



SYLLABUS FOR B A HONOURS IN PHILOSOPHY

SEMESTER	COURSE NO.	PAPER	Total Marks
I st SEMESTER	PHIL: 11	: EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS	100
II nd SEMESTER	PHIL: 21	: LOGIC	100
III rd SEMESTER	PHIL: 31	: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	100
IV th SEMESTER	PHIL: 41	: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	100
V th SEMESTER	PHIL: 51	: HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	100
	PHIL: 52	: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	100
VI th SEMESTER	PHIL.: 61	: ETHICS	100
	PHIL.: 621	: GREEK AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY	100
	PHIL.: 622	: EXISTENTIALISM	100
	PHIL.: 623	: PHILOSOPHY OF MIND	100

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In the Code the first digit indicates the semester in which the paper is taught, the second digit, the number of the paper in the semester, the third digit indicates the number of the optional paper from which the college may choose to float one paper. Course No: Phil 11, Phil: 21 and Phil: 31 are marked as **Elective Subjects** for Non-Philosophy Honours students.

PHIL.: 11
EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS



- Unit – I : **Meaning and Method of Philosophy**
(a) Meaning of Philosophy
(b) Relation of Philosophy to Science
(c) Relation of Philosophy to Religion
- Unit – II : **Sources of Knowledge**
(a) Western: Empiricism, Rationalism and Critical Philosophy
(b) Indian: Perception, Inference and Verbal Testimony
- Unit – III : **Theories of Truth**
(a) Coherence
(b) Correspondence
(c) Pragmatism
- Unit – IV : **Theories of Reality**
(a) Monism, Dualism and Pluralism
(b) Realism and Idealism —
- Unit – V : **Metaphysical and Categories**
(a) Substance and Causality.
(b) Space and Time

Suggested Readings:

1. John Hospers, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, Allied Publishers, Delhi, 1980
2. Bertrand Russell, *Problems of Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 1912.
3. M. Hiriyanna, *The Essentials of Indian Philosophy*, London George Allen & Unwin, 1985.
4. N. K Smith (Trans.) *Immanuel Kant's critique of Pure Reason*, The Macmillan Press Ltd., London, 1073, pp.41-91.
5. K. Lehrer, *Knowledge*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1074.
6. J .N Mohanty, *Classical Indian Philosophy*, New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2000.
7. D. M Datta, *Six Ways of Knowing*, Calcutta University Press, 1980, Edn.
8. C. D Sharma, *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975.
9. D. M Datta & S. Chatterjee, *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, 1984.

PHIL.:31
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY



- Unit – I : **Nature of Social and Political Philosophy**
(a) Nature of Scope of Social and Political Philosophy
(b) Social Philosophy and Sociology
(c) Political Philosophy and Political Science
- Unit – II : **Major Concept**
(a) Individual and Society
(b) State and Sovereignty
(c) Nation
- Unit – III : **Social and Political Ideas**
(a) Liberty and Equality
(b) Fraternity
(c) Justice
- Unit- IV : **Political Concepts**
(a) Democracy
(b) Socialism
(c) *Fascism and Anarchism*
- Unit – V : **Nature of Transformation**
(a) Tradition and Reform
(b) Rebellion
(c) Change and Revolution

Suggested Readings:

1. D.D. Raphael, *Problem of Political Philosophy*, London, MacMillan, 1979.
2. A. Quinton, *Political Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 1982.
3. P. Laslett, *Philosophy, Politics and Human Society*, Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 1972.
4. Bertrand Russell, *Authority and Individual London*, Unwin Book Publishers, 1974.
5. M. K. Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule*, Ahmedabad, Navajivan Publishing House, 1978.
6. Chattjopadhaya, D.P., *Societies and Culture*, Bharathia Vindhya Bhavan. Chapter-II
7. De-george Richard, T., "The Pradox of Violence", *Ethics and Society*, MacMillan, 1968. Article: Marcuse. H., "Ethics and Revolution".
8. S. Miri, & J. Pal(ed.), *Introduction of Social & Political Philosophy*, NEHU Publications, 2002.

PHIL.: 51
HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY



- Unit – I : Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz
(a) Descartes Method of Doubt
(b) *Cogito Ergo Sum*
(c) Spinoza's Substance, Attributes and Modes
(d) Leibnitz's Monadology
- Unit – II : Locke and Berkley
(a) Simple and Complex Ideas
(b) Primary and Secondary Qualities
(c) *Esse est Percipi*
- Unit – III : David Hume
(a) Impressions and Ideas
(b) Causality
(c) Rejection of Metaphysics
- Unit – IV : Immanuel Kant
(a) Possibility of Synthetic *a priori* judgements
(b) Categories of Understanding
(c) Phenomena and Noumena
- Unit – V : Hegel
(a) Dialectical Method
(b) Absolute Idealism

Suggested Readings:

1. Copleston, F., S.J. *A History of Philosophy*, Burns and Oates Limited, London, Vol.III(1966), Vol.IV(1971), Vol. V(1968), Vol. VI (1968).
2. O' Connor, D. J., *Critical History of Western Philosophy*, New York, The Free Press, 1964.
3. Russell, B., *History of Western Philosophy*, London, Allen & Unwin 1963.
4. Falckenberg, Richard. *History of Modern Philosophy*, translated by A C Armstrong. Jr. 'Kosha Publishing' House, Delhi 1989.
5. Benneth Jonathan, *Locke, Berkeley, Hume; Central themes*, Oxford, 1971.
6. Masih, Y., *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1994.
7. Seruton Roger, *A Short History of Modern Philosophy*, Routledge Classics, London, 1995.
8. Errol Harris, *Fundamentals of Philosophy*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1969.

PHIL.: 52
PHILOSOPHY OF REL'GION



- Unit – I : Introduction
- (a) Definition of Religion
 - (b) Theology and Philosophy of Religion
 - (c) Religion and Science
- Unit – II : Foundation of Religious Belief
- (a) Reason
 - (b) Faith
 - (c) Revelation
 - (d) Mystic Experience
- Unit – III : The Idea and Proofs for the Existence of God
- (a) Christianity
 - (b) Hinduism(*Isvara*) and Buddhism
 - (c) Tribal Religions
 - (d) Proofs for the Existence of God
- Unit - IV : The Problem of Suffering and Liberation
- (a) Christianity
 - (b) Hinduism
 - (c) Buddhism
 - (d) Jainism
- Unit - V : Some Socio-Religious Issues
- (a) Tolerance
 - (b) Conversion
 - (c) Secularism

Suggested Readings:

1. John Hick., *Philosophy of Religion*, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1983.
2. Nielson, K., *Introduction of Philosophy of religion*, MacMillan, 1974.
3. Smart, N., *religion Experience of Mankind*, MacMillan, London, 1984
4. S. Miri, "Introduction to the Study of Tribal Religion", in Mawrie, O., *Khasi Meheu*, Concept Publishing Company, Delhi, 1983
5. W. D Hudson, "A Philosophical Approach to Religion", MacMillan, 1974.
6. R. C. Gandhi, *Availability of Religious Ideas*, AcMillan, 1976.
7. S. Miri., *Suffering*, Shimla, AHS, 1976.
8. T.M.P. Mahadevan, *Outline of Hinduism*, Chetana Limited, Bombay, 1956.