

M.A. Philosophy
Previous (Annual)
(w.e.f. Academic Session: 2019-20)

Maximum Marks: 100
Theory: 80
Internal Assessment: 20
Time: 3 Hours

Paper-I: Logic (Indian & Western)

Instructions: The paper setter is requested to set Nine questions in all i.e., One Compulsory Objective Type Question without any choice, equitably distributed over the whole syllabi and Two Questions from Each Unit, spread all over the concerned unit, will also be set. Examinees will have to attempt Five questions in all, selecting one question from each unit. Objective Type Question is compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

Unit-1: Nature, Scope and Utility of Logic with special reference to Indian Logic. Definition and Constituents of Anumana in Nyaya and Buddhism; Nature of Vyapti in Nyaya and Buddhism.

Unit-2: Types of Anumana in Nyaya; Hetvabhasa (fallacies of Anumana); Navya Nyaya's concept of Anumana. Buddhist doctrine of Apoha. Inductive Elements in Indian Logic: the Concepts of Vyaptigrahopaya; Samanya laksana pratyasatti, Tarka, Upadhi- nirasa.

Unit-3: Logic and Language: Use of Language, Three main functions of language. Term: Connotation & Denotation; Relation between Connotation and Denotation. Definition and Nature of Induction; Importance of Induction; Problem of Induction. Hypothesis: Nature and Conditions of Scientific Hypothesis, Types of Hypothesis. Fundamental laws of thought.

Unit-4: Categorical Proposition and its Four Fold division, distribution of Term. Categorical Syllogism, Basic rules determining validity of syllogism and Fallacies arising as a result of the violation of those rules. Immediate inferences: conversion, obversion and contraposition. Elementary notions and principles of truth- functional logic; Techniques of symbolization; Testing validity/invalidity of an argument by Truth-table Method; Statement Forms: Tautologies, Contradictory and Contingent; Proof-construction for the validity of an argument form.

Suggested Readings:

- B.N. Singh : *Indian Logic*.
- S. Barlingay : *A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic*.
- S.R.Bhatt (Tr) : *Buddhist Epistemology*.
- I.M. Copi : *Introduction to Logic*. (Hindi Version also available)
- I.M. Copi : *Symbolic Logic* (6th Edition).
- A.N. Prior : *Formal Logic*.
- Patrick Suppes: *Introduction to Logic*.
- Ramnath Sharma, Tark Shastra.
- B.L. Sharma : *Tarka Shastra Pravesh*.

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Paper- II: Epistemology & Metaphysics (Indian)

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Unit-1: Nature and Subject-Matter of Epistemology; Epistemological Problems from the Indian Point of View; Relation of Epistemology with Philosophy and Ethics. The Debate about the Nature, Origin (utpatti) and Ascertainment (Jnapti) of validity: Svatahpramanyavada; Paratahpramanyavada.

Unit-2: The Theories about Invalid Perceptual Cognitions (Khyativada): Akhayati, Anyathakhyati, Viparitakhyati, Anirvacaniyakhyati, Satkhyati. A Brief Survey of Six Sources of Knowledge (Pramanas). Parmana Vyavastha and Pramana Samplava.

Unit-3: God: The Role of God in Nyaya- Vaishesika, Yoga & Advaita Vedanta; the New and Central role of God in the Bhakti schools with special reference to Ramanuja. Self as Atman in Jainism, Nyaya- Vaishesika, Samkhya and Advaita Vedanta.

Unit-4: Dravya, Guna, Paryaya in Jainism. Seven Categories (Padartha) in Vaishesika. Causation: the Debate between Satkaryavada and Asatkaryavada. Concept of Nirvana in Buddhism, Liberation in Jainism, Samkhya and Advaita Vedanta.

Suggested Readings:

- B.K. Matilal : *Perception*, Oxford University Press, 1986.
D.M. Datta: *The Six Ways of Knowing*, Calcutta, 1960.
Dharmakirti : *Nyayabindu* (Tr. In Stecherbatsky's Buddhist Logic, Vol. II) .
P.S. Sastri : *Indian Idealism*, Vols.I & II, Delhi, 1975-76.
Swami Satprakashananda : *Method of Knowledge*, London, 1965.
Satishchandra Chatterjee: *The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge*, Calcutta, 1965.
Visvanatha : *Siddhantamuktavali* (Tr. Svami Madhavananda).
M. Hirani : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*.
C.D.Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*.
S.N. Dasgupta : *A History of Indian Philosophy*, Vols. I to V.
S. Radhakrishnan : *Indian Philosophy*, Vols. I to II.
D.M. Datta & S.C. Chatterjee: *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*. (Hindi Version also available)
H.P. Sinha : *Bhartiya Darshan ke Rooprekha*.

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Paper-III: Epistemology & Metaphysics (Western)

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Unit-1: Nature and Definition of Knowledge, Belief and Knowledge. Theories of Truth: Self-evidence, Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic Theory. Socrates: Method of Knowledge. Plato: Distinction between Knowledge and Opinion. Aristotle: Theory of Knowledge.

Unit-2: Rene Descartes: Method and Criterion of Knowledge. Benedict Spinoza : Theory of Knowledge. Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz: Theory of Knowledge. John Locke: Origin; Nature and Validity of Knowledge. George Berkeley: Theory of "Esse Est Percipi". David Hume: Origin and Nature of Knowledge; Validity of Knowledge. Immanuel Kant: Problem of Knowledge; Copernican Revolution.

Unit-3: Problem of Substance, Change and Permanence: (with special reference to Ionians Parmenides, Heraclitus and Democritus). Socrates: Knowledge is Virtue. Plato: Theory of Ideas. Aristotle: Form and Matter; Four Causes.

Unit-4: Descartes' dualism; Descartes' Idea of God and Proofs for the Existence of God. Leibniz's doctrine of Monads. Mind-Body Problem in Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz. Locke's doctrine of matter and its rejection by Berkeley. Hume's rejection of Self, Matter and God. Hegel's Absolute Idealism.

Suggested Readings:

- A.J. Ayer : *The Problem of Knowledge*.
B. Russell: *Problems of Philosophy*.
Daya Krishna : *Pashchatya Darsan ka Itihasa* .
Francis Bacon: *Inductive Method*.
Jagdish Sahay Srivastava : *Adhunik Darshana Ka Vaigyanika Itihasa*.
John Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*.
Frank Thilly : *A History of Philosophy*.
D.J.O'Conner: *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*.
Roger Scruton : *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*.
W.K. Wright : *A History of Modern Philosophy*.
W.T. Stace: *Critical History of Greek Philosophy*.
Frank Thilly and Ledger Wood : *A History of Philosophy*.
Hamlyn : *Metaphysics*.
D.R.Jatave : *Pramukha Pashchatya Darshnika*

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Paper-IV: Ethics (Indian & Western)

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Unit-1: Nature and Scope of Indian Ethics: Its Relation with Philosophy, Religion and Sociology. Purusharth Chatustya. Law of Karma-Ethical Implications. Concept of Rna and Rta. Dharma: Sadharana and Visesa Dharma.

Unit-2: Brahama-Viharas. Astangamarga of Patanjali. The Ideal of Arhat and Bodhisathava. Triratnas of Jainism. Gita's Notion of Svadharma ; Lokasangraha ; Karam Yoga; Jnana Yoga; Bhakti Yoga; Ideal of Sthitaprajna.

Unit-3: Nature and Scope of Western Ethics. Concepts of Right, Good and Duty; Presuppositions of Morality; Freedom, Determinism and Responsibility. Theories of Punishment: Deterrent, Retributive and Reformative Theories.

Unit-4: Theories of Relation between Individual and Society. John Rawl's theory of Justice. Normative Ethics: Brief outlines of the Ethical Theories of Aristotle, J. Bentham, Kant and F.H. Bradley. Distinction between Normative and Analytic ethics. Ethical Cognitivism and Non-Cognitivism.

Suggested Readings:

- B.G. Tilak : *Gita Rahasya*.
- M.Hiriyanna : *The Indian Conception of Values*.
- R. Prasad : *Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality*.
- R. Prasad : *Varnadharma, Niskama Karma and Practical Morality*.
- Sri Aurobindo: *Essays on the Gita*.
- J.N.Sinha : *Manual of Ethics* (Hindi Version also Available).
- V.P.Verma : *Nitishastra Ke Mool Sidhanta*.
- V.P. Verma: *Adhinitishastra Ke Mool Sidhant*.
- Aristotle : *Nichomachean Ethics*.
- J.Bentham: *Principles of Morals and Legislation*.
- J.S.Mill : *Utilitarianism*.
- Immanuel Kant : *Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals*.
- Immanuel Kant: *Critique of Practical Reason*.
- R.M.Hare : *The Language of Morals*.
- Osho Rajneesh: *Yog Darshan*

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Paper- V: Modern Indian Thought

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Unit-1: Swami Dayanand: Traitvada Brahma, Jivatma and Prakrit; Thought on Education, Rajdharma and Swadeshi. Swami Vivekananda: Nature of Man: Physical Nature and Spiritual Nature; The Way of Devotion; Origin of Religion, Nature of Religion, Universal Religion.

Unit-2: Sri Aurobindo: Nature of Reality: Saccidananda. (Existence, Pure Consciousness & Bliss); The World Process: Evolution and Involution; Supermind: the Triple Status of Superman, Triple Transformation, Integral Yoga. K.C. Bhattacharya: Concept of Philosophy, Theoretic Consciousness and its Grades, Philosophy of the Object, Philosophy of Spirit, Philosophy of Truth; Notion of Subjectivity.

Unit-3: M.K. Gandhi : God is Truth and Truth is God; Non- Violence; Satyagraha; Sarvodaya. Rabindra Nath Tagore: Proofs for the Existence of God; Nature of Man : Finite and Infinite, Nature of Religion.

Unit-4: J.Krishnamurti: The Analysis of the Self; Freedom from the Known; Dhayana. S.Radhakrishnan: God and the Absolute; Nature of Soul; Religious Experience.

Suggested Readings:

Swami Dayanand, Satyarthparkash.
B.G. Tilak : *Gita Rahasya* .
B.K. Lal : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*. (Hindi version also available).
Swami Vivekananda : *Complete works*. (Hindi version also available).
Sri Aurobindo : *Life Divine*. (Hindi version also available).
Sri Aurobindo : *Integral Yoga* . (Hindi version also available)..
Bhikhu Parekh: *Gandhi's Political Philosophy*.
B.K. Lal : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*. (Hindi version also available)
J. Krishnamurti : *Freedom from the Known*.
J. Krishnamurti : *Tradition and Revolution*.
Radhakrishna : *An Idealist view of Life*.
R.Tagore : *Religion of Man*.