

UTKALUNIVERSITY
CBCS SYLLABUS
B.A. (Honours)

No. of papers: 14 Full Marks: 100 each Credit Points: 4 each No. of classes: 50 each
[Mid Sem 20+End Sem 80]

CORE COURSE: PHILOSOPHY

FIRST YEAR

SEMESTER-I

Paper-I: General Philosophy
Paper-II: Symbolic Logic and Logic of Scientific Enquiry

SEMESTER-II

Paper-III: Systems of Indian Philosophy
Paper-IV: Philosophy of Language

SECOND YEAR

SEMESTER-III

Paper-V: Contemporary Indian Philosophy
Paper-VI: Modern European Philosophy
Paper-VII: Study of a Western Classic: Rene Descartes' *Meditations on First Philosophy*

SEMESTER-IV

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Paper-IX: Traditional Ethics and Applied Ethics
Paper-X: Study of Major Religions of the World

THIRD YEAR

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Paper-XI: Social and Political Philosophy
Paper XII: Study of an Indian Classic: The *Isa Upanisad*

SEMESTER-VI

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Basic Study Materials

1. G.T.W. Patrick, *Introduction to Philosophy*
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3. Bertrand Russell, *Problems of Philosophy*
4. Richard Taylor, *Metaphysics*
5. D.W. Hamlyn, *Metaphysics*

Paper-II: Symbolic Logic and Logic of Scientific Enquiry

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No. of classes: 50

UNIT-I: Chapters I, II and III (Sections 1 and 3)

UNIT-II: Chapter III (Section 4 to 7 and 9)

UNIT-III: Chapter V and Appendix

TEXT: *An Introduction to Symbolic Logic* by A.H. Basson and D.J. O'Conner

UNIT-IV: Scientific Method; Its Rules and Principles

UNIT-V: Explanation; Laws of Causation; Laws of Nature

Basic Study Materials

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3. John Hospers, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*
4. Alex Rosenberg, *Philosophy of Science: A Contemporary Introduction*

SEMESTER-II

Paper-III: Systems of Indian Philosophy

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No. of classes: 50

UNIT-I: Carvaka Materialism;
Jainism: *Syadvada*; *Anekantavada*

UNIT-II: Buddhism: The Noble Truths; Doctrine of Dependent Origination; Doctrine of Momentariness

UNIT-III: Samkhya: *Purusa*; *Prakrti*; Causality
Yoga: *Cittavrtti* and Its *Nirodha*; *Astangika Marga*

UNIT-IV: Nyaya: *Pramanas*
Vaisesika: *Padarthas*

UNIT-V: Samkara and Ramanuja: Brahman, Atman, *Jagat* and *Maya*

Basic Study Materials

1. S.C. Chatterji and D.M. Datta, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
2. C.D. Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*
3. M. Hiriyanna, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*
4. R.K. Puligandla, *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*
5. S. Radhakrishnan, *Indian Philosophy*, Volumes I and II

Paper-IV: Philosophy of Language

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Credit Points: 4

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UNIT-I: Word Meaning; Ambiguity; Vagueness

UNIT-II: Definition: Defining and Accompanying Characteristics; Scope of Definition; Causal, Stipulative, Reportive, Real, Persuasive, Ostensive definitions

UNIT-III: Referential, Ideational, Behavioural and Use View of Meaning

UNIT-IV: Analytic and Synthetic; *A priori* and *A posteriori*; Synthetic-*A priori*; Logical Possibility

UNIT-V: Concept: Nature and Source; Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and What Works; Knowledge: Sources

Basic Study Materials

1. John Hospers, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*
2. W.P. Alston, *Philosophy of Language*

SECOND YEAR

SEMESTER-III

Paper-V: Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Unit -1

Swami Vivekananda: Practical Vedanta; Universal Religion; Man and His Destiny

Unit –II

R.N. Tagore: God as Reality; Nature of Religion; Man and His Destiny

Unit –III

Sri Aurobindo: *Saccidananda*; Creation; Man and His Transformation

Unit –IV

M.K. Gandhi: God as Truth, Non-Violence, *Satyagraha*, *Sarvodaya*

Unit –V

S. Radhakrishnan: Man and His Destiny; Religion and Religious Experience; Intellect and Intuition

Basic Study Materials:

1. B.K. Lal, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*
2. T.M.P. Mahadevan, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*

Paper-VI: Modern European Philosophy

Unit-1

Plato: Theory of Knowledge; Theory of Forms

Aristotle: Criticism of Plato's Theory of Forms

Unit-II

Descartes: Method; Substance; Innate Ideas

Spinoza: Substance, Attribute and Modes

Unit-III

Leibnitz: Monads; Pre-establishment Harmony

Locke: Refutation of Innate Ideas; Theory of Knowledge; Idea of Substance

Unit-IV

Berkeley: Subjective Idealism

Hume: Scepticism; Theory of Causation; Idea of Self

Unit-V

Kant: Review of the Claims of Empiricism and Rationalism; Space and Time; Categories of Understanding

Basic Study Materials

1. W.T. Stace, *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
2. Frank Thilly, *History of Philosophy*
3. Richard Falkenberg, *History of Modern Philosophy*
4. Frank Thilly, *History of Philosophy*
5. Y. Masih, *Critical History of Western Philosophy*
6. Ratnakar Pati, *History of Modern European Philosophy*

Paper-VII: Study of a Western Classic: Rene Descartes' *Meditations on First Philosophy*

Unit-1

Meditation I: Sceptical Doubts, Meditation II: *cogito ergo sum* and *sum res cogitans*, The Wax Argument

Unit-II

Meditation III: Clear and Distinct Perceptions, Theory of Ideas, Existence of God

Unit-III

Meditation IV: God is no Deceiver, Will, Intellect and the Possibility of Error

Unit-IV

Meditation V: Essence of Material Things, Existence of God

Unit-V

Meditation VI: Mind-body Dualism, Primary and Secondary Qualities

Basic Study Materials

1. Rene Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy* (Various editions)
2. Rae Langton, *A Study Guide to Descartes' Meditations*, http://ocw.mit.edu/courses/linguistics-and-philosophy/24-01-classics-in-western-philosophy-spring-2006/study-materials/descartes_guide.pdf
3. Amelie Rorty, *Essays on Descartes' Meditations*

SEMESTER-IV

Paper-VIII: Study of The *Bhagavadgita*

Unit –I

The *Bhagavadgita*: Conception of Yoga; Conceptions of Life and Death

Unit –II

The *Bhagavadgita*: *Karma* and *Karmaphala*; *Karma*, *Akarma* and *Vikarma*

Unit –III

The *Bhagavadgita*: *Jnana* and *Vijnana*; *Ksara*, *Aksara* and *Uttama Purusa*

Unit –IV

Chapter XVIII Verses 1 to 36 with Samkara's Commentary

Unit –V

Chapter XVIII Verses 37 to 78 with Samkara's Commentary

Basic Study Materials

1. (Tr. & Ed.) S. Radhakrishnan, *The Bhagavadgita*
2. (Tr. & Ed.) V. Panoli, *Gita in Samkara's Own Words*, I & II
3. (Tr.) A.G.K. Warrior, *Srimadbhagavadgita Bhasya of Sri Samkaracharya*
4. P.N. Srinivasachari, *The Ethical Philosophy of the Gita*
5. K.M. Munshi and R.R. Diwakar, *Bhagavadgita and Modern Life*
6. S.C. Panigrahi, *Concept of Yoga in the Gita*

Paper-IX: Traditional Ethics and Applied Ethics

Unit-1

Definition, Nature and Scope of Ethics; Moral and Non- moral Actions; Factual and Moral Judgments

Unit-II

Teleological Ethics: Hedonism; Utilitarianism

Unit-III

Business Ethics: Rights and Obligations in Business; Justice, Truth Telling and Honesty in Business

Unit-IV

Bio-Medical Ethics: Rights and Obligations of Health Care Professionals, Patient and His Family; Abortion; Euthanasia

Unit-V

Environmental Ethics: Use and Exploitation of Nature; Animal Killing and Animal Rights

Basic Study Materials:

1. William Lillie, *Ethics*
2. J.N. Sinha, *Manual of Ethics*
3. Peter Singer, *Practical Ethics*
4. Jacques P. Thiroux, *Ethics: Theory and Practice*

Paper-X: Study of Major Religions of the World

Unit-1

Sanatana Dharma:

The Conception of Man (*amrtasya putra*); His Pursuits (*dharma, artha, kama & moksa*); Ways of Conduct (*margas*): *jnana, karma & bhakti*

Unit-II

Buddhism:

Three Practices: *Sila, Samadhi & Prajna*; Four Noble Truths; Five Precepts; Eight-fold Path

Unit-III

Jainism:

Three Gems; Five Vows; The Jaina *Agamas*

Unit-IV

Christianity:

God as Trinity; Grace; Justice; Peace; Service; Salvation

Unit-V

Islam:

Conception of Man; Pursuits of Man: *Shahadah* (declaration of faith), *Salaah* (prayer), *Zakat* (charity), *Saum* (fasting) & *Hajj* (pilgrimage): Brotherhood and Equality of Mankind

Basic Study Materials

1. Y. Masih, *A Comparative Study of Religions*
2. Lloyd Ridgeon, *Major World Religions*

SEMESTER-V

Paper-XI: Social and Political Philosophy

Unit-1

Sociality, Social Science and Social Laws; Philosophy of Social Science

Unit-II

The Explanation of Human Action; Reasons and Causes

Unit-III

What is Political philosophy? Liberty, Authority and Justice

Unit-IV

Democratic Ideals; Democratic Government; Human Rights

Unit-V

Power and Authority; Grounds of Political Obligation

Basic Study Materials

1. Scott Gordon, *The History and Philosophy of Social Science*, Chapters 1, 3, 4, 14,15 and 17
2. Alexander Rosenberg, *Philosophy of Social Science*, Chapters 1 and 2
3. D.D. Raphael, *Problems of Political Philosophy*

Paper-XII: Study of an Indian Classic: The *Isa Upanisad* with Samkara's Commentary

Unit-1

What are *Upanisads*, Place of *Upanisads* in Indian Philosophy and Culture, The *Isa upanisad*

Unit-II

Mantras 1 to 4

Unit-III

Mantras 5 to 9

Unit-IV

Mantras 10 to 14

Unit-V

Mantras 15 to 18

Basic Study Materials

1. The *Isa Upanisad* with Samkara's Commentary (Various editions)
2. S. Radhakrishnan, *The Principal Upanisads*
3. Satyabadi Mishra, *Central Philosophy of the Upanisads*

SEMESTER-VI

Paper-XIII: Gandhian Study

Unit-1

Political Thought of Gandhi: Gandhi's Concept of Politics - goals and methods of action; Concept and claim of spiritualising politics

Unit-II

Economic Thought of Gandhi: Gandhi's ideas and efforts in the field of economics; Gandhi's critique of Industrialism - Evils and Consequences; Philosophy of Work: Employment – *Yajna*, Need Vs Greed (and Wants)

Unit-III

Social Thought of Gandhi and Social Work: Philosophy and Sociology of *Sarvodaya*; Concept of *Gramswaraj*, *Varanshram* system and its distinction from caste system; Eradication of social evils with special reference to Gandhi's drive against alcoholism/drug addiction; Untouchability and the method of struggle against it

Unit-IV

Education - meaning and aims of education; Gandhi's experiment in education at *Satyagraha Ashram*, Ahmedabad; at *Sevagram Ashram*; Basic Education; Duties of students, parents and teachers in education and their Interrelationship; Sex education; Formal, non-formal and informal education

Unit-V

Gandhi's Idea of Peace: Meaning of Peace and Violence; Peace and Disarmament; Non-violent way to world peace; Combating terrorism through non-violence; Gandhian Approach to Conflict Resolution - *Shanti Sena*

Basic Study Materials

1. Mahatma Gandhi, *Autobiography*
2. Mahatma Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj*
3. Mahatma Gandhi, *Towards Non-violent Socialism*
4. Mahatma Gandhi, *Towards New Education*, http://www.mkgandhi.org/ebks/new_edu.pdf

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