

SYLLABUS
FOR
B.A. (Hons.) PHILOSOPHY
BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY



Under
Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)
(w.e.f. session 2016-17 onwards)

BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY

B.A. (Hons) PHILOSOPHY

(A) No. of Core Papers- 14

Full Marks – 100 (Mid Sem-20 + End Sem – 80)

No. of Classes – 50 each

Credit Points : 6

Core Course (Philosophy)

Semester – I (2016)

Core – I - General Philosophy

Core - II - Logic & Scientific Method

Semester – II (2017)

Core – III - Systems of Indian Philosophy - I

Core - IV - Symbolic Logic

Semester – III (2017)

Core – V - Systems of Indian Philosophy - II

Core - VI - Ethics

Core – VII - History of Greek Philosophy

Semester – IV (2018)

Core – VIII - Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Core - IX - History of Modern European Philosophy

Core – X - Philosophy of Language

Semester – V (2018)

Core – XI - Western Classics : Meditations of Rene Descartes

Core - XII - Indian Text : Isa Upanisad

Semester – VI (2019)

Core – XIII - Social & Political Philosophy

Core - XIV - Applied Ethics

(B) Generic Elective (GE)

A student of other discipline (having Non-Philosophy Core) may choose two elective courses in Philosophy i.e. GE-I and GE-II having 6 credits each and 100 marks (80 + 20) each as follows:-

GE-I (Semester – I) 2016 – Indian Philosophy

GE-II (Semester-II) 2017 – Logic & Scientific Method.

(C) A Core student has to take 4 (four) D.S.E. (Discipline Specific Elective) Out of which 4th Paper is project undertaken by a guide in addition to 14 Core Papers each carrying 100 marks and 6 credits as follows:-

- 1) DSE (I) (Semester –V) Study of Major Religions of the World.**
- 2) DSE (II) (Semester-V) The Philosophy of Bhagbat Gita**
- 3) DSE (III) (Semester-VI) Gandhian Studies**
- 4) DSE (IV) (Semester-VI) Project**

(D) Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

SEC Paper – I – Critical Thinking – 50 Marks – 2 Credits

SEC Paper – II – Applied Reasoning – 50 Marks – 2 Credits

Semester – I (2016)

U.G. Arts / Philosophy Core Course

(A) Core – I (Philosophy)

Paper-I

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Definition, Nature & Function of Philosophy, its relation to Science & Religion.

Problem of Being – Monism, Pluralism, Realism and Idealism.

Unit – II : Problem of Knowledge : What is knowledge?

Sources of Knowledge : Empiricism & Rationalism.

Unit – III : Problem of Ethics : (a) Theories of Conduct : Egoism & Altruism

(b) Theories of Goodness : The Good and the Evil.

Unit-IV : Problem of Metaphysics:

1) Substance & Universal

2) Mind & body

Suggested Readings:

- 1) J. N. Sinha – An Introduction to Philosophy.
- 2) John Hospers – An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
- 3) G.W. Cunningham – Problems of Philosophy
- 4) G.T.W. Patrick – Introduction to Philosophy

Semester-I (2016)

Core – II (Philosophy)

Paper-II

LOGIC & SCIENTIFIC METHOD

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Definition of Logic, Deductive & Inductive Argument, Truth and validity, sound and unsound Arguments, Probability and Inductive Reasoning.

Unit – II : Inductive Reasoning & Scientific Enquiry, Problem of Induction, Paradox of Induction, Laws of Thought.

Unit – III : Law of Causation : Meaning & Definition, cause and condition, Plurality of causes, Doctrine of uniformity of Nature, Mill's Experimental Methods.

Unit – IV : Hypothesis & Scientific Methods : Scientific and unscientific Explanation, types of hypothesis, legitimate conditions of hypothesis, Hypothesis & Confirmation.

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- 2) Copi, Cohen & Mac Mahan – (14th Edn.) Introduction to logic.
- 3) John Hospers – An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis.
- 4) W. Kneale – Probability & Induction.

Semester – II (2017)

U.G. Arts / Philosophy Core Course

Core – III (Philosophy)

Paper-III

SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-I

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Salient Features of Indian Philosophy, Astika and Nastika Systems, Basic concepts like Rta, Rna, Purusartha, Law of Karma.

Upanisadic view of Atman & Brahman.

Unit-II : **Carvaka** : Epistemology and Metaphysica (Lokayatmata)

Jainism : Syadvada, Anekanta Vada, Jaina ethics.

Unit-III: **Buddhism** : Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of Momentariness, Theory of Dependent Origination, No-Soul Theory, Nirvana.

Unit – IV : **Samkhya** : Dualistic system, Concept of Purusa, Prakriti, Theory of Evolution and Theory of Causation.

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- ii) C.D. Sharma – A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.
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- iv) R. K. Puligandla – Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy.
- v) G.C. Nayak (O) Bharatiya Darsana.
- vi) B.B.Choudhury (O) Trs. Bharatiya Darsanara – Ruparekha.

Semester – II(2017)

Core – IV (Philosophy)

Paper-IV

SYMBOLIC LOGIC

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Text Book – Basson & O’Corner : Introduction to Symbolic Logic

Unit – I : Ch-I : Introduction

Ch – II : The Calculus of Propositions.

Unit – II : Ch-III : Calculus of Propositions (Sec 1 to 6)

Ch-III: Calculus of Propositions (Sec 7 to 9)

Unit-III : Ch-V : Elements of Predicate Calculus (Sec-1 to 9)

Unit-Iv : Appendix (Sec-1 to Sec -4)

Semester – III (2017)

Core – V (Philosophy)

Paper-V

SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-II

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Yoga system of Patanjali (Citta Vriti Nirodha) & Astanga Yoga

Vaisesika : Categories (Sapta padarthas)

Unit-II : Nyaya : Theory of Pramanas

Unit-III: Sankara on Maya, Jiva, Isvara, Brahman and Liberation (Jivanmukti & Videhamukti)

Unit-IV: Ramanuja : Refutation of Sankara's View on Maya, Concept of Brahman, Jiva and Liberation

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Semester – III (2017)

Core – VI (Philosophy)

Paper-VI

ETHICS

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Definition, Nature & Scope of Ethics.

Ethics in relation to Politics, Sociology and Religion.

Unit-II : Distinction between Moral & Non-moral action, Moral and Factual Judgment, Object of Moral Judgment.

Unit-III: Theories of Punishment:- Retributive, Reformative and Preventive Theory.

Unit-IV: Moral Standards : Utilitarianism, Hedonism, Regorism and Perfectionism.

Suggested Readings:

- i) J. N. Sinha : A Manual of Ethics.
- ii) W. Frankena – Ethics
- iii) Padhi & Panigrahi – Basic Principles of Ethics.

Semester – III (2017)

Core – VII (Philosophy)

Paper-VII

A HISTORY OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Nature of Greek Philosophy : What is Philosophy? Origin, development and salient feature of Greek Thought.

Pre-Socratic Thought : The Being of Thales, Becoming of Heraclitus and Atomism of Democritus.

Unit-II : Socrates : Problem before Socrates, Dialectical Method, Epistemology and ethics of Socrates.

Unit-III : Plato : Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Idea, Theory of soul.

Unit-IV : Aristotle : A critique of Plato, Theory of Causation and Theory of Form & Matter.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) W.T. Stace – Greek Philosophy
- 2) Burnet – Greek Philosophy
- 3) B.A.G. Fuller – A History of Greek Philosophy
- 4) Y.Masih – A Critical History of Philosophy
- 5) F.Thilly – A History of Philosophy.

Semester – IV (2018)

Core – VIII (Philosophy)

Paper-VIII

CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : **R. N. Tagore** : God & Reality, Nature of Religion, Man & his destiny.

Swami Vivekananda: Concept of Man, Practical Vedanta, Universal Religion & Spiritual Humanism.

Unit-II : **M. K. Gandhi** : Concept of Truth, God, Non-Violence, Satyagraha & Sarvodaya.

Unit-III : **Sri Aurovindo** : Nature of World, Maya, Concept of Satchidananda, Theory of Evolution and Integral Yoga.

Unit-IV: **S. Radhakrishnan**: Concept of Man, Reality, Intellect and Intuition, Theory of Religion.

Suggested Readings:

- i) H. Sahoo (ed), Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- ii) B. K. Lal, Contemporary Indian Philosophy.
- iii) T.M.P. Mahadevan & V. Saroja; Contemporary Indian Philosophy.

Semester – IV (2018)

Core –IX (Philosophy)

Paper-IX

HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : **Bacon** – Theory of Idola, Inductive Method

Descartes – Universal Doubt, Cogito-ergo-sum, Existence of God, Mind-Body Relationship
(Interactionism)

Unit-II : **Spinoza** – Substance, Attribute & Modes, Psycho-Physical Parallelism.

Leibnitz - Theory of Monads, Pre-Established Harmony.

Unit-III : **Locke** – Refutation of Innate Ideas, Theory of Knowledge.

Berkeley – Subjective Idealism, Esse-est-Percipii

Hume – Theory of Knowledge : Impression and Idea, Theory of Causality, Scepticism.

Unit-IV: **Kant** – Reconciliation between Empiricism and Rationalism, Copernican Revolution in
Philosophy, Possibility of Synthetic - Apriori Judgment, Space and Time.

Suggested Readings:

1. Y. Masih – A History of Modern European Philosophy.
2. Frank Thilly – A History of Philosophy.
3. R. Fal Kenberg – Hist. of Western Philosophy.
4. H. Ray & G.Das (O) Paschatya Darsanara Itihasa.
5. Ira Sengupta – A History of Western Philosophy.

Semester – IV (2018)

Core – X (Philosophy)

Paper-X

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Textual Study – John Hospers, An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

Credits -06

Unit – I : **Word-Meaning** : Meaning of the word “Meaning”, Ambiguity and Vagueness.

Unit-II : **Definitions** : Donotative, Connotative and ostensive, Defining & Accompanying characteristics, Stipulative, Reportive & Persuasive definition.

Unit-III : **Sentence-Meaning**: Propositions and sentence, word-meaning and sentence-meaning, criteria of sentence meaning, Analytic-Synthetic distinction, Apriori & Aposteriori dish.

Unit-IV : **Logical Possibility & Impossibility, Concept** : Nature & Source, Truth : correspondence, coherence & truth as “it works”.

Semester – V (2018)

Core – XI (Philosophy)

Paper-XI

STUDY OF WESTERN CLASSICS:

F.M.-100 (80+20)

MEDITATION OF RENE DESCARTES

Credits -06

Unit – I : **Meditation-I** : Sceptical Doubts

Meditation-II : Cogito-ergo-sum, sum res cogitans, the wax Argument.

Unit – II : **Meditation-III** : Clear & distinct perceptions, theory of Ideas, Existence of God

Meditation-IV : God is no deceiver, Will, Intellect and Possibility of error.

Unit – III : **Meditation-V** : Essence of Material Things, Existence of God

Unit-IV: **Meditation-VI** : Mind-Body Dualism, Primary and Secondary Quality.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Rene Descartes – Meditations on First Philosophy.
- 2) Rae Langton – A study guide to Descartes Meditations.
- 3) Amelie Rotry – Essays on Descartes Meditations.

Semester – V (2018)

Core – XII (Philosophy)

Paper-XII

ISA UPANISADS WITH SANKARA'S

F.M.-100 (80+20)

COMMENTARY

Credits -06

Unit – I : What are Upanisads, place of Upanisads in Indian Philosophy and Culture – Isa Upanisads

Unit – II : Mantra 1 to 7

Unit-III : Mantra 8 to 14

Unit-IV : Mantra 15 to 18

Suggested Readings:

- 1) The ISA Upanisad with Sankar's Commentary
- 2) S. Radhakrishnan – The Principal Upanisad
- 3) Satyabadi Mishra – Central Philosophy of the Upanisads.
- 4) Gayadhar Dash – ISA Upanisad.

Semester – VI (2019)

Core – XIII (Philosophy)

Paper-XIII

SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Society, Social Science & social laws Philosophy of social science – Mechanical, Organic and Idealistic view of relation between individual and society.

Unit – II : Political Ideals – Justice, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

Political doctrines – Humanism, Secularism, Feminism, Philosophy of Ecology.

Unit-III : Democratic Ideals – Democratic Government, Conditions for successful functioning of Democracy.

Unit-IV : Political Ideologies – Anarchism, Marxism, Sarvodaya.

Social Progress – Human Rights, Origin and Development, Declaration of Human Rights: Theory and practice.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) O.P.Gauba – An Introduction to Political Philosophy.
- 2) J. Sinha – Outlines of Political Philosophy.
- 3) K. Ray & C. Gupta – Essays in Social and Political Philosophy.
- 4) D. D. Raphael – Problems of Political Philosophy.

Semester – VI (2019)

Core – XIV (Philosophy)

Paper-XIV

APPLIED ETHICS

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : What is Applied Ethics? Nature & Scope of Applied Ethics–Ethical Theories: Deontology, Utilitarianism, Relativism and Subjectivism.

Unit –II : (a) Taking Life : Animals – Animal Rights, Reverence for life, killing of animals.

(b) Taking Life : Humans – Euthansia : Types, Abortion

Unit-III : Environmental Ethics – Relation between man and Nature, Anthropocentrism, Non-Anthropocentrism, Western Tradition–Responsibility for future generation, Deep Ecology.

Unit-IV : Professional Ethics: (a) Business Ethics – Rights and obligations, justice & honesty in ethics.

(b) Bio-medical Ethics – Hippocratic Oath, Rights and obligations of Health-Care professionals, Doctor-Patient Relationship.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Peter Singer – Practical Ethics
- 2) Tom Regan – Animal Rights
- 3) T.L. Beauchamp – Bio-Medical Ethics
- 4) Velasquez – Business Ethics
- 5) Light & Rolston(ed) – Environmental Ethics
- 6) J. Jagdev – Bio-medical Ethics.

Semester – I (2016)

(B) GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE)

Paper –I

F.M.-100 (80+20)

SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Credits -06

Unit – I : Salient Features of Indian Philosophy

Carvakas – Epistemology and Metaphysics.

Jainism – Syadvada & Anekantavada.

Unit – II : Buddhism – Dependent origination, Momentariness, No-soul theory, Nirvana.

Unit – III : Sankhya – Purusha, Prakriti, Evolution

Yoga – Patanjali. Citta Vriti Nirodha, Astanga Yoga.

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- v) G.C. Nayak (O) Bharatiya Darsana.
- vi) B.B.Choudhury (O) Trs. Bharatiya Darsanara – Ruparekha.

Semester – II (2017)

GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE)

Paper –II

F.M.-100 (80+20)

LOGIC & SCIENTIFIC METHOD

Credits -06

Unit – I : Definition of Logic, Deductive and Inductive Arguments, Truth and validity, sound and unsound Arguments, Probability and Inductive Reasoning.

Unit-II : Inductive Reasoning & Scientific Enquiry, Problem of Induction, Paradox of Induction, Laws of Thought.

Unit – III: Law of causation : Meaning & Definition, Cause & Condition, Plurality of Causes, Doctrine of Uniformity of Nature, Mill’s Experimental Methods.

Unit- IV : Hypothesis & Scientific Method: Scientific & Unscientific Explanation, Types of Hypothesis, Legitimate Conditions of Hypothesis, Hypothesis and confirmation.

Suggested Readings:

- i) Cohen & Nagel, An introduction to Logic and Scientific method.
- ii) I.M. Copi, Cohen & Mach Mahan, (14th Edition) Introduction to Logic.
- iii) John Hospers, Philosophical Analysis.
- iv) W. Kneale – Probability & Induction
- v) N. Durzie – Inductive & Deductive Logic.
- vi) K.Om. Narayana Rao – Inductive and Deductive Logic

Semester – V

(C) DSE – I

STUDY OF MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD F.M.-100 (80+20)
Credits -06

Unit – I : Sanatana Dharma : Basic Features, Concept of Man (Amritasya Putra) His pursuits :
Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksa.

Unit – II : Buddhism : Basic Features, Four Noble Truths, Eight - Fold path, Nirvana.

Unit – III : Jainism : Three Gems (Triratna), Five Vows, Liberation.

Unit – IV : Christianity : Basic Features, God, World, Salvation.

Islam : Basic Features, Man, God & Human Destiny.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Y. Masih – A comparative study of Religion.
- 2) Lloyd Ridgeon – Major World Religions.
- 3) K. N. Tiwari – Comparative Religion.
- 4) A. K. Mohanty – Comparative Religion.

Semester – V

DSE – II

THE PHILOSOPHY OF BHAGBAT GITA F.M.-100 (80+20)
Credits -06

Unit – I : The Bhagbat Gita : Concept of Yoga, Concept of Life and Death.

Unit – II : Karma & Karmaphala in the Gita, classification of Karma: Karma, Akarma & Vikarma.

Unit-III : Concept of Jnana & Vijnana, Ksara, Aksara and Uttama Purusa in Bhagbat Gita.

Unit-IV : Chapter XVIII (Verse 1 to 36) with Sankara's Commentary.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) S. Radhakrishnan (Trs & Ed.), The Bhagbat Gita
- 2) S.C. Panigrahi, Concept of Yoga in the Gita.
- 3) K. M. Munshi & R. R. Diwakar, Bhagbat Gita & Modern Life.
- 4) A.G.K Warrior (Trs) Srimad Bhagabat Gita Bhasya of Sri Sankaracharya.
- 5) P. N. Srinivasachari – The Ethical Philosophy of the Gita.
- 6) B. K. Dash(ed) The Ethical Philosophy of the Ethics of the Gita Bhagbat Gita.

Semester – VI

DSE – III

GANDHIAN STUDIES

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Political Thought of Gandhi : His concept of Politics – goals and Methods, concept and claim of spiritualizing politics, Satyagraha.

Unit- II : Economic Thought of Gandhi : His efforts in the field of economics, Gandhi as a critique of industrialization; philosophy of work and employment, need and greed.

Unit-III : Gandhi on Education : Meaning and aims of education, Basic education (Nai Talim) Duties of students, Parents and Teachers in education and their interrelationship.

Unit-IV : Gandhi on Social Thought : Sarvodaya, Concept of Gram Swaraj, Caste system untouchability. Concept of Non-violence and world-peace. Combating terrorism through non-violence.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Mahatma Gandhi – Hind Swaraj
- 2) Mahatma Gandhi – Auto biography
- 3) Mahatma Gandhi – Towards New Education.
- 4) R. K. Prabhu & U.R. Rao – The Mind of Mahatma Gandhi.
- 5) S. Radhakrishnan – Mahatma Gandhi : Essays & Reflections.

Semester – VI

DSE – IV

PROJECT

(Dissertation – 60+ Viva Voce – 40)

Full Mark - 100 Marks

Credits -06

Each student has to prepare a project of his own selecting a topic from the philosophical perspective under the supervision of a teacher. The dissertation will carry 60 marks which will be evaluated by an external examiner and the student has to face a viva voce test (40 marks) by his supervisor (internal) and an external expert for the project.

(D) SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

Paper-I

CRITICAL THINKING

F.M.-50

Credits -02

Unit – I : Introduction to Critical Thinking : Standards of Critical Thinking, benefits and limitations.

Unit—II : Arguments and Recognising arguments: Definition and contents of argument, premises, hidden premises, conclusion, intermediate conclusions.

Suggested Readings:

1. Hurley, Partrick, J. - A Concise Introduction to Logic (2015) 12th Ed.
2. Madhuchhanda Sen - An introduction to Critical Thinking (2010)

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

Paper-II

Applied Reasoning

F.M.-50

Credits -02

Unit – I : Fallacies: introduction, fallacies of Relevance, fallacies of Presumption, fallacies of Ambiguity, Illicit Transference, fallacies in ordinary language.

Unit—II : Types of Reasoning, Analogical, Legal and Moral Science and Superstition: Distinction, Evidentiary Support and Objectivity Integrity.

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**SYLLABUS FOR B.A
GENERAL IN PHILOSOPHY**

**Syllabus and Suggested Readings for
B.A (Regular) Philosophy**

(A) Four core papers

Semester-I Core-I General philosophy

Semester-II Core-II Logic and Scientific Method

Semester-III Core-III Systems of Indian Philosophy

Semester-IV Core-IV Philosophy Of language

(B) Two Generic Elective (GE) for other discipline (other than philosophy) Students

Semester-V GE Paper-I Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Semester-VI GE Paper-II History of Modern European Philosophy

(C) Semester-V DSE out of four papers the candidate has to choose one paper

DSE-I- Study of Major Religions of the world.

DSE-II- Applied Ethics

DSE-III- Philosophy of Mahima Dharma

DSE-IV- History of Greek Philosophy

(D) Semester-VI DSE-V **Project** under the supervision of a teacher

Semester-I

Core – I

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Definition, Nature & Function of Philosophy, its relation to Science & Religion.

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Semester-II

Core – II (Philosophy)

LOGIC & SCIENTIFIC METHOD

F.M.-100 (80+20)

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- 8) W. Kneale – Probability & Induction.

Semester – III

Core –III

F.M.-100 (80+20)

SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Credits -06

Unit – I : Salient Features of Indian Philosophy

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Jainism – Syadvada & Anekantavada.

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- iv) R. K. Puligandla – Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy.
- v) G.C. Nayak (O) Bharatiya Darsana.
- vi) B.B.Choudhury (O) Trs. Bharatiya Darsanara – Ruparekha.

Semester – IV

Core – IV (Philosophy)

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Textual Study – John Hospers, An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

Credits -06

Unit – I : **Word-Meaning** : Meaning of the word “Meaning”, Ambiguity and Vagueness.

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Semester – V

GE Paper – I (Philosophy)

CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : **R. N. Tagore** : God & Reality, Nature of Religion, Man & his destiny.

Swami Vivekananda: Concept of Man, Practical Vedanta, Universal Religion & Spiritual Humanism.

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Unit-IV: **S. Radhakrishnan**: Concept of Man, Reality, Intellect and Intuition, Theory of Religion.

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- iv) H. Sahoo (ed), Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- v) B. K. Lal, Contemporary Indian Philosophy.
- vi) T.M.P. Mahadevan & V. Saroja; Contemporary Indian Philosophy.

Semester – VI

GE Paper –II (Philosophy)

HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : **Bacon** – Theory of Idola, Inductive Method

Descartes – Universal Doubt, Cogito-ergo-sum, Existence of God, Mind-Body Relationship
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Unit-II : **Spinoza** – Substance, Attribute & Modes, Psycho-Physical Parallelism.

Leibnitz - Theory of Monads, Pre-Established Harmony.

Unit-III : **Locke** – Refutation of Innate Ideas, Theory of Knowledge.

Berkeley – Subjective Idealism, Esse-est-Percipii

Hume – Theory of Knowledge : Impression and Idea, Theory of Causality, Scepticism.

Unit-IV: **Kant** – Reconciliation between Empiricism and Rationalism, Copernican Revolution in
Philosophy, Possibility of Synthetic - Apriori Judgment, Space and Time.

Suggested Readings:

- i) Y. Masih – A History of Modern European Philosophy.
- ii) Frank Thilly – A History of Philosophy.
- iii) R. Fal Kenberg – Hist. of Western Philosophy.
- iv) H.Ray & G.Das (O) Paschatya Darsanara Itihasa.
- v) Ira Sengupta – A History of Western Philosophy.

Semester – V

(C) DSE – I

STUDY OF MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Sanatana Dharma : Basic Features, Concept of Man (Amritasya Putra) His pursuits :
Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksa.

Unit – II : Buddhism : Basic Features, Four Noble Truths, Eight - Fold path, Nirvana.

Unit – III : Jainism : Three Gems (Triratna), Five Vows, Liberation.

Unit – IV : Christianity : Basic Features, God, World, Salvation.

Islam : Basic Features, Man, God & Human Destiny.

Suggested Readings:

- 5) Y. Masih – A comparative study of Religion.
- 6) Lloyd Ridgeon – Major World Religions.
- 7) K. N. Tiwari – Comparative Religion.
- 8) A. K. Mohanty – Comparative Religion.

Semester – V

DSE-II (Philosophy)

APPLIED ETHICS

F.M.-100 (80+20)
Credits -06

Unit – I : What is Applied Ethics? Nature & Scope of Applied Ethics–Ethical Theories: Deontology, Utilitarianism, Relativism and Subjectivism.

Unit –II : (a) Taking Life : Animals – Animal Rights, Reverence for life, killing of animals.

(b) Taking Life : Humans – Euthansia : Types, Abortion

Unit-III : Environmental Ethics – Relation between man and Nature, Anthropocentrism, Non-Anthropocentrism, Western Tradition–Responsibility for future generation, Deep Ecology.

Unit-IV : Professional Ethics: (a) Business Ethics – Rights and obligations, justice & honesty in ethics.

(b) Bio-medical Ethics – Hippocratic Oath, Rights and obligations of Health-Care professionals, Doctor-Patient Relationship.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) Peter Singer – Practical Ethics
- 2) Tom Regan – Animal Rights
- 3) T.L. Beauchamp – Bio-Medical Ethics
- 4) Velasquez – Business Ethics
- 5) Light & Rolston(ed) – Environmental Ethics
- 6) J. Jagdev – Bio-medical Ethics.

Semester – V

DSE-III (Philosophy)

PHILOSOPHY OF MAHIMA DHARMA

F.M.-100 (80+20)
Credits -06

Unit-I- Metaphysics- Concept of Alekha

Unit-II- Concept of the world

Unit-III- Self and Liberation

Unit-IV- Ethics and Spiritual Humanism of Bhima Bhoi

Suggested Readings

1. Prof. Satrughna Nath- Mahima Dharma Dhara
2. Prof. Sarbeswar Das- Mahima Dharma
3. Prof. S.C. Panigrahi- Bhima Bhoi and Mahima Darsan
4. Biswanath Baba – Philosophy of Mahima Dharma (Vol-1)
Prof. Chitaranjan Das- Odishare Mahima Dharma

Semester – V

DSE - IV (Philosophy)

A HISTORY OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

F.M.-100 (80+20)

Credits -06

Unit – I : Nature of Greek Philosophy : What is Philosophy? Origin, development and salient feature of Greek Thought.

Pre-Socratic Thought : The Being of Thales, Becoming of Heraclitus and Atomism of Democritus.

Unit-II : Socrates : Problem before Socrates, Dialectical Method, Epistemology and ethics of Socrates.

Unit-III : Plato : Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Idea, Theory of soul.

Unit-IV : Aristotle : A critique of Plato, Theory of Causation and Theory of Form & Matter.

Suggested Readings:

- 1) W.T. Stace – Greek Philosophy
- 2) Burnet – Greek Philosophy
- 3) B.A.G. Fuller – A History of Greek Philosophy
- 4) Y.Masih – A Critical History of Philosophy
- 5) F.Thilly – A History of Philosophy.

Semester – VI

DSE – V

PROJECT

(Dissertation – 60+ Viva Voce – 40)

Full Mark - 100 Marks

Credits -06

Each student has to prepare a project of his own selecting a topic from the philosophical perspective under the supervision of a teacher. The dissertation will carry 60 marks which will be evaluated by an external examiner and the student has to face a viva voce test (40 marks) by his supervisor (internal) and an external expert for the project.