1. There shall be five compulsory questions
2. First four questions shall correspond to the four units
3. Question 5 shall be Short Notes (one from each unit and attempt any 2 of 4)
4. All questions shall contain internal choice
5. Each question shall carry a maximum of 20 marks
6. The standard of passing is 40 marks.

Reference and reading list

- I. C. Sharma. *Ethical Philosophies of India*
- Jacques Thiroux, *Ethics: Theory and Practice*
- James Cornman, Keith Lehrer and George Pappas. *Philosophical Problems and Arguments: An Introduction*
- James Fieser and Norman Lillegard, *Philosophical Questions: Reading and Interactive Guides* (New York/Oxford: OUP, 2005)
- KedarNathTiwari, *Classical Indian Ethical Thought* (MotilalBanarasidas, 1998)
- William Frankena. *Ethics* (Prentice Hall, 1973)

William Lawhead. *The Philosophical Journey: An Interactive Approach* (Mayfield Publishing Company, 2000)

F.Y.B.A.: Semester I

Paper Title: Moral Philosophy

Marks: 100

Code: UAPHI 201

No. of Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Morality of Self-interest [15 lectures]

- (a) Hedonistic Egoism: Epicurus
- (b) Psychological Egoism: Thomas Hobbes
- (c) Ethical Egoism: Ayn Rand

Unit 2: Modern Ethical Theories [15 lectures]

- (a) Ethics of altruism: David Hume: nature and origin of morality: sentiment (sympathy) versus reason; Virtues: artificial and natural
- (b) Deontological Ethics: Immanuel Kant: Categorical Imperative: formula of Universal law and formula of End-in-itself, critical appraisal.
- (c) Utilitarianism: John Stuart Mill: Critique of Jeremy Bentham's view; Greatest Happiness principle, higher and lower pleasures, two sanctions, critical appraisal.

Unit 3: Alternative Ethical Theories [15 lectures]

- (a) Augustinian Ethics: Happiness and Virtue, love of God and neighbour
- (b) Feminist Ethics: Ethics of Care: Carol Gilligan (against the backdrop of Lawrence Kohlberg's 'Stages of Moral Development')
- (c) Existentialist Ethics: Jean Paul Sartre

Unit 4: Theories of Punishment [15 lectures]

- (a) Retributive theory, critical appraisal
- (b) Deterrent theory and reformatory approach to punishment; critical appraisal
- (c) Capital punishment: retentionists versus abolitionists

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- Ayn Rand, *The Virtue of Selfishness* [Introduction, chpts. 1 and 3] (New York: Signet Book, 1964)
- H.B. Acton (ed.), *The Philosophy of Punishment* (Macmillan, 1969)
- James Fieser and Norman Lillegard, *Philosophical Questions: Reading and Interactive Guides* (New York and Oxford: OUP, 2005)

James McGlynn& Jules Toner, *Modern Ethical Theories* (New York: Bruce Publishing Company, 1962)

Jean Paul Sartre, "Existentialism is a Humanism" in Walter Kaufman (ed.), *Existentialism from Dostoyevsky to Sartre* (New American Library -Meridian Book, 1975)

Jeffery Olen and Vincent Barry, *Applying Ethics* (Wadsworth, 1998)

Neil Levy, *Sartre* (Oneworld Publications, 2007)

Norman Bowie & Patricia Werhane, *Management Ethics* (Blackwell Publishing, 2005)

Richard Norman, *The Moral Philosophers: An Introduction to Ethics* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1983)

Ted Honderich, *Punishment: The Supposed Justifications* (Penguin Books, 1969)

William Lawhead, *The Philosophical Journey: An Interactive Approach* (Mayfield Publishing Company, 2000)
