

M.A. PHILOSOPHY

(SEMESTER SYTSTEM PROGRAMME)

Syllabus

(Two Years Full Time Programme)

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(Effective from the Academic Year 2019-2020 onwards)



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Semester -I

Paper I

Philosophical Analysis

Part I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Bertrand Russell : Philosophy of Logical Atomism (Chapter I –VI)

Unit II

G.E.Moore : Refutation of Idealism

Unit III

A.J.Ayer : Language, Truth & Logic

Unit IV

Gilbert Ryle : Systematically Misleading Expressions

Semester -I

Paper II

Logic

Part-I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

P.F. Strwason : Introduction to Logical Theory
(Inconsistency, Language and Logical entailment)

Unit II

P.F. Strwason : Introduction to Logical Theory (Chapter-III)

Unit III

P.F. Strwason : Introduction to Logical Theory (Chapter -IV)

Unit IV

Irving M. Copi : Symbolic Logic (Chapter-III)

Semester -I

Paper III

Selected Classics-I

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Plato : Republic (Theory of Ideas)

Unit II

Aristotle : Metaphysics (Selected sections from the book)
(Chapter I, II, V, VI, VIII, XVII, XIX to XXIII)
Book A (Chapter I & II)
Book T (Chapter I to III)
Book E (Chapter I)
Book Z (Chapter I to XI)
Book H (Chapter I)
Book V Appendix I (Chapter I & II)

Unit III

Descartes : Discourse on Method, Part II, IV

Unit IV

Leibnitz : Monadology

Semester -I

Paper IV

Ethics

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Kant : Groundwork of Metaphysics of Morals (Chapter-I)

Unit II

Kant : Groundwork of Metaphysics of Morals (Chapter-III)

Unit III

Moore : Principia Ethica (Chapter-I)

Unit IV

Moore : Principia Ethica (Chapter -V & VI)

Total Marks (Semester-I): 400

Semester -II

Paper I

Philosophical Analysis

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Ludwig Wittgenstein : Tractatus-Logico-Philosophicus

Unit II

Ludwig Wittgenstein : Philosophical Investigations
(Nature of Philosophy, Language games)

Unit III

W.V.O. Quine : Two Dogmas of Empiricism

Unit IV

**H.P.Grice &
P.F.Strawson** : In Defense of the Dogma

Semester -II

Paper- II

Logic

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

P.F.Strawson : Introduction to Logical Theory (Chapter- V)

Unit II

P.F.Strawson : Introduction to Logical Theory (Chapter -VI &VII)

Unit III

I.M.Copi : Symbolic Logic (Chapter- IV)

Unit IV

P.F.Strawson : Introduction to Logical Theory (Chapter- IX)

Semester -II

Paper- III

Selected Classics I

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

John Locke : An Essay Concerning Human Understanding
Book I, Book II, 27

Unit II

David Hume : Treatise on Human Nature,
Vol. I, Book I, Part II, III, IV

Unit III

Immanuel Kant : Critique of Pure Reason, V and VI

Unit IV

Immanuel Kant : Critique of Pure Reason, VII and VIII

Semester -II

Paper- IV

Ethics

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Austin : A Plea for Excuses

Unit II

Stevenson : Ethics and Language (Chapter- IV, IX & X)

Unit III

Hare : Language of Morals

Unit IV

Peter Singer : Practical Ethics (Chapter I)

Total Marks (Semester-II): 400

Semester -III

Paper- I

Problems of Knowledge

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

- A.J.Ayer : Problem of Knowledge (Chapter-I)
- Gatier's Paradox : Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?
Problems and Solutions.

Unit II

- A.J.Ayer : Problem of Knowledge (Chapter-II)

Unit III

- A.J.Ayer : Problem of Knowledge (Chapter-III)

Unit IV

- A.J.Ayer : Problem of Knowledge (Chapter- IV & V)

Semester -III

Paper- II

Selected Classics II

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Tarkasangraha
(Annambhatta)

- : Historical background of Nyāya-Vaśesika Philosophy
General Account of Categories (Padārtha), Dravya,
Guna: (rupa-rasa-gandha-sparśa-sankhyā-parimāna-prithaktva-samyoga-vibhāga-paratva-apatatva-gurutva-dravatva-sneha-śabda).

Unit II

Tarkasangraha
(Annambhatta)

- : Guna: Buddhi: Nature and Validity of knowledge, Perception

Unit III

Tarkasangraha
(Annambhatta)

- : Inference

Unit IV

Tarkasangraha
(Annambhatta)

- : Comparison, Verbal Testimony
Guna: (sukha-dukha-icchā-dvesa-prayatna-dharma-adharma-samskāra)
Karma, Sāmānya, Viśesa, Samvāya and Abhāva

Semester –III

Paper III/IV (A)

Social & Political Philosophy

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Individual and Society : Individualism, Collectivism
'Well ordered society' (Rawls)
'Society as Play' (Gadamer).

Unit II

Individual and State : Power Theory of state (Hobbes)
Right Theory of state (Hegel).

Unit III

Stateless Society : Anarchism, Marxism,
Communitarianism.

Unit IV

Obligation and Rights : Moral and Political obligation (Kant)
Analysis of rights (Hohfeld)
Natural duties and obligation (Rawls)
Right as trump (Dworkin).

Semester –III

Paper III/IV (B)

Philosophy of Religion

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Nature and Method of Philosophy of Religion

Morality and Religion : Plato, Patric Novell Smith, B.A.
Brody, Kai Nelson

Unit II

**Proofs for the existence
of God** : Ontological and Cosmological
arguments

Unit III

**Relevance of the proofs
for the existence of God** : Steven M. Cahn, Stephen T. Davis,
Kierkegard and Ramanuja

Unit IV

Problem of Evil

Semester –III

Paper III/IV (C)

Applied Ethics

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Basic Concepts : Nature of Ethics, Morality and Applied Ethics.
Indian Understanding of ethic

Unit II

Philosophy of Human Rights : Concept and History of Human Rights
Declaration of Human Rights and treaties

Unit III

Medical Ethics : Suicide and Euthanasia, Types of Euthanasia
Right to Life, right to die and right to intervention

Unit IV

Bio- Ethics : Abortion Ethics: Nature of Problem
Various Positions: Conservative, Liberal and Feminist

Semester –III

Paper III/IV (D)

Debates on Society and Culture

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Man, Society and state

Unit II

Nationalism and Multiculturalism

Unit III

Debates on Secularism

Unit IV

Debates on Identity

Semester –III

Paper III/IV (E)

Readings in Political Philosophy

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Plato : Selections from Apology and Republic

Aristotle : Selections from The Politics

Unit II

Hobbes : Selections from Leviathan

Machiavelli : Prince

Unit III

John Locke : A Letter concerning Toleration

Hume : Essays on Moral and political

Unit IV

J.S. Mill : On Liberty and Subjection of women

Kant : Perpetual Peace in Kant's Political writings

Semester –III

Paper III/IV (F)

Gandhian Philosophy

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Religious and Ethical thoughts :

Truth and God
Relation between Truth and Non Violence

Unit II

Religious and Ethical Thought :

Equality of all religions (Sarva-Dharma-Sama-Bhava)
Anasaktiyoga

Unit III

Social Thought :

Doctrine of Sanatanadharma
Varnasramadharma
Approach to Varna, Jati and untouchability
The Status and role of women

Unit IV

Social Thought :

Conception of ideal society (Ramarajya)
Doctrine of Sarvodaya,
Critique of modern civilization

Semester –III

Paper III/IV (G)

Selected Indian Classics

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Mādhyamika Kārikā : Pratyaya Parikshā (Chapter-I)
(Nagarjuna)

Unit II

Mādhyamika Kārikā : Nirvāna Parikshā (Chapter-25)
(Nagarjuna)

Unit III

Ālamban Parikshā : Examination of Realism
(Dignaga)

Unit IV

Ālamban Parikshā : Establishment of Vijnanavāda
(Dignaga)

Semester –III

Paper III/IV (H)

Early Greek Philosophy

Part- I

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

THE IDEA OF PHILOSOPHY IN GENERAL: THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

THE IONICS: THALES. ANAXIMANDER. ANAXIMENES & OTHER IONIC THINKERS

THE PYTHAGOREANS

THE ELEATICS: XENOPHANES. PARMENIDES. ZENO. CRITICAL REMARKS ON ELEATICISM
HERACLEITU

Unit II

EMPEDOCLES

THE ATOMISTS: Democritus & Leucippus

ANAXAGORAS

THE SOPHISTS Protagoras & Gorgias

Unit III

SOCRATES

THE SEMI-SOCRATICS: THE CYNICS. THE CYRENAICS. THE MEGARICS

Unit IV

PLATO: Life and writings, The theory of knowledge, Dialectic, or the theory of Ideas, Physics, or the theory of existence, The doctrine of the world, The doctrine of the human soul, Critical estimate of Plato's philosophy.

Total Marks (Semester-III): 400

Semester –IV

Paper-I

Problems of Knowledge

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Ludwig Wittgenstein : On Certainty

Unit II

G.E.Moore : Certainty

Unit III

P.F.Strawson : Individuals (Chapter-I)

Unit IV

P.F.Strawson : Individuals (Chapter-III)

Semester –IV

Paper-II

Selected Classics II

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Nyāya Bindu : Right knowledge, Criterion of
(Dharmakirti) Right knowledge, Pramāna-Vyavasthā,
Pramāna and Pramāna-Phala.

Unit II

Nyāya Bindu : Sources of knowledge:
(Dharmakirti) Perception and Inference.

Unit III

:
Syādavādamanjari : Syādavāda, Concept of Self,
(Srimallisenasuri) Theory of Knowledge and
Nayavāda.

Unit IV

Syādavādamanjari : Criticism of Theories of other
(Srimallisenasuri) systems by Jain Thinkers.

Semester –IV

Paper- III/IV (A)

Social & Political Philosophy

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Sovereignty : Bodin, Hobbes, Austin and Bentham.

Unit II

Liberty : Berlin, Mill, Dworkin and Rawls

Unit III

Social Justice : Mill, Rawls and Locke

Unit IV

Political Action : Satyagrah, Civil disobedience:
(Rawls and Dworkin)
Marxian Theory of Revolution.

Semester –IV

Paper- III/IV (B)

Philosophy of Religion

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Religious Language : Maimonides, Aquinas, Verification Theory, Positivists, Story, Metaphor, Analogy

Unit II

Faith & Reason : Michael Scrivan: Presumption of Atheism, C.S.Lewis: On Obstinacy in Belief, William James: The Will to Belief, Soren Kierkegaard: Subjectivity and Truth, Wittgenstein: A Lecture on Religious Belief, Norman Malcolm: The Groundlessness of Belief, John Hick: Rational Theistic Belief without Proof.

Unit III

Revelation

Religious Experience

Mysticism

Unit IV

Attributes of God

Semester –IV

Paper- III/IV (C)

Applied Ethics

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

- Sub-Altern morality** : Dalit Vimarsh
Gender Ethics : Distinction between sex and Gender, Patriarchy and Matriarchy, areas of Discrimination
Feminist Theories : Liberal, Marxist and Radical.

Unit II

Business and Applied Ethics
Stakeholder's approach.
Corporate responsibilities

Unit III

Environmental Ethics and Ecology
Sustainable development
Concept of Posterity

Unit IV

Professional Ethics
Media Ethics: Electronic and Print media
Issues and Social responsibility

Semester –IV

Paper- III/IV (D)

Debates on Society and Culture

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Religion and Morality

Unit II

Conversion

Unit III

Social Change

Unit IV

Humanism

Semester –IV

Paper- III/IV (E)

Readings in Political Philosophy

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

- John Rawls** : A theory of Justice
John Rawls : Political Liberalism

Unit II

- John Rawls** : The Laws of People
Amartya Sen : Selections from The Idea of Justice

Unit III

- Gandhi** : Hind Swaraj
Contemporary Indian thinkers

Unit IV

- Jurgen Habermas** : Struggle for Recognition
Charles Taylor : Multiculturalism and Politics of recognition

Semester –IV

Paper- III/IV (F)

Gandhian Philosophy

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Political Thought :

The doctrine of Satyagraha: scope and application
Limits and Significations of Satyagraha

Unit II

Political Thought :

Civil Disobedience
Doctrine of Swaraj (Self-rule)-Politics & Ethics – Political Ideal

Unit III

Economic and Educational Thought :

The doctrine of Bread labour
Trusteeship and Socialism
The doctrine of Swadeshi (self-reliance)
Economics and Ethics
Gandhi's views on education

Unit IV

Some Controversies :

Tilak-Gandhi controversy on interpretation of Bhagawadgita
Tagore-Gandhi controversy on nationalism and modernity
Ambedkar-Gandhi controversy on Varna and caste.

Semester –IV

Paper- III/IV (G)

Selected Indian Classics

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

Vedānta Paribhāsa
(Dharmarāja Adhvarindra) : Historical background
of Epistemology,
Perception.

Unit II

Vedānta Paribhāsa
(Dharmarāja Adhvarindra) : Inference, Comparison (Upamāna)

Unit III

Vedānta Paribhāsa
(Dharmarāja Adhvarindra) : Verbal Testimony (Sabda),
Prtesumption (Arthapatti) and Non-
apprehension (Anupalabdhi)

Unit IV

Vedānta Paribhāsa
(Dharmarāja Adhvarindra) : Metaphysics,
The aim of Vedānta.

Semester –IV

Paper- III/IV (H)

Early Greek Philosophy

Part- II

(Marks: 100)

Unit I

ARISTOTLE:: Life, Writings, and general character of his work, Logic, Metaphysics, Physics or the philosophy of nature, Ethics, Critical estimate of Aristotle's philosophy.

Unit II

THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF POST-ARISTOTELIAN PHILOSOPHY

THE STOICS: LOGIC. PHYSICS. ETHICS

Unit III

THE EPICUREANS: PHYSICS. ETHICS

THE SCEPTICS: PYRRHO, THE NEW ACADEMY, LATER SCEPTICISM

Unit IV

TRANSITION TO NEO-PLATONISM

THE NEO-PLATONISTS

Paper - V : Dissertation

(Marks: 100)

Paper - VI : Viva-voce

(Marks: 100)

Total Marks (Semester-IV): 600

Note:

- Students of M.A. IIIrd & IVth semester are supposed to chose two optional out of the eight optional papers [i.e. Paper III/IV(A) / III/IV(B) / III/IV(C)/ III/IV(D)/ III/IV(E)/ III/IV(F)/ III/IV(G) III/IV(H)] provided in the syllabus.
 - Semester- IVth of M.A. will have Paper -Vth for Dissertation. The Dissertation will be of 100 Marks.
 - Viva-voce at the end of IVth Semester will be of 100 Marks.
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