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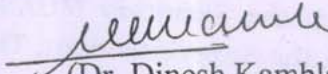
They are hereby informed that the recommendations made by the Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Ancient Indian History Culture, Archaeology and Buddhist Studies at its meeting held on 17th April, 2018 have been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 5th May, 2018 **vide** item No. 4.36 and that in accordance therewith, the Revision of Core Paper – M.A. in Buddhist Studies – Sem. II (CBCS) from the Academic Year 2018-19, read as under:

- The core paper for Semester II, viz. Engaged Buddhism be replace by the paper titled "Buddhist Notion of reality"
- The core paper for Semester II, viz. Trade and Religion be regarded as Audit Course and the same may be replaced by the paper titled "Introduction to Buddhist Epistemology"

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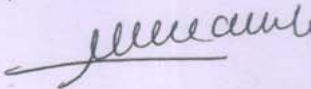
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- 1) The I/c Dean, Faculty of Humanities,
- 2) The Chairman, Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Ancient Indian History Culture, Archaeology and Buddhist Studies,
- 3) The Director, Board of Examinations and Evaluation,
- 4) The Director, Board of Students Development,
- 5) The Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL),
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MA Buddhist Studies Sem II

Core Paper 5- Buddhist View of Reality

Course Objective: This is an introductory paper to Buddhist philosophy and uses the twin concepts of liberation and two truths to highlight the differences between the early Buddhist schools themselves, and between them and later Mahāyāna developments. The objective is to equip the student to make a distinction between the approaches followed by the various schools and to locate these ideas within the context of the Buddha's teachings maintained in early texts.

Unit 1:

Indian Philosophical Context: Absolutism and Materialism

The Middle Path: Ethical and Philosophical

Dependent Origination:

Unit 2: Theravāda and Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma

Conditioned and Unconditioned Phenomena, Dharmas as Ultimate Existents

Definition of Liberation

Two truths

Unit 3: Madhyamaka

Dependent Origination and Śūnyatā

Relationship between Samsāra and Nirvāṇa

Two Truths

Unit 4: Yogacara/Vijñānavāda

Ālayavijñāna, manas and trisvabhāva

Definition of Liberation: apratiṣṭhita-nirvāṇa, nirvikalpajñāna

Two Truths: Mind as ultimate reality; svalakṣaṇa and sāmānyalakṣaṇa according to Dharmakīrti.

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Core Paper 6- Introduction to Buddhist Epistemology & Logic

Unit I

1. Basic Concepts in Buddhist Epistemology: Jnana, Pramata, Pramana, Pramanya
2. Definition and features of Pramana
3. Pramanyavada in Buddhism

Unit II

4. Nagarjuna's criticism of the Nyaya Concept of the Pramanas
5. Contribution of the Realist Schools- Bahyarthapratyaksavada and Bahyarthanumeyavada
6. Dinnaga's concept of Pramana; Introduction to two pramanas and Pramana-viplava

Unit III

7. Theory of Pratyaksa- Definition and features of Pratyaksa according to Dinnaga
8. Dharmakīrti's analysis of Pratyaksa
9. The debate between Buddhists and the Naiyayikas regarding the nature of Pratyaksa

Unit IV

10. Anumana-Definition, nature and components
11. Nature of Vyapti and Types of Anumana
12. Hetvabhasa

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It was **resolved** that it be recommended to the Academic Council that the following revisions may be approved in M.A. Buddhist Studies – Sem II syllabus.

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