

SYLLABUS
FOR
B.A. PROGRAMME
(HONOURS & NON-HONOURS)

PHILOSOPHY

UNDER CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM



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Preamble

The syllabus for UG course in Philosophy is designed in accordance with Dibrugarh University Regulations for the Academic Programmes under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), 2018. The three years UG Programme includes six semesters. For the students having Honours in Philosophy, there shall be 14 Core Courses (CC) and 4 Courses of Discipline Specific Elective (DSE). The Non-honours students will have to appear in 4 Discipline Specific Courses (DSC) in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Semester with 1 paper in each Semester. The 5th and 6th Semester Non-honour students will have to select 2 papers from Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) courses with 1 paper in each Semester. The students having Honours other than Philosophy may have one GE paper in each Semester from 1st to 4th Semester. The 5th and 6th Semester Non-honours students other than Philosophy may select one GE paper in each semester. All the CC, DSE, DSC and GE papers will have 6 Credits each.

There shall be 100 marks for each course. Each course will be divided into 4 units having 25 marks for each unit. Examination and evaluation shall be done on a continuous basis. There shall be In-semester Assessments and End-semester Examination in each course during every Semester. 20% of the total marks of each course shall be allotted for In-semester Evaluations which will comprise Sessional Examination, Assignment, Paper presentation, Viva-voce etc. The End-semester Examination will be of 80% of the total marks covering the whole Syllabus.

**CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM
B.A. (HONS.) PHILOSOPHY
LIST OF PAPERS AND COURSES**

Core Course (14 papers)

Semester – I

C1: Indian Philosophy

C 2: Logic

Semester – II

C3: Ancient Greek Philosophy

C4: Indian Logic

Semester – III

C5: Modern Western Philosophy

C6: Indian Ethics

C7: Western Ethics

Semester – IV

C8: Contemporary Indian Philosophy-I

C9: Social and Political Philosophy

C10: Philosophy of Religion

Semester – V

C11: Contemporary Indian Philosophy – II

C12: Existentialism and Phenomenology

Semester – VI

C13: Comparative Religion

C14: Analytic Philosophy

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

Semester-V

DSE-1 (I): Philosophy of Vedas and Upanisads

or

DSE-1 (II): Aesthetics

DSE-2 (I): Meta-ethics

or

DSE-2 (II): Philosophy of Feminism

Semester-VI

DSE-3(I): Psychology

or

DSE-3 (II): Philosophy of Mind

DSE-4 (I): Applied Ethics

or

DSE-4 (II): Project

Generic Elective (GE)

Semester – I

GE-1: Introduction to Philosophy

Semester – II

GE-2: Introduction to Logic

Semester – III

GE-3: Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy

Semester – IV

GE-4: Applied Ethics

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LIST OF PAPERS AND COURSES**

Discipline Specific Course (DSC)

Semester – I

DSC- 1A: Indian Philosophy

Semester – II

DSC-1B: Fundamentals of Western Philosophy

Semester – III

DSC-1C: Fundamentals of Logic

Semester – IV

DSC-1D: Fundamentals of Ethics

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

Semester-V

DSE-1A (I): Western Philosophy

or

DSE-1A (II): Analytic Philosophy

Semester-VI

DSE-1B (I): Contemporary Indian Philosophy

or

DSE-1B (II): Social and Political Philosophy

Generic Elective (GE)

Semester – V

GE 1: Introduction to Philosophy

Semester – VI

GE 2: Introduction to Logic

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SEMESTER I

C1: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
(5 Lectures +1 Tutorial=6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End- Semester Marks: 80
In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper intends to acquaint the students with the basic problems of epistemology and metaphysics in Classical Indian Philosophy.

Unit I

Marks: 25

1. Introduction to Indian Philosophy
2. Common Features of Indian Philosophical Schools
3. The Upanisads: Doctrine of the Self and Critique of Rituals.

Unit II

Marks: 25

1. Cārvāka: Metaphysics and Epistemology
2. Early Buddhism: Four Noble-Truths and Doctrine of Dependent Origination (Pratityasamutpāda)
3. Jainism: Anekāntavāda and Syādvāda

Unit III

Marks: 25

1. Nature of Knowledge: Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika and Mimāṃsā
2. Sāṃkhya: Prakṛiti and Puruṣa, Theory of Evolution
3. Asatkāryavāda and Satkāryavāda Debate

Unit IV

Marks: 25

1. Advaita Vedānta of Sankara: Nature of Brahman and Māyā
2. Viśiṣṭādvaita of Rāmānuja: Nature of Brahman and Refutation of Māyā.

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Chatterjee, S.C. & D.M. Dutta (1984): *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, reprint, University of Calcutta.

2. Dasgupta, S.N. (2004): *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Vol.1, Delhi, Motilal Banarasidass Publishers, Pvt. Ltd.
3. Hiriyana, M: (1951): *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen & Unwin.
4. Radhakrishnan, S. (1929): *Indian Philosophy*, Volume 1, Muirhead Library of Philosophy, 2nd edition, London: George Allen and Unwin.
5. Sharma, C.D. (2003): *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.
6. Das, Parimal Bhushan: *Bharatiya Darsana*, Gauhati University.
7. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Bharatiya Darsana*.
8. Baruah, Girish: *Bharatiya Darsana*

C2: LOGIC

(5 Lectures +1 Tutorial=6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End- Semester Marks:80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper aims at acquainting the students with logical reasoning and testing of them in Aristotelian and Modern Symbolic Logic

Unit I

Marks: 25

1. Nature of Logic
2. Nature of Argument: Argument and Argument Form
3. Truth and Validity
4. Square of Opposition

Unit II

Marks: 25

1. Mediate Inference
2. Categorical Syllogism, Figure and Mood
3. Venn-diagram Technique for Testing Validity of Syllogism

Unit III

Marks: 25

1. Truth-function: Its kinds
2. Truth-table method
3. The validity of Argument: Direct and Indirect Method
4. Set theory: Null set, Sub-set, Proper set (Union, Intersection and Difference)

Unit IV

Marks: 25

1. Formal Proof of Validity
2. Rules of Inference and Rules of Replacement
3. Singular and General proposition

4. Quantifiers: Symbolization of Traditional Categorical Proposition
5. Rules of Quantification

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Copi, I.M.: *Introduction to Logic*, Delhi: Pearson.
2. Copi, I.M.: *Symbolic Logic*, Pearson
3. Basson & O' Connor: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*
4. Suppes, P.: *Introduction to Logic*
5. Sarma, Ramnath: *Symbolic Logic*
6. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Tarkavidya*
7. Bhattacharjee, Panchami: *Pacchatya Tarkavijnan*

GE 1: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
(5 Lectures +1 Tutorial=6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End- Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper attempts to acquaint the students with basic ideas of philosophy concerning theories and categories of knowledge and truth.

Unit I		Marks: 25
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Definition, Nature, Scope and Relevance of philosophy2. Relation between Philosophy and Science	
Unit II		Marks: 25
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Theories of the Origin of knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical theory	
Unit III		Marks: 25
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Realism: Naive Realism and Scientific Realism2. Idealism: Subjective and Objective Idealism	
Unit IV		Marks: 25
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Categories of Knowledge: Space, Time, Substance, Causality2. Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic Theory	

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70
Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14
Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Connor, D.J. (1964): *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, MacMillan, New York
2. Thilly, Frank: *History of Philosophy*
3. Masih, Y: *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
4. Pujari, Bandana: *Paschatya Darsanat Abhumuki*
5. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Darsanar Parichaya*
6. Baruah, Girish: *Paschatya Darsana*

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SEMESTER II

C3: ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY

(5 Lectures +1 Tutorial=6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End- Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper intends to acquaint students with the problems of epistemology and metaphysics of Greek Philosophy.

Unit I

Marks: 25

1. Pre- Socratic Philosophy
Thales: First Principle
Pythagoras: Number theory
Democritus: Atomism
Heraclitus: Doctrine of Flux and Logos
Parmenides: Nature of Being

Unit II

Marks: 25

1. Sophists: Protagoras (Man is the measure of all thing)
2. Socrates: Virtue is Knowledge

Unit III**Marks: 25**

1. Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas, Immortality of the Soul

Unit IV**Marks: 25**

1. Aristotle: Concept of Cause, Form and Matter and Criticism of Plato's Theory of Ideas

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Charlton, W. (1936), Aristotle's Physics Bks 1-2, U.S.A., Clarendon
2. Cohen, M.S. Curd, P. & Reeve, C.D.C. (ed)(1995) *Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Hackett:Indianapolis
3. Tankha, V. (2012): *Ancient Greek Philosophy: Thales to Socrates*, India, Pearson
4. Stace, W.T.: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
5. Masih, Y: *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
6. Thilly, Frank: *History of Philosophy*
7. Pujari, Bandana: *Paschatya Darsanat Abhumuki*
8. Baruah, Girish: *Paschatya Darsana*
9. Bhattacharyya, Jyotsna: *Paschatya Darsana Sanksipta Itihas*, Book Emporium, Guwahati.

C4: INDIAN LOGIC**(5 Lectures +1 Tutorial=6 Credits)****Full Marks: 100****End- Semester Marks: 80****In-Semester Marks: 20**

Objectives: This paper attempts to acquaint students with the development of critical understanding of Indian Logic.

Unit I**Marks: 25**

1. Nature and development of Indian Logic
2. The relation of Indian Logic to Indian Epistemology
3. Classification of Knowledge given by Nyāya system of Philosophy: (Pramā and Apramā)

Unit II**Marks: 25**

1. Pramāna as the Karana of Pramā/Characterstics and Kinds of Pramāna
2. Pratyakṣa: Nyāya and Mimāṃsā

Unit III**Marks: 25**

1. Anumāna-Definition, Constituents & Kinds of Anumāna,
2. Grounds of Anumāna- Psychological Ground- Pakṣatā
3. Logical ground- Vyāpti, Types and Ascertainment of Vyāpti

Unit IV**Marks: 25**

1. Marks of Valid Reason
2. Hetvābhāsa: Meaning and Kinds from the perspective of Nyāya

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Chatterjee, S.C.: *Nyaya theory of Knowledge*
2. Datta, D.M.: *Six Ways of Knowing*
3. Singh, B.N.: *Indian Logic*
4. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Bharatiya Darsana*
5. Das, Parimal: *Bharatiya Darsana*
6. Sastri, S. Kuppaswami: *A Primer of Indian Logic*
7. Chatterjee, S.C.: *Nyaya Theory of Knowledge*
8. Baruah, Girish.: *Bharatiya Tarkasastra*
9. Bhatta, Annam: *The Tarkasangraha*
10. Vidyabhusana, S.C.: *History of Mediaeval School of Indian Logic*
11. Randie, H.N.: *Indian Logic in the Early Schools*
12. Maitra, S.K.: *Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics & Logic*
13. Gangopadhyaya, M.K.: *Indian Logic in its Sources*
14. Neog, Arotee: *Bharatiya Tarkashastrar Jilingoni*
15. Baruah, Girish.: *Bharatiya Tarkasastra*, Saraswati Prakashan

GE 2: INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC**(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)****Full Marks: 100****End-Semester Marks: 80****In-Semester Marks: 20**

Objectives: This paper attempts to make the students familiar with the basic ideas of Aristotelian and Symbolic logic.

Unit I **Marks: 25**

1. Definition, Nature, Scope and Utility of logic
2. Word and Term: Definition and classification, Connotation and Denotation of term and their relationship

Unit II **Marks: 25**

1. Proposition: Traditional and Modern Classification
2. Inference: Deductive and Inductive

Unit III **Marks: 25**

1. Immediate Inference: Conversion and Obversion
2. Mediate Inference: Syllogism and its Structure and Rules

Unit IV **Marks: 25**

1. Symbolic Logic: Characteristics of Symbolic Logic, Development of Symbolic Logic
2. Symbols and Its Usage, Basic Truth Function

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Copi, I.M.: *Introduction to Logic*, Delhi: Pearson.
2. Copi, I.M.: *Symbolic Logic*, Dorling Kindersley India
3. Basson & Oconnor: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, Harper Collins
4. Suppes, P.: *Introduction to Logic*, Springer
5. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Tarkavidya*
6. Chakraborty, C. (2009): *Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*, PHI, New Delhi
7. Williams, D. : *The Ground of Induction*, Harvard University Press
8. Von Wright: *Logical Problems of Induction: A Treatise on Induction and Probability*

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Semester III

C5: MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper attempts to introduce students with the problems of Modern Western Philosophy and to develop systematic and critical understanding.

Unit I **Marks: 25**

1. Descartes Mind-body, Theory of Knowledge
2. Spinoza: Substance, Attributes and Modes

Unit II **Marks: 25**

1. Leibnitz: Monadology, Pre-established Harmony
2. Locke: Refutation of Innate Ideas, Theory of Knowledge

Unit III **Marks: 25**

1. Berkeley: Esse Est Percipi, Denial of Matter (Immaterialism)
2. Hume: Impressions and Ideas, Causality and Self

Unit IV **Marks: 25**

1. Kant: Criticism, Synthetic A Priori Judgement, Space and Time
2. Hegel: Dialectic Method and Objective Idealism

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested readings:

1. Connor, D.J. (1964): *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, MacMillan, New York
2. Thilly, Frank (1956): *History of Philosophy*, Central Publishing House, Allahabad
3. Masih, Y (1996): *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass
4. Pujari, Bandana: *Paschatya Darsanat Abhumuki*
5. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Darsanar Parichaya*
6. Baruah, Girish: *Paschatya Darsana*

C6: INDIAN ETHICS

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper intends to acquaint students with the basic ethical concepts of Indian Philosophy and develop critical thinking.

Unit I	Marks: 25
1. Ethics of Vedas: Ṛta and Ṛṇa, Yajña	
2. Ethics of Upanisads: Śreyah, Preyah, Niśreyah	
Unit II	Marks: 25
1. Ethics of Bhagawat Gitā: Svabhāva, Svadharma, Sthitaprajña	
2. Highest Goal; Synthesis of Karma, Jñāna and Bhakti Marga.	
3. Niskāma Karma Yoga and Lokasamgraha	
Unit III	Marks: 25
1. Dharma: Meaning and Classification	
2. Varnāśramadharmā, Purusārtha, Law of Karma	
Unit IV	Marks: 25
1. Cārvāka Ethics	
2. Buddhist Ethics: Eight fold path, Pañcaśila	
3. Jaina Ethics: Triratna, Anuvrata and Mahābrata	

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70
 Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14
 Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Joshi, Prof. H.M (2000): *Traditional and Contemporary Ethics-Western and Indian*, Bharatiya Vidya Prakashan
2. Radakrishnan S, (1929): *Indian Philosophy*, Vol. I, Oxford University Press
3. Sarmah, C.D. (1962): *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, New Delhi
4. Chatterjee, S.C. & Datta, D.M. (1984): *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta University, Calcutta
5. Rachel, J. (1986): *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, McGraw-Hill
6. Bilimoria, Purushottama (2007): *Indian Ethics: Classical Traditions and Contemporary Challenges*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press
7. Gauhati Viswavidyalaya: *Bharatiya Darsana*
8. Bhattacharyya, Jyotsna: *Bharatiya Darsana*
9. Pujari, Bandana: *Bharatiya Darsana*
10. Devi, Anjali: *Bharatiya Darsana*

C7: WESTERN ETHICS

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper intends to introduce students with different ethical concepts of Western Philosophy and to develop critical understanding

Unit I **Marks: 25**

1. Nature, Scope and Utility of Ethics, Moral concept of Good, Ought and Right
2. Moral and Non-moral action
3. Voluntary Action: its stages

Unit II **Marks: 25**

1. Moral Consciousness: Characteristics and Elements
2. Moral judgement: Its Nature and Object
3. Postulates of Morality

Unit III **Marks: 25**

1. Aristotle: Virtue Ethics
2. Teleological Ethics: Egoism and Altruism
3. Kant: Deontological Ethics

Unit IV **Marks: 25**

1. Duty and Conflict of Duties
2. Theories of Punishment
3. Capital Punishment and Euthanasia

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Aristotle,(1926): *Nicomachean Ethics*, Harvard University Press
2. Kant, Immanuel (1953): *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, trns. H. J. Paton, London, Hutchinson
3. Warnock, Mary (1962): *J.S. Mill Utilitarianism*, Glasgow Collins
4. Frankena, William K.(1988): *Ethics*, Prentice Hall of India, Pearson
5. Mackenzie, J.S. (2005): *A Manual of Ethics*, Cosimo Classics
6. Lillie, William (1948): *An Introduction to Ethics*, Allied Publishers Limited
7. Sinha, J. N. (2009): *A Manual of Ethics*, New Central Book Agency
8. Baruah, Girish: *Nitishastra*
9. Roy, Hemanta: *Nitishastra*, Chandra Prakash, Guwahati
10. Devi, Anjali: *Nitishastra*

GE-3: FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

Objectives: This paper intends to acquaint the students with the basic problems of Epistemology and Metaphysics in Classical Indian Philosophy.

Unit I

Marks: 25

Nature and Chief Characteristics of Indian Philosophy
Āstika (Orthodox) and Nāstika (Heterodox) schools
Charges against Indian Philosophy: Pessimistic and Dogmatic

Unit II

Marks: 25

Cārvaka: Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics
Jainism: Syādvāda and Anekāntavāda
Buddhism: Four Noble-Truths

Unit III

Marks: 25

Sāmkhya: Prakṛiti and Puruṣa, Causality
Yoga: Aṣṭāṅga Yoga

Unit IV

Marks: 25

Nyāya: Pramānas- Anumāna and Pratyakṣa (Inference and Perception)
Vaiśeṣika: Dravya and Abhāva

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70
Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14
Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Chatterjee, S.C. & D.M. Datta (1984): *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, reprint, University of Calcutta
2. Hiriyana, M: (1951): *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen & Unwin
3. Radhakrishnan, S. (1929): *Indian Philosophy*, Volume 1, Muirhead Library of Philosophy, 2nd edition, London: George Allen and Unwin
4. Sharma, C.D. (2003): *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass
5. Das, Parimal Bhushan: *Bharatiya Darsana*, Gauhati University
6. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Bharatiya Darsana*
7. Baruah, Girish: *Bharatiya Darsana*

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SEMESTER IV

C8: CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-I

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objective: This paper intends to acquaint the students with the philosophical problems from the perspective of contemporary Indian philosophers.

Unit I

Marks: 25

1. Classical and Contemporary Indian Philosophy
2. Salient Features of Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Unit II

Marks: 25

1. Vivekananda: Practical Vedanta, Universal Religion, Philosophy of Education
2. Iqbal: Intuition, Human Ego

Unit III

Marks: 25

1. Sri Aurobindo: Evolution, Super Mind, Synthesis of Yoga, Integralism.
2. Gandhi: Truth, God, Non-Violence, Swarāj

Unit IV

Marks: 25

1. Tagore: Humanism, Nature of Religion
2. Radhakrishnan: Intellect and Intuition, Man and his Destiny (Sarvamukti)

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Radhakrishnan, S. (2009): An Idealist View of Life, Harper Collins
2. Srivastava(1983): Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd.
3. Mahadevan (1981): Contemporary Indian Philosophy, sterling Publishers Pvt.Ltd.
4. B.K. Lal (2017): Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarsidass

5. Sarmah, Nilima (1999): Twentieth Century Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarsidass
6. Kalita, Madan Chandra: Samasamayik Bharatiya Darsan

C9: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper attempts to acquaint students with different social and political ideas from philosophical perspective and to develop systematic and critical understanding about them.

Unit I

Marks: 25

1. Nature and Scope of Social Philosophy
2. Concept of Individual, Society, Community, Association, Institution
3. Theories of the relation between Individual and Society.

Unit II

Marks: 25

1. Family: Nature and Kinds, Rule of Family in Society
2. Social Evolution and Social Progress, Social Evil.

Unit III

Marks: 25

1. Nature and scope of Political Philosophy
2. Basic concept of State, Nation, Liberty, Equality and Justice
3. Democracy: Its different forms

Unit IV

Marks: 25

1. Gandhi: Concept of Sarvodaya
2. Ambedkar: Annihilation of Caste
3. Marxist: Concept of Class

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Chatterjee, P.B. : *A Handbook of Social Philosophy*
2. Marx's Writings on Sociology and Social Philosophy (Penguin)
3. Ambedkar, B.R. : *Annihilation of Caste-* With a Reply to Mahatma Gandhi
4. Iyer, Raghavan N. : *The Moral and the Political Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi*,
Oxford University Press

5. Datta, D.M. (1953): *The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*, University of Wisconsin Press
6. Baruah, Girish: *Samaj Darsana*
7. Bhattacharyya, Jyotsna: *Samaj Darsana*
8. Gauhati Viswavidyalaya: *Samaj Darsana*

C10: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper intends to acquaint the students with different philosophical issues and theories regarding religion.

Unit I **Marks: 25**

1. Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion
2. Religion and Science
3. Religious Faith, Belief and Reason, Mysticism

Unit II **Marks: 25**

1. Religious Consciousness: Its Nature and Elements
2. Origin of Religion: Anthropological and Psychological Theories
3. Divine Determinism and Human Freedom

Unit III **Marks: 25**

1. Proofs for the existence of God:
 - Cosmological Argument
 - Ontological argument
 - Teleological argument
 - Moral Argument

Unit IV **Marks: 25**

1. Problem of Evil
2. Immortality of the soul: Metaphysical and Religious Arguments
3. Anti-theistic Trends: Positivism, Materialism, Marxism

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Hick, John H.: *Philosophy of Religion*, Pearson Education
2. Galloway, George: *The Philosophy of Religion*, Edinburgh, T. & T. Clark, 38 George Street
3. Chad, Meister (Ed 2008): *Philosophy of Religion Reader*, New York Routledge

4. Keith E. Yandell (1999): *Philosophy of Religion-A Contemporary Introduction*, Oxon, Routledge
5. Guwahati Viswavidyalaya: *Dharmadarsana*
6. Bhattacharyya, Jyotsna: *Dharmadarsana*
7. Baruah, Girish: *Dharmadarsana*

GE-4: APPLIED ETHICS
(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper aims at acquainting the students with basic ideas of applied ethics concerning value of life, environmental ethics and professional ethics.

Unit I

Nature & Scope of Ethics
Moral and Non-moral Action
Applied Ethics: Nature & Scope

Unit II

Value of Human Life, Suicide, Female Foeticide, Capital Punishment

Unit III

Environmental Ethics: Relation between Man & Nature
Importance of Environmental Ethics in the present context

Unit IV

Introduction to Professional Ethics
Medical ethics, Euthanasia, Abortion, Doctor-Patient relation
Media Ethics: Privacy, Problem of Yellow Journalism, Ethical issues in Cyber Space

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Singer, Peter (1986): *Applied Ethics*, Oxford, Oxford University Press
2. Piet, John H. & Prasad Ayodhya (eds, 2000): *An Introduction to Applied Ethics*, New Delhi, Cosmo Publications
3. Lafollette, Hugh (Ed. 2014): *Ethics in Practice: An Anthology*, Wiley Blackwell
4. May, Larry (2010): *Applied Ethics: A Multicultural Approach*, Pearson

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SEMESTER- I

DSC-1A: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objectives: This paper intends to acquaint the students with the basic problems of Epistemology and Metaphysics in Classical Indian Philosophy.

Unit I

Marks: 25

1. Nature and Characteristics of Indian Philosophy
2. Charges against Indian Philosophy: Pessimistic and Dogmatic
3. Āstika and Nāstika Schools

Unit II

Marks: 25

1. Cārvāka: Materialism
2. Jainism: Syādvāda and Anekāntavāda
3. Buddhism: Four Noble-Truths

Unit III

Marks: 25

1. Sāmkhya: Prakṛiti and Puruṣa, Causality
2. Yoga: Aṣṭāṅga Yoga
3. Nyāya: Anumāna and Pratyakṣa

Unit IV

Marks: 25

1. Vaiśeṣika: Dravya, Sāmānya and Abhāva
2. Mimāmsa: Arthāpatti and Anupalabdhi
3. Vedānta: Brahman, Māyā, Jiva (Sankara and Rāmānuja)

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70

Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14

Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Chatterjee, S.C. & D.M. Datta (1984): *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*,

reprint, University of Calcutta.

2. Hiriyana, M: (1951): *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen & Unwin.
3. Radhakrishnan, S. (1929): *Indian Philosophy*, Volume 1 & 2, Muirhead Library of Philosophy, 2nd edition, London: George Allen and Unwin.
4. Sharma, C.D. (2003): *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.
5. Das, Parimal Bhushan: *Bharatiya Darsana*, Gauhati University.
6. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Bharatiya Darsana*.
7. Baruah, Girish: *Bharatiya Darsana*

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SEMESTER - II

DSC-1B: FUNDAMENTALS OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objective: This paper intends to acquaint the students with basic ideas of philosophy concerning concepts and theories of knowledge, truth, reality and value.

Unit I

Marks: 25

1. Philosophy: Nature, Scope and Value
2. Theories of the Origin of Knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical Theory

Unit II

Marks: 25

1. Realism: Naive Realism and Scientific Realism
2. Idealism: Subjective and Objective Idealism

Unit III

Marks: 25

1. Categories of Knowledge: Space, Time, Substance, Causality
2. Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic Theory

UNIT IV

Marks: 25

1. Theories of Reality: Monism, Dualism and Pluralism
2. Value: Nature and Kinds, Intrinsic and Extrinsic, Subjective and Objective, Absolute and Relative

Total Lectures of 1 hour duration: 70
Tutorial Classes of 2 hour duration: 14
Total Credits after Calculation: 06

Suggested Readings:

1. Charlton, W. (1936), Aristotle's Physics Bks 1-2, U.S.A., Clarendon
2. Cohen, M.S. Curd, P. & Reeve, C.D.C. (ed)(1995) *Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Hackett:Indianapolis
3. Tankha, V. (2012): *Ancient Greek Philosophy: Thales to Socrates*, India, Pearson
4. Connor, D.J. (1964): *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, MacMillan, New York
5. Stace, W.T. (2010): *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, Macmillan Publishers India
6. Thilly, Frank (1956): *History of Philosophy*, Central Publishing House, Allahabad
7. Masih, Y (1996): *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass
8. Pujari, Bandana: *Paschatya Darsanat Abhumuki*
9. Baruah, Girish: *Paschatya Darsana*
10. Bhattacharyya, Jytsna: *Paschatya Darsanar Sanksipta Itihas*, Book Emporium, Guwahati

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SEMESTER – III
DSC-1C: FUNDAMENTALS OF LOGIC

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objective: This paper intends to acquaint the students with the basic problems of Logic both Aristotelian and Symbolic.

Unit: I

Marks: 25

1. Nature, Scope and Utility of Logic
2. Deductive and Inductive Inference
3. Proposition: Four fold Scheme of Proposition

Unit: II

Marks: 25

1. Inference

2. Immediate and Mediate Inference
3. Syllogism Structure, Rules, Figure and Mood

Unit: III

Marks: 25

1. Induction: Its kinds (Scientific, Unscientific and Analogy)
2. Hypothesis: Its Kinds, Conditions of Valid Hypothesis

Unit: IV

Marks: 25

1. Symbolic Logic: Characteristics, Development of Symbolic Logic
2. Distinction between Traditional Logic and Modern Logic
3. Use of Symbols

Suggested Reading:

1. Copi, I.M.: *Introduction to Logic*, Delhi: Pearson.
2. Copi, I.M.(1979): *Symbolic Logic*, Pearson
3. Basson & O' Connor: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, Oxford University Press
4. Suppes, P (1957).: *Introduction to Logic*, Springer
5. Bhattacharjee, Jyotsna: *Tarkavidya*

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SEMESTER - IV

DSC-1D: FUNDAMENTALS OF ETHICS

(5 Lectures + 1 Tutorial = 6 Credits)

Full Marks: 100

End-Semester Marks: 80

In-Semester Marks: 20

Objective: The objective of this paper is to acquaint the students with fundamental ethical issues from both Western and Indian perspectives.

Unit: I

Marks: 25

1. Nature, Scope and Utility of Ethics
2. Good, Ought and Right
3. Moral Consciousness: Its Characteristics and Elements
4. Moral Judgment: Object of Moral Judgement

Unit: II

Marks: 25

1. Teleological Ethics: Egoism and Altruism.

2. Kant's Categorical Imperative.

Unit: III

Marks: 25

1. Postulates of Morality.
2. Crime and Punishment: Theories of Punishment.

Unit: IV

Marks: 25

1. Cārvāka Ethics.
2. Buddhist Ethics: Four Noble Truth, Pancaśīla
3. Jaina Ethics: Mahāvratā, Anuvratā.
4. Ethics of Bhagavadgītā: Swadharma, Nişkāma Karma

Suggested Reading:

1. Joshi, Prof. H.M (2000): *Traditional and Contemporary Ethics-Western and Indian*, Bharatiya Vidya Prakashan
2. Chatterjee, S.C. & D.M. Datta (1984): *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, reprint, University of Calcutta.
3. Hiriyana, M: (1951): *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen & Unwin.
4. Radhakrishnan, S. (1929): *Indian Philosophy*, Volume 1 & 2, Muirhead Library of Philosophy, 2nd edition, London: George Allen and Unwin.
5. Sharma, C.D. (2003): *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.
6. Rachel, J. (2012): *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, McGraw-Hill Education
7. Bilimoria, Purushottama et all (2007): *Indian Ethics: Classical Traditions and Contemporary Challenges*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press
8. Gauhati Viswavidyalaya: *Bharatiya Darsana*
9. Bhattacharyya, Jyotsna: *Bharatiya Darsana*
10. Pujari, Bandana: *Bharatiya Darsana*
11. Devi, Anjali: *Bharatiya Darsana*