**M.A. PHILOSOPHY**

**(Semester System Course)**

**(Two Years Full Time Programme)**

**COURSE CONTENTS**

(Effective from the Academic Year 2012‐2013 onwards)

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW**

**LUCKNOW-226007**

**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)

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**Total Marks (Semester-I): 400**

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**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 &** : In Defense of the Dogma

**P.F.Strawson**

**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)

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**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 :** Historical background of Nyāya-

(Annambhatta) Vaśesika Philosophy

General Account of Categories (Padārtha), Dravya,

Guna: (rupa-rasa-gandha-sparśa- sankhyā-parimāna-prithaktva- samyoga-vibhāga-paratva- aparatva-gurutva-dravatva- sneha-śabda).

**Unit II**

**Tarkasangraha :** Guna: Buddhi: Nature and

(Annambhatta) Validity of knowledge,

Perception

**Unit III**

**Tarkasangraha :** Inference

(Annambhatta)

**Unit IV**

**Tarkasangraha :** Comparison, Verbal Testimony

(Annambhatta) Guna: (sukha-dukha-icchā-dvesa-prayatna-

dharma-adharma-samskāra)

Karma,Sāmānya,Viśesa,Samvāya andAbhāva

**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** : Ontological and Cosmological

**of God** arguments

**Unit III**

**Relevance of the proofs** : Steven M. Cahn, Stephen T. Davis,

**for the existence of God** Kierkegard and Ramanuja

**Unit IV**

**Problem of Evil**

**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**

**Ălamban Parikshā** : Examination of Realism

(Dignaga)

**Unit IV**

**Ălamban Parikshā**  : Establishment of Vijnanavāda

(Dignaga)

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**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 disobidience:

(Rawls and Dworkin)

Marxian Theory of Revolution.

**Semester –IV**

**Paper- III/IV (B)**

**Philosophy of Religion**

**Part- II**

**(Marks: 100)**

**Unit I**

**Religious Language :** Maimonedes, 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 (G)**

**Selected Indian Classics**

**Part- II**

**(Marks: 100)**

**Unit I**

**Vedānta Paribhāsa :** Historical background

(Dharmarāja Adhvarindra) of Epistemology, Perception.

**Unit II**

**Vedānta Paribhāsa :** Inference, Comparision (Upamāna)

(Dharmarāja Adhvarindra)

**Unit III**

**Vedānta Paribhāsa :** Verbal Testimony (Sabda),

(Dharmarāja Adhvarindra) Prtesumption (Arthapatti) and Non- apprihension (Anupalabdhi)

**Unit IV**

**Vedānta Paribhāsa :** Metaphysics,

(Dharmarāja Adhvarindra) The aim of Vedānta.

**Paper - V :** Dissertation (Marks: 100)

**Paper - VI :**  Viva-voce (Marks: 100)

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**Total Marks (Semester-IV): 600**

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**Note:**

* Students of M.A. IIIrd & IVth semester are supposed to chose two optional out of the three optional papers [i.e. Paper III/IV(A)/ III/IV(B)/ III/IV(G)] 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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