

**Department of Philosophy,
Presidency University, Kolkata
B.A (hons.) CBCS Curriculum (effective from the Academic Year 2022-23)**

Outline:

CC: Core Course

GE: Generic Elective

AECC: Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses

SEC: Skill Enhancement Courses

DSE: Discipline Specific Elective

IA: Internal Assessment

| Year | Sem | Course Type | Course Credit | Theory (T)/ Sessional (S) | Full Marks | IA | End-Sem. Exam Marks | Course Code with Titles |
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| 1 | I | CC | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL01C1: Invitation to Philosophy |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL01C2: History of Greek and Medieval Philosophy |
| | | GE | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL01GE1(Philosophy of Psychology) Or PHIL01GE2 (Man and Machine) Or PHIL01GE3 (Philosophy of Scientific Methods) |
| | | AECC | 4 | T | 50/100 | - | - | English Communication/MIL/Environmental Science |

SEMESTER – I (Total Credits: 22. Total Marks: 200/250)

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| 1 | II | CC | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL02C3: Traditional Logic |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL02C4: Systems of Indian Philosophy I |
| | | GE | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL02GE4: Introduction to Critical thinking Or PHIL02GE5: Recent Indian Philosophers Or PHIL02GE6: Contemporary Ethical issues in India |
| | | AECC | 4 | T | 50/100 | - | - | English Communication/MIL/Environmental Science |

SEMESTER – II (Total Credits: 22, Total Marks: 200/250)

| Year | Sem | Course Type | Course Credit | Theory (T)/ Sessional (S) | Full Marks | IA | End-Sem. Exam Marks | Course Code with Titles |
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| 2 | III | CC | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL03C5:History of Modern Western Philosophy |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL03C6:Systems of Indian Philosophy II |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL03C7:Western Ethics |
| | | SEC | 4 | S | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL03SEC1:Seminar Paper Writing |
| | | GE | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | Medical Ethics:PHIL03GE7 Or PHIL03GE8:World Religion |
| SEMESTER – III (Total Credits: 28, Total Marks: 250) | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | IV | CC | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL04C8:Social and Political Philosophy |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL04C9: Issues in Metaphysics and Epistemology |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL04C10:Applied Ethics |
| | | SEC | 4 | S | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL04SEC2:Seminar Paper Writing |
| | | GE | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL04GE9: How to act or be Just? Or PHIL04GE10: Philosophy and Peace Studies |
| SEMESTER – IV (Total Credits: 28, Total Marks: 250) | | | | | | | | |

| Year | Sem | Course Type | Course Credit | Theory (T)/ Sessional (S) | Full Marks | IA | End-Sem. Exam Marks | Course Code with Titles |
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| 3 | V | CC | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL05C11:Modern Logic |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL05C12:Philosophy of Mind |
| | | DSE | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL05DSE1A: History and Philosophy of Science PHIL05DSE1B:Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy PHIL05DSE1C: Philosophy of Literature (any one) |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL05DSE2A: Analytic Philosophy PHIL05DSE2B: Philosophy of Religion PHIL05DSE2C:Philosophy of Arts (any one) |
| SEMESTER – V(Total Credits: 24, Total Marks: 200) | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | VI | CC | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL06C13:Reading Philosophical Texts |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL06C14 Trends in 20 th Century Western Philosophy |
| | | DSE | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL06DSE3A: Bio-Ethics PHIL06DSE3B: <i>Dharmanīti</i> PHIL06DSE3C: Feminist Philosophy (any one) |
| | | | 5+1 | T | 50 | 10 | 40 | PHIL06DSE4A:Theories of Consciousness PHIL06DSE4B:Western Logic PHIL06DSE4C: Indian Logic (any one) |
| SEMESTER – VI(Total Credits: 24, Total Marks: 200) | | | | | | | | |
| Total credits required for the BA (Hons.) programme in Philosophy = 148 Credits (Marks may vary depending on the choice of GE courses) | | | | | | | | |

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PHIL01C1: Invitation to Philosophy

Unit-1 - The Nature of Philosophy

- a) The Nature of Philosophical Thinking
- b) Philosophy as critical Inquiry
- c) Philosophical and Scientific Questions: Differences and Similarities

Unit-2 - Methods in Philosophy

- a) Socratic Method
- b) Linguistic Analysis
- c) Phenomenological Method
- d) Deconstruction
- e) Thought Experiments

Unit- 3 - Fundamental issues in Philosophy

- a) Knowledge and Scepticism
- b) What is reality?
- c) Importance of asking moral questions in everyday Life: Right and wrong, Good life and Happiness
- d) Truth and Beauty

Unit IV-Ways of Doing Philosophy in the East

- a) Indian Philosophy
- b) Chinese Philosophy
- c) Islamic Philosophy

Suggested readings

- Bhattacharya, G., *Essays in Analytic Philosophy*, Calcutta Sanskrit PustakBhandar, 1989.
- Eliot Deutsch (Editor), Ron Bontekoe (Editor), *A Companion to World Philosophy*, Wiley-Blackwell Publication, 1991.
- Guttenplan, Samuel, Jennifer Hornsby and Christopher Janaway, eds. *Reading Philosophy: Selected Texts with a Method for Beginners*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2005.
- Heidegger, Martin. *What is Philosophy?* Translated and introduced by J.T. Wilde and W. Kluback. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1956.
- Krishna, D. *The Nature of Philosophy*. New Delhi: Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 2009.
- Nagel, Thomas. *A View from Nowhere*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989.
- Nagel, Thomas. *What does it all mean? Introduction to Philosophy*. Oxford: Oxford University, 1987.
- Rorty, Richard. *Philosophy and Mirror of Nature*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1979.
- Russell, Bertrand. *The Problems of Philosophy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 1980.
- Sellars, W. *Philosophy and the Scientific Image of Man*. In *Science, perception and reality*. New York: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1963. PP. 1-40.
- Solomon Robert C., Higgins M. Kathleen, *The Big Questions: A Short Introduction to Philosophy*, Wadsworth Cengage Learning, 10th Edition, 2018
- Williamson, T. *Tetralogue: I'm Right, You're Wrong*. Oxford: Oxford, 2015.
- Bunnin, Nicholas and E. P. Tsui-James. *Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing.
- Deutsch, Eliot. Bontekoe, Ronald & Tu, Weiming (Eds.) *Blackwell Companion to World Philosophy*, Malden Mass, Blackwell, 1997.
- Bunnin, Nicholas and E. P. Tsui-James. *Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing, 1996.

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PHIL01C2: History of Greek and Medieval Philosophy

Unit I

- a) Pre-Socratic and Socratic Philosophy

Unit II

- a) Plato: theory of Knowledge; knowledge (episteme) and opinion (doxa); theory of Forms; Soul; Idea of the God

Unit III

- a) Aristotle: critique of Plato's theory of Forms; theory of causation; categories; God

Unit IV

- a) St. Thomas Aquinas: faith and reason; essence and existence; proofs for the existence of God
b) St. Augustine

Suggested Readings

- F Copleston: *A History of Philosophy*, Image, Reprint, 1993
- W.K Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, Macmillan, 1941
- S Korner: *Kant*, Penguin Books, 1955
- W.T Stace: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016
- Roger Scruton: *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*, Routledge, 2001
- John Conttingham: *The Rationalists*, Oxford University Press, 1988
- Falckenberg: *History of Modern Philosophy*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015
- Rashbihary Das: *A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, Progressive Publishers, 1977
- C. D. Broad: *Kant*, Cambridge University Press, 1978
- Thilly: *History of Western Philosophy*, New York Henry Holt & Co., 1941
- Chandradoy Bhattacharyya, *Paschatya Darsan*, Vol. I & Vol. II, West Bengal State Book Board, 2
- Anthony Kenny: *A New History of Western Epistemology, Ancient Philosophy, Vol. 1*, OUP, 2004.
- Christopher Shield: *Aristotle*, Routledge Philosophers, 2007.
- Constance Meinwald: *Plato*, Routledge Philosophers, 2016.
- T. Z. Lavine: *From Socrates to Sartre, The Philosophic Quest*, Bantam Books, 1984.

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PHIL02C3. Traditional Logic

Unit I

- a) Distinction Between Sentences, Statements and Propositions
- b) Categorical Propositions and Classes
- c) Quality, Quantity and Distribution of Terms
- d) Translating Categorical Propositions into Standard Form.

Unit II

- a) Traditional Square of Opposition
- b) Immediate Inference
- c) Existential Import
- d) Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions
- e) Symbolism

Unit III

- a) Categorical Syllogism: Standard Form Categorical Syllogism
- b) Rules and Fallacies

Unit IV

- a) Venn Diagrams for Categorical Propositions
- b) Venn Diagram Technique For Testing Syllogisms

Suggested Readings:

- Copi I.M. & Cohen C., *Introduction to Logic*, Macmillan Publishing company, 1990.
- Copi I. M., *Symbolic Logic*, 5th edition, Pearson, 1979.
- Chakraborty Chhanda, *Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*, Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, 2006.
- Baronett Stan & Sen Madhuchhanda, *Logic*, Delhi, Pearson, 2008.
- Das Ramaprasad, *SanktetikYuktivijnan (Vakyakalan O Vidheyakalan)*
- Das Ramaprasad, *YukhtivaijnanikPaddhati*
- Das Ramaprasad o Bhattacharya Subirranjan, *SamsadYuktivijnanAbhidhan*
- Barker Stephen, *The Elements of Logic*, McGraw-Hill College, 1988.
- JetliPriyedarshi, Indian Adaptation of Copi& Cohen, *Introduction to Logic*, 13th Edition Co-adopter Monika Prabhakar, Pearson Education India, 2008.

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PHIL02C4: Systems of Indian Philosophy 1

UNIT I

- a) Introduction,
- b) Vedic and Upanisadic World View
- c) Division of Indian Philosophical Systems – *Āstika* and *Nāstika*.
- d) Common Features of Indian Philosophical Systems.

UNIT II

- a) *Cārvāka*: Metaphysics, Epistemology and Ethics – *Pratyakṣa* as only *pramāṇa*, *Bhūtacatuṣṭayavāda*, *Bhūtacaitanyavāda*, *Svabhāvavāda*, *Kāma* as the only *puruṣārtha*.
- b) Jainism: Analysis of *Sat*, *Dravya*, *Paryāya*, *Guna*, *Anekāntavāda*, *Syādvāda*, *SaptabhaṅgīNaya*, *Jīva* and *Ajīva*.
- c) Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, *AṣṭāṅgikaMārga*, Doctrine of Dependent Origination (*Pratītyasamutpāda*), Definition of Reality (*Sat*), Doctrine of Momentariness (*Kṣaṇikatvavāda*), Theory of No-Soul (*Nairātmyavāda*), Basic tenets of four Buddhist Schools.

UNIT III

- a) *Nyāya*: Brief introduction to sixteen kinds of *Padārthas*, The Nature of Knowledge, Four kinds of *Pramāṇas*, Nature and Proofs for the Existence of God.
- b) *Vaiśeṣika*: Seven *padārthas*: *Dravya*, *Guṇa*, *Karma*, *Sāmānya*, *Viśeṣa*, *Samavāya*, *Abhāva*, *Paramāṇukāraṇavāda*.

Suggested Readings:

English:

- Hirianna, M., *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen and Unwin, 2004.
- Sharma, C.D., *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, 2003.
- Chatterjee, S.C., and D.M. Dutta, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, 2004.
- Mohanty, J.N., *Classical Indian Philosophy*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2000.
- Dasgupta, S.N., *History of Indian Philosophy (Vol. I-V)*, Motilal banarasidass, 1975.
- Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy (Vo. I & II)*, Oxford University Press, 2008.
- Sinha, J.N., *Indian Philosophy (Vo. I & II)*, Motilal Banarasidass, 2006.
- Bhattacharya, R., *Studies on the Carvaka/Lokayata*, Anthem Press, 2011.
- Murti, T.R.V., *The Central Philosophy of Buddhism*, Routledge, 2008.

- Chatterjee, A.K., *Yogacara Idealism*, Motilal Banarasidass, 1975.
- Singh, J., *An Introduction to Madhyamika Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, 1976.
- Dutta, D.M., *Six ways of Knowing*, Motilal Banarasidass, 2017.
- Bhaduri, S., *Studies in Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics*, Bhandarkar Oriental research Institute, 1975.
- Maitra, S.K., *Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics & Logic*.

Bengali:

- Chatterjee, S.C., *Bharatiya o Paschatya Darshan*.
- Sen, Debabrata, *Bharatiya Darshan*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 2001.
- Chakraborti, Satyajyoti, *Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darshan Samgraha*.
- Chattopadhyaya, Debiprasad, (1363 Bangabda), *Lokayata Darshan*, New Edge Publication.
- Bhattacharya, Ramakrishna, *Carvakacarca*.
- Dakshinaranjan Shastri, *Carvak Darshan*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1982.
- Bhattacharya, Panchanan, (1394 Bangabda), *Carvaka Darshanam*, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar.
- Swami Vidyananya, *Bauddha Darshan O Dharma*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1984.
- Panchanan Sastri, *Bauddha Darshan*.
- Choudhury, Sukomal (ed.), *Gautama Buddher Darshan O Dharma*, Mahabodhi Book Society, 1997.
- Bhattacharya, Bidhubhushan, *Ksanabhangavada*.
- Satindra Chandra Nyayacharya, *Jainadarshaner Digdarshan*.
- Phanibhushan Tarkavagish, *Nyaya Darshan*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1982.
- Phanibhushan Tarkavagish, *Nyaya Darshan O Vatsyayana Bhasya*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1984.
- Phanibhushan Tarkavagish, *Nyaya Parichay*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1978.
- Bhattacharya, Karuna, *Nyaya-Vaisesika Darshan*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1984.
- Bandyopadhyay, Kalikrishna, *Nyaya Tattva Parikrama*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1984.

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PHIL03C5: History of Modern Western Philosophy

Unit I

- a) Descartes: Cartesian method of doubt, cogito ergo sum, criterion of truth, proofs for the existence of God
- b) Spinoza: Doctrine of substance, attributes and modes, existence of God, Pantheism, three orders of knowing
- c) Leibnitz: Monads, truths of reason, truths of facts, innate ideas, metaphysical principles

Unit II

- a) Locke: refutation of innate ideas; ideas and their classification; knowledge and its grades; substance; qualities: primary and secondary
- b) Berkeley: rejection of abstract ideas; rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities; immaterialism; subjective idealism; problem of solipsism
- c) Hume: impressions and ideas; association of ideas; judgments concerning relation of ideas and judgments concerning matters of fact; causality; self and personal identity; skepticism

Unit III

- a) Kant: conception of critical philosophy; classification of judgments: analytic, synthetic, a priori, a posteriori; possibility of synthetic a priori judgment; the forms of sensibility; categories of understanding

Suggested Readings

- F Copleston: *A History of Philosophy*, Image, reprint 1993
- W.K Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, Macmillan, 1941
- S Korner: *Kant*, Penguin Books, 1955
- W.T Stace: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016
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PHIL03C6: Systems of Indian Philosophy II

UNIT I

- a) *Sāṃkhya*: Satkāryavāda, *Asatkāryavāda* and *Satkāryavāda* Debate, *Prakṛti*, its constituents and the proofs for its existence, Nature of *Puruṣa* and proofs for its existence, Doctrine of the Plurality of *Puruṣas*, Theory of Evolution.
- b) *Yoga*: *Citta*, *Cittavṛtti*, *Cittabhūmi*, Eightfold Path of Yoga (*Aṣṭāṅga Yoga*). Importance of God, Proofs for the existence of God.

UNIT II

- a) *Mīmāṃsā* (*Prābhākara* and *Bhāṭṭa*): *Arthāpatti* and *Anupalabdhi* as separate sources of knowledge, *Svataḥprāmāṇyavāda*, *Anuvyavasāya*, *Tripuṭīpratyakṣa* or *Jñātātāliṅgakaanumāna*.

UNIT III

- a) *Advaita Vedānta* of *Śaṅkara*: Nature of *Brahman*: *Saguṇa* and *Nirguṇa*, Three grades of *Sattā*: *Prātibhāṣika*, *Vyavahārika* and *Pāramārthika*, *Śaṅkara*'s view on *Jīva*, *Jagat* and *Māyā*.
- b) Viśiṣṭādvaita of Rāmānuja: Nature of *Brahman*, *Cit* and *Acit*, Refutation of *Śaṅkara*'s doctrine of *Māyā*.
- c) *Acintyabhedābheda* of Baladeva Vidyābhūṣaṇa: Nature of *Brahman*, *śaktitattva* and its relation with *Jīva* and *Jagat*.

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English:

- Hiriyanna, M., *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen and Unwin, 2004.
- Sharma, C.D., *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass, 2003.
- Chatterjee, S.C., and D.M. Dutta, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, 2004.
- Mohanty, J.N., *Classical Indian Philosophy*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2000.
- Dasgupta, S.N., *History of Indian Philosophy (Vol. I-V)*, Motilal banarasidass, 1975.
- Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy (Vo. I & II)*, Oxford University Press, 2008.
- Sinha, J.N., *Indian Philosophy (Vo. I & II)*, Motilal Banarasidass, 2006.

- Roychowdhuri, A.K., *The Doctrine of Maya*, 2nd Edition, Dasgupta, 1950.
- Sinha, K.P., *Reflections on Indian Philosophy*.
- Roychoudhuri, A.K., *Self and Falsity in Advaita Vedanta*, Progressive Publishers, 1955.

Bengali:

- Chatterjee, S.C., *Bharatiya o Paschatya Darshan*.
- Sen, Debabrata, *Bharatiya Darshan*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 2001.
- Chakraborti, Satyajyoti, *Sayan Madhaviya Sarva Darshan Samgraha*.
- Bhattacharya, Bhupendranath, *Samkhya Darshanam*, Progressive Publishers, 1966.
- Bhattacharya, Bidhubhushan, *Samkhya Darshaner Vivarana*.
- Bagchi, Yogendranath, *Samkhyamata Samiksa*, Darsan O Samaj Trust, 1992.
- Vacaspati Mishra, *Samkhya Tattva Kaumudi*, Annotated by Narayan Chandra Goswami, (1406 Bangabda), Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar.
- Bandyopadhyaya, Kanakprabha, *Samkhya-Patanjal Darshan*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1984.
- Purnachandra Vedantachunchu, *Patanjal Darshan*, Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsat, 1983.
- Bhattacharya, Sukhamaya, *Purva Mimamsa Darshan*.
- Bhattacharya, Dinesh Chandra, *Saddarshan Yoga*.
- Ashutosh Shastri, *Vedanta Darshan: Advaitavada*, Calcutta University.
- Pramatha Nath Tarkabhushan, *Mayavada*.
- Swami Vidyaranya, *Vedanta Darshan*.
- Gangopadhyaya, Ashok Kumar, *Vivarana Prameya Samgraha*.
- Stapp, Henry., *Gaudiya Vaishnava Vedanta*, Ananta Printing, United States, 1994.

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PHIL03C7: Western Ethics

Unit I

- a) Definition and Nature of Ethics; postulates of morality.
- b) Moral and Non-moral actions
- c) Object of Moral Judgement—Motive and Intention.

Unit II

- a) Egoism
- b) Utilitarianism
- c) Deontological Theory

Unit III

- a) Virtue Ethics
- b) Care Ethics

Unit IV

- a) Theories of Punishment
- b) Theories of Justice

Suggested Readings:

- Mackenzie, J.S., *A Manual of Ethics*, W.B. Clive: Harvard University Press, 1897.
- Frankena, W., *Ethics*, PHI Learning Private Limited, Delhi, 2013.
- Sinha, J. N., *A Manual of Ethics*, New Central Book Agency (P) Ltd, London, 2009.
- Lillie, W., *An Introduction to Ethics*, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd.: India, 2003.
- Nutall, J., *Moral Questions: An Introduction to Ethics*, Polity Press, UK, 1993.
- Hospers, J., *Human Conduct: Problems of Ethics (Third Edition)*, Cengage Learning, 1995.

- Driver, J., *Ethics-The Fundamentals*, Blackwell, UK, 2007.
- Sullivan, R., *An Introduction to Kant's Ethics*, Cambridge University Press: USA, 1994.
- Beauchamp, T.L. (ed.), *Philosophical Ethics-An Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, McGraw-Hill: University of California, 1982.
- Prasad, R., *Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality*, South Asia Books, 1990.
- Irwine, T., *Plato's Moral Theory*, Clarendon Press: University of California, 1979.
- Crisp, R. & Slote, M. (eds.) *Virtue Ethics*, Oxford University Press: New York, 1997.
- Aristotle, *The Nicomachean Ethics*, Trans. William David Ross, Enhanced Media Publishing: CA, 2017.
- Rachel, J. & Rachel S., *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, 7th ed., McGraw-Hill: New York, 2012.
- Rosenstand, N., *The Moral of the Story: An Introduction to Ethics*, 8th ed., McGraw-Hill Education: New York, 2018.

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PHIL04C8: Social & Political Philosophy

Unit I

- a) Nature and scope of social philosophy
- b) Theories of the relation between individual and society; i) individualistic theory, ii) organic; iii) idealistic theory

Unit II – Political ideas

- a) Liberalism, Socialism, Anarchism
- b) Democracy as an ideal

Unit III

- a) Different Theories about the Origin of State
- b) Origin of the Concept of Kingship

Unit IV

- a) Sources of Ancient Indian Political Thought
- b) Relation between Dharmasastra and Rajnitisastra
- c) Different Senses of the expression *Dharma* and Political Philosophy

Suggested Readings:

- J. S. Mill, *On Liberty*, Henry Regnery, Chicago, 1955
- Steven M. Cahn (ed.) *Political Philosophy: The Essential Text*, OUP, 2005
- Gordan Graham: *Contemporary Social Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishers, 1988
- C.E.M. Joad: *Introduction to Political Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 1953
- Karl Marx: *Selected Writings in Sociology and Social Philosophy* edited by Bottomore& Rubel, Penguin Books, Middlesex, 1982
- William T. Blackstone: *Political Philosophy: An Introduction*, Crowell, 1973
- Krishna Roy: *Political Philosophy: East and West*, Jadavpur University and Allied Publishers, 2000
- V.P. Varma: *Political Philosophy*, Laxmi Narayan Agarwal, Agra, 1970

- D.D. Raphael: *Problems of Political Philosophy*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2nd revised edition, 1990
- K. Roy & C. Gupta (Eds): *Essays in Social and Political Philosophy* ICPR and Allied Publishers, 1989
- PrajnaranjanGupta:*PracinaBharat,eRajadharm*, Granthasamhita, 1971
- U.N. Ghoshal:*History of Indian Political Ideas*,OUP,1959
- N.C. Bandyopadhyay: *Development of Hindu Polity and Political Theories*, 1927
- Altekar A. S. *The State and Government in Ancient India*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1977
- Bhandarkar D. R. *The Carmaechel Lectures on Ancient History of India*. Calcutta: University of Calcutta, 1918.
- Bhandarkar D. R. *Some Aspects of Ancient Indian Polity*. Benaras: Benaras Hindu University, 1929.
- Dasgupta S. N. *History of Indian Philosophy in 5 Vols*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1975-76.
- Gonda J. *Ancient Indian Kingship from Religious Point of View*. Leiden: EJ Brill and Co. Leiden, 1966.
- Pratap Giri R. C. *The Problem of the Indian Polity*. Bombay: Longmans Geen and Co., 1935.
- Radha Krishnan S. *Indian Philosophy*. 2 Vols. London: Allen and Unwin, 1958.

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PHIL04C9: Issues in Metaphysics and Epistemology

Unit I

- a) Nature of Metaphysics: scepticism about metaphysics
- b) Appearance and Reality
- c) Causality and Freedom
- d) Problems of universals(a. realism & b. nominalism)

Unit II

- a) Philosophical issues and the possibility of knowledge claim
- b) Definition of Knowledge
- c) Knowledge and Belief

Unit III

- a) Introduction to Theories of Truth
- b) Correspondence Theory of Truth
- c) Coherence Theory of Truth
- d) Pragmatic Theory of Truth

Suggested Readings:

- Ayer,A.J. *The Problem of Knowledge*, London: Macmillan, 1956.
- Ayer,A.J. *Language, Truth and Logic*. New York: Dover Publications INC, 1952.
- Hospers, J. *Readings in Introductory Philosophical Analysis*. Routledge and Kegan Paul. 1969.
- Woozley, A.D. *Theory of Knowledge: An Introduction*, Routledge, 2015.
- Ryle, G. *The Concept of Mind*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1949.

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PHIL04C10. Applied Ethics

Unit I: Value of Life

- a) Abortion
- b) Euthanasia
- c) Animal Killing

Unit II: Human Rights

- a) Different forms of discrimination
- b) Poverty
- c) Child labour.
- d) Women Rights

Unit III

- a) War and Violence
- b) Terrorism

Unit IV: Environment and Man

- a) Anthropocentrism and non-anthropocentrism
- b) Deep Ecology and shallow ecology
- c) Biodiversity

Suggested Readings:

- Thiroux, J., *Ethics-Theory and Practice*, Pearson, (11th edition), 2014.
- Ethics-Theory and Practice: Y.V. Satyanaryan
- Beauchamp, T.L. (ed.), *Philosophical Ethics-An Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, McGraw-Hill: University of California, 1982.
- Singer, Peter, *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press: USA, 2011.
- ----- (ed.), *Applied Ethics*, Oxford University Press: NY, 1986.
- ----- (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics*, Blackwell Publishing, 1993.

- Singer Peter & Kuhse H. (eds.), *A Companion to Bio-Ethics*, Wiley, 2001.
- Brock, Dan W., *Life and Death-Philosophical Essays in Bio-medical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, 1993
- Walzer, M., *Just and Unjust Wars*, Hachette: UK, 2015.
- Holmes, R. L., *On War and Morality*, Princeton University Press: New Jersey, 2014.
- Laquer, W., *Terrorism*, Little, Brown, 1977.
- Long, D.E., *The Anatomy of Terrorism*, Free Press, 1990.
- Sen, Amartya, *Identity and Violence*, Penguin UK, 2015.
- LaFollette, Hugh (ed.), *Ethics in Practice-An Anthology*, John Wiley & Sons, 2014.
- Manisha Preyam, Krishna Menon, Madhulika Banerjee, *Human Rights, Gender and the Environment*, Pearson: India, 2009.
- Leopold, Aldo, *A Sand County Almanac*, Oxford University Press: NY, 1949.
- Agar, Nicholas, *Life's Intrinsic Value*, Columbia University Press: USA, 2001.

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PHIL05C11: Modern Logic

Unit I

Deductive and other types of arguments, Deductive Logic, Modern Science of Logic, Symbolic Logic

Unit II

Standard Truth-functional Propositional Logic: simple and compound statements; truth-functionally compound statements; truth-functional connectives; connectives expressing negation, disjunction, conjunction, material conditional, material bi-conditional (material equivalence); truth-table contextual definitions of these; tautological, contradictory and contingent statements -- their identifications; validity/invalidity of truth-functional arguments -- their identifications; the concept of decision procedure.

Unit III

The deductive mechanism in Standard Truth-functional Propositional Logic: derivation and deduction; rules of inference; rules for equivalent substitution.

Unit IV

Invalidity in Standard Truth-functional Propositional Logic: models for showing invalidity -- the method of showing invalidity by assigning truth-values; the shorter truth-table technique for checking validity by using the method for showing invalidity

Unit V

Extension to Standard First Order Monadic Predicate Logic (with single quantifiers): the propositional functions; the quantifiers; propositions; arguments in Standard First Order Monadic Predicate Logic (with single quantifiers); proving validity; rules for quantifiers; models proving invalidity; inter-relations between quantifiers.

Text

- Copi I. M., *Symbolic Logic*, 5th edition, Pearson, 1979[from ch.1 upto arguments having singly quantified statements of ch. 4]
- Copi I.M. & Cohen C., *Introduction to Logic*, Macmillan Publishing company, 199

Other Readings:

- Methods of Logic, by W. V. O. Quine (3rd edn)
- Suppes P., *Introduction to Logic*, Dover Publications Inc., 1999.
- Eberle Rolf , *Logic and Proof technique*, New Central Book Agency, 1996.

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PHIL05C12: Philosophy of Mind

Unit I: Metaphysics of Mind

- a) Introduction to Philosophy of Mind: Mind-Body problem
- b) Dualism(Substance Dualism and Property Dualism)
- c) Behaviourism
- d) Identity theory (Type and Token Identity)
- e) Functionalism
- f) Eliminativism

Unit II: Epistemological Issues

- a) The nature of mental content: Internalism (narrow content) and externalism(Broad Content)
- b) Self- knowledge and knowledge of other minds
- c) Problems of Consciousness (The easy and hard problems of Consciousness)

Suggested Readings

- Armstrong, D.M. *Perception and the Physical World*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1961.
- Block, Ned. "What is Functionalism?" In *Readings in Philosophy of Psychology*. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1980.
- Burge, Tyler. "Individualism and the Mental." In *Midwest Studies in Philosophy IV*. Edited by Uehling French and Wettstein. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1979.
- Crane, Tim. *Elements of Mind*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.
- Chalmers, D. *The Conscious Mind*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Kim, J. *Philosophy of Mind (Third Edition)*. Westview Press, 2011.
- Ryle, Gilbert. *The Concept of Mind*. London: Hutchinson, 1949.
- William, F. *Philosophy of Perception: A Contemporary Introduction*. Routledge, 2010.
- Chalmers, David J.(Ed.) *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Heil, John. *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction*. Third Edition. London, New York: Routledge, 2013.

- Crane, Tim. *The Mechanical Mind: A Philosophical Introduction to Minds, Machines and Mental Representations*. Second Edition. London, New York: Routledge, 2003.
- Churchland, Paul M. *Matter and Consciousness*. Third Edition. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press, 2013.

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PHIL06C13: Reading Philosophical Texts

Unit I: Indian Text

Tarkasamgraha with Dīpikā-Tīkā of Annambhaṭṭa

- a) *Buddhi, Smṛti, Yathārtha and Ayathārtha Anubhava, Karaṇa* (instrumental cause), *Kāraṇa* (cause) and *Kārya*.
- b) *Pratyakṣa* as *Pramā* and *Pramāṇa*, *Nirvikalpaka* and *Savikalpaka Pratyakṣa*, Different kinds of *Laukika Sannikarṣa*, Perception of *Abhāva*.
- c) *Anumiti* and *Anumāna*, *Parāmarśa*, *Pakṣatā*, *Vyāpti* and *Vyāptigraha*, *Svārthānumāna*, *Parārthānumāna*, Analysis of *Pañcāvayavī-Nyāya*; Classification of *Liṅga*, Classification of *Pakṣa*, *Sapakṣa*, *Vipakṣa*, Marks of *Sadhetu*, *Lakṣaṇa* of *Hetvābhāsa*, Kinds of *Hetvābhāsa* with examples, *Upādhi* and its kinds.
- d) *Upamiti* and *Upamāna*.

Unit II: Western Text

Bertrand Russell's *The Problems of Philosophy*

or

Plato's *Meno*

or

Selected parts of Hume's *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

Suggested Readings:

English:

- Tarkasamgraha with Dipika--Annambhatta : Tr. and annotated in English by Gopinath Bhattacharya
- Tarkasamgraha: M.R. Bodas & Y.V. Athalye (tr. & ed.)
- A Primer of Indian Logic: Kuppuswami Shastri

- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṁgraha* with *Dīpikā Tīkā*, Translated and Annotated in English by Gopinath Bhattacharya, Progressive Publishers, 1983
- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṁgraha* with *Dīpikā Tīkā* and *Nyāyabodhinī*, Translated and Edited with notes in English by M.R. Bodas & Y.V. Athalye, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, 1974.
- Kuppuswami Shastri, *A Primer of Indian Logic*, Kuppuswami Shastri Research Institute, 1951.
- Russell, Bertrand. *The Problems of Philosophy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 1980.
- Plato, *Meno*, Createspace Independent Publication, 2015
- Hume, David. *Enquiries Concerning Human Understanding and the Principles of Morals*, ed. L.A. Selby-bigge, 3rd Ed, Rev. P.H. Nidditsh, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1975

Bengali:

- Tarkasaṁgraha with Dipika – Annambhatta: Annotated in Bengali by Narayan Chandra Goswami
- Tarkasaṁgraha with Dipika – Annambhatta : Translated in Bengali by Indira Mukhopadhyay
- Tarkasaṁgraha with Dipika: Translated and annotated in Bengali by Pancanan Shastri
- Bengali Translation of *Nyayakusumanjali* by Pandit Srimohana Bhattacharya (paschimbanga Rajya PustakParishad
- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṁgraha* with *Dīpikā Tīkā*, Translated and Annotated in Bengali by Pancanan Shastri, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar.
- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṁgraha* with *Dīpikā Tīkā*, Translated and Annotated in Bengali by Narayan Chandra Goswami, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar.
- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṁgraha* with *Dīpikā Tīkā*, Translated and Annotated in Bengali by Indira Mukhopadhyay, Gopinath Bhattacharya, Progressive Publishers, 1983.

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PHIL06C14: Trends in 20th Century Western Philosophy

Unit I

- a) Hegel's Absolute Idealism

Unit II

- a) Husserl's Transcendental Phenomenology

Unit III

- a) Existentialism of Heidegger and Sartre

Unit IV

- a) Logic, Language and Ontology (Frege, Russell and Wittgenstein)

Suggested Readings:

- a) Critchley, Simon. What is Continental Philosophy? In *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 2008, PP. 347-363.
- b) Kearney, Richard. *Dialogues with Contemporary Continental Thinkers, the Phenomenological Heritage*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1984.
- c) Foucault, M. "What is Enlightenment?" In *Foucault Reader*, edited by Paul Rabinow. New York: Pantheon Books, 1984, pp. 32–50.
- d) Glendinning, Simon. *The Idea of Continental Philosophy*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2006.
- e) Sartre, Jean-Paul. *Being and Nothingness: An Essay on Phenomenological Ontology*. Translated by Hazel E. Barnes, introduction by Mary Warnock. London: Methuen, 1958.
- f) Sartre, Jean-Paul. *Existentialism Is a Humanism*. Translated by Carol Macomber, introduction by Annie Cohen-Solal, notes and preface by ArletteElkaïm-Sartre. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007.
- g) Dummett, Michael. *Origins of Analytic Philosophy*. Cambridge: Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1993.
- h) Passmore, John. *A Hundred Years of Philosophy*. Penguin Books, 1968.

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PHIL05DSE1A: History and Philosophy of Science

Unit I: What is science?

- a) Fundamental requirements from a scientific theory
- b) The dual roots of science
- c) Demarcation, naturalism, science and pseudoscience
- d) Induction
- e) Causality

Unit II: Scientific explanation

- a) The hypothetic-deductive method
- b) Detecting causes and inference to the best explanation
- c) Unification, reductionism

Unit III: Scientific theory change

- a) Verification
- b) Falsification 8. Scientific theory change
- c) Scientific revolutions

Unit IV: Values and norms in science

- a) Are scientists morally responsible?
- b) Values and norms in science
- c) Recent trends in Philosophy of Science

Suggested Readings:

- Ladyman James, *Understanding Philosophy of Science.*: Routledge, London, 2002.
- Selected papers from McGrew, Tim, Alspector-Kelly, Marc, &Allhoff, Fritz, *Philosophy of science. An historical anthology*, Wiley-Blackwell, Chichester, 2009.
- Dear, Peter, *The intelligibility of nature. How science makes sense of the world, Introduction*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2006
- Dunbar, Kevin, &Fugelsang, Jonathan, *Scientific thinking and reasoning*. In K.J, 2005
- Holyoak & R. Morrison (Eds.), *Cambridge handbook of thinking and reasoning*, Cambridge University Press, New York.

- Week 12 De Cruz, Helen & De Smedt, Johan *The value of epistemic disagreement in scientific practice. The case of Homo floresiensis. Studies in History and Philosophy of Science A*, 44, 169–177, (2013).
- Helen (1991)“Multiplying subjects and the diffusion of power”, *Journal of Philosophy*, 88, 666–674.

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PHIL05DSE1B: Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy

UNIT I

- a) Introduction to Indian Theories of Error: *Khyātivāda*.
- b) Types of *Khyātivāda*.

UNIT II

- a) *Akhyāti*.
- b) *Anyathākhyāti*.
- c) *Viparītākhyāti*.
- d) *Ātmākhyāti*.
- e) *Asatkhyāti*.

UNIT III

- a) *Anirvacanīyakhyāti*.
- b) *Satkhyāti*.

Suggested Readings:

- Sinha, J.N., *Indian Psychology, Vol. I, II and III*, Delhi, Varanasi, Putna, Bangalore, Madras, Calcutta, Motilal Banarasisdass, 1996.
- Sen, N.L., *A Critique of the Theories of Viparyaya*, Calcutta, Rabindra Bharati, 1st June, 1965.
- Kar, B., *The Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy: An Analytical Study*, Delhi, Ajanta Publications (India), August, 1978.
- Vidyāraṇya Muni, *Vivaraṇa Prameya Saṁgraha*, Translated in Bengali by Pramathanath Tarkabhushan, Kolkata, Vasumati Sahitya Mandir, 1927.
- Pandurangi, K.T., *Prakaraṇapañcikā of Śālikanātha: with an exposition in English*, New Delhi, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, D.K. Printworld (P) Limited, 2011.
- Rāmānujācārya, *The Vedānta Sūtras with the Śrī-Bhāshya, Vol. I*, Translated in English by M. Raṅgācārya and M.B. Varadarāja Aiyangār, Madras, Published by M.C. Alasingapperumal (The Brahmavadin Press), 1899.

- Viśvanātha, *Bhāṣāpariccheda*, Translated and elucidated with an explanation on Viśvanātha's commentary *Nyāyasiddhāntamuktāvalī* named *Muktāvalīsaṁgraha* by Panchanan Bhattacharya, Kalikata, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, 1947.
- Dharmakīrti, *Pramānavārttika*, Allahabad, Kitāb Mahal, 1943.
- Dharmarājādhvarīndra, *Vedānta Paribhāṣā*, Translated, edited and elucidated in Bengali by Panchanan Bhattacharya Sastri, Calcutta, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, 1971.

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PHIL05DSE1C: Philosophy of Literature

Unit I: Introduction to Philosophy of Literature

- a) Salient features of Philosophy of literature
- b) The relation between Philosophy and Literature
- c) Similarity and difference between Philosophical Writing and Literary Writings
- d) Possibility of Convergence of Philosophy and Literature

Unit II: Fundamental Issues in Philosophy of Literature

- a) Right and Wrong
- b) Truth and falsity
- c) Meaningfulness and Absurdity

Unit III: Philosophy through Literature: Some Issues

- a) Self-Knowledge and Self-deception
- b) Guilt and shame
- c) Regret and Remorse

Suggested Readings

- Gaarder, Jostein. *Sophie's World: A Novel About the History of Philosophy*. Translated by Paulette Moller. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007 (1952).
- Cunningham, Anthony. *The Heart of What Matters: The Role for Literature in Moral Philosophy*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.
- Eileen, John and Dominic McIver Lopes, eds. *Philosophy of Literature: Contemporary and Classical Readings*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2004.
- Hogan, Patrick Colm. *Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Literature*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2000.
- Lloyd, Genevieve. *Being in Time: Selves and Narrators in Philosophy and Literature*. London: Routledge, 1993.

- Ortony, Andrew, ed. *Metaphor and Thought*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.
- Ricoeur, Paul. *Time and Narrative*. Translated by K. McLaughlin and D. Pellauer. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1985.
- Punter, David. *Metaphors*. London: Routledge, 2007.
- Sartre, Jean-Paul. *What is Literature?* Translated by Bernard Frechtman. London: Methuen University Paperbacks, 1967.

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PHIL05DSE2A: Analytic Philosophy

Unit I

- a) Beginning of Analytic Philosophy -- Its Distinctive Marks: Frege, Russell, Moore, Wittgenstein

Unit II

- a) Issues in Philosophy of Language: relevant distinctions learnt from uses of language, Reference; Meaning; Truth

Unit III

- a) Issues in Philosophy of Logic: puzzles from Frege and Russell; assumptions in logic: two-valued, realist

Suggested readings:

- Hospers, John. *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*. Fourth Edition. New York and London: Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, 2005. (the 1st ch especially for the first item in 2)
- Munitz, Milton K. *Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*. Pearson, 1981. (For items 1, 2 and 3)
- Bunnin, Nicholas and E. P. Tsui-James. *Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing. (Relevant portions)
- Russell, Bertrand. *The Problems of Philosophy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 1980. (At least chapters 1 to 5)

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PHIL05DSE2B: Philosophy of Religion

Unit I: Nature of Philosophy of Religion

- a) Definition, Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion
- b) Difference between Theology and Philosophy of Religion

Unit II: Origin, Development and Types of Religion

- a) Anthropological Theories
- b) Psychological Theories
- c) Tribal, National and Universal religion

Unit III: Grounds of Belief in God

Arguments for the belief in the existence of God

- a) Cosmological argument
- b) Teleological argument
- c) Ontological argument

Theories advocating disbelief in the existence of God

- a) Sociological Theory
- b) Freudian Theory

Unit IV: The peculiarity of Religious Language

- a) The Doctrine of Analogy (Aquinas)
- b) Religious Statements as Symbolic (Tillich)
- c) Braithwaite's Noncognitive Theory
- d) The Language-Game Theory

Unit V: Religion & Science

- a) Religion and Scientific Development
- b) Contemporary debates on Philosophy of Religion

Suggested Readings:

- Edwards, D. Mial, *The Philosophy of Religion*, Progressive Publishers: Calcutta, 1993.
- Hick, H. John, *Philosophy of Religion*, Prentice-Hall of India: New Delhi, 1994.
- Durkheim, Emile, *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*, Oxford Word's Classics, Trans. Carol Cosman, 2010,
- Swinburne, Richard, *The Existence of God*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1979.
- James, William. *The Varieties of Religious Experience: A Study in Human Nature*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard Univ. Pr., 1985 (orig. ed. 1902)
- Lewis. H.D. & Robert H.L. Slater, *World Religions: Meeting Points and Major Issues*, London: Watts. 1966.
- Slater, Peter, *The Dynamics of Religion: Continuity and Change in Patterns of Faith*, London: SCM Press, 1979, c1978.
- Smith, Huston, *Why Religion Matters: The Fate of the Human Spirit in an Age of Disbelief*, New York: Harper Collins, c2001.
- Smith, Wilfred Cantwell, *Religious Diversity* (ed. by W.G. Oxtoby). New York: Crossroad, 1982, c1976.
- Nielsen, Niels C., Jr., et al, *Religions of the World*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2nd ed. 1988.
- Oxtoby, Willard G. (ed.), *World Religions: Western Traditions; World Religions: Eastern Traditions*, Toronto: Oxford Univ. Pr., 1996; 2nd ed. 2002.
- Connell, J. O'., "Introduction to Religious Studies in South Asia: The Dhaka Initiative", *Bangladesh e-journal of Sociology*, 8/1 (January): pp. 5–18, 2011.
- ----- "Academic Study of Religion in Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities." *Nibandhamālā*, Bulletin of the Centre for Advanced Research in the Humanities, University of Dhaka, 15: pp. 73–108, 2009.
- ----- "The Task of a Humanist in Bangladesh." *Nibandhamālā*, Bulletin of the Centre for Advanced Research in the Humanities, University of Dhaka, 14: 123–146, 2007.

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PHIL05DSE2C: Philosophy of Art

Unit I

- a) What is Aesthetics [branch of philosophy, concerned with the nature and appreciation of art, beauty and good taste]
- b) What is art [views of John Dewey, Leo Tolstoy, M Beardsley and Dadaist art movement]
- c) Mimesis [Plato and Aristotle]

Unit II

Aesthetic Judgements:

- a) semantics of aesthetic judgements -- whether they are simply statements about subjective preference, or, have some non-subjective basis.
- b) justification of aesthetic judgements, aesthetic principles, and the basis of aesthetic properties.

Unit III

- a) Aesthetic attitudes
- b) Metaphors
- c) can art be a vehicle of truth

Unit IV

- a) Important theories of Art:
- b) Representational theory
- c) Expression theory
- d) Intuitionistic theory
- e) Anti-Essentialist theory

Unit V

Indian Aesthetics

- The Rasa Siddhaanta (theory of aesthetic experience) of Bharata, 5th century
- Alankaravaada -- Bhamah, 6th century -- theory of figures
- Riti -- Vaamana, 8th century -- theory of style
- Dhvani -- Aanandavardhana, 9th century -- poetic figures, theory of suggestion
- Vakrokti -- Kuntaka, 11th century -- theory of oblique expression
- Auchityavaada -- Khemendra, 11th century -- theory of propriety

Suggested readings:

- Parkar, Dewitt H., *The Principles of Aesthetics (2nd edn)*, Appleton-Century, Crofts 1946.
- Cooper David E.(Ed.), *A Companion to Aesthetics*, Blackwell.
- Korsmeyer Carolyn (Ed.), *Aesthetics: The Big Questions*, Blackwell, 1998.
- Graham Gordon, *Philosophy of the Arts: An Introduction to Aesthetics (3rd edn)*, Routledge, 2005.
- Cooper, D. E., *Metaphor*, Basil Blackwell, 1986.
- Dasgupta Sudhir Kumar, Kavyaloka, Dey's Publishing House
- De S. K., *History of Sanskrit Poetics*.
- Ghosh Raghunath, *Shilpa Satta o Yukti*, Sarat Book House.

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PHIL06DSE3A: Bioethics

Unit 1: Introduction to Bioethics

- a) Understanding of ethics and bioethics
- b) Human Rights
- c) Individual responsibility and Social Responsibility

Unit II: Health

- a) Health and Society
- b) Environment and human life

Unit III: Ethics and Scientific Experiments

- a) Abortion
- b) Cloning
- c) Euthanasia
- d) Organ Harvesting
- e) Human Experimentation

Suggested Readings:

- Kuhse, H. and Singer, P. (2008) Bioethics: An Anthology, 2nd Ed. Blackwell.
- Singer, Peter A. and Viens, A. M. (2008)
- The Cambridge Textbook of Bioethics, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Vaughn, L. (2012) Bioethics: Principles, Issues and Cases, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- The Essentials of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology- Dr. K.S. Narayanan Reddy (Ch.3 ‘Medical Law and Ethics’) K. Suguna Devi, Hyderabad
- Introduction to Bio-Ethics-J. Bryant, L. Baggett la Velle and John Searle (Ch.V ‘Bio-technology and Bio-ethics’ &Ch.IX ‘Cloning and Stem Cells’)
- Principles of Biomedical Ethics – Tom. L.Beauchamp, & J.F. Childress,1994,USA,OUP

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PHIL06DSE3B: *Dharmanīti*

Unit I

- a) Presuppositions of ‘morality’ in Indian Philosophy
- b) Vedic Tradition: Ṛta, Ṛṇa, Satya, Itikartavya

Unit II

- a) Karma, Dharma, Puruṣārtha
- b) Ethics of Gita : Sthitaprajña, Lokasaṅgraha, Karmayoga, Svadharma, Śreyasa and Preyasa

Unit III

- a) Yoga: Yama and Niyama
- b) Mīmāṃsā: Dharma, Vidhi and Niṣedha

Unit – IV

- a) Buddhism : Brahma-vihāra: Maitri, Karuṇā, Muditā, Upekṣā, Pancaśīla
- b) Jainism : Triratna, Panca-vrata, Pancaśīla

TEXTS:

1. *Gītā*
2. *Dhammapada*
3. *Arthasaṅgraha*
4. *Ethics and Epics: Philosophy, Culture and Religion*: B.K. Matilal
5. Jaimini Sūtra with Śavara-bhāṣya

Suggested Readings:

- Matilal, B.K., *Ethics and Epics: Philosophy, Culture and Religion*, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 2017.
- Sharma, I.C., *Ethical Philosophies of India*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1965.

- Chatterjee, S.C., *Fundamentals of Hinduism - A Philosophical Study*
- Maitra S.K., *The Ethics of the Hindus*
- *Laugaksibhaskara: Arthasamgraha* (Edited by Swami Bhargananda)
- Hiriyanna, M., *The Indian Conception of Values*
- Dasgupta, S., *Development of Moral Philosophy in India*
- Kane, P.V., *History of Dharma Sastra*, Vol.1, Bhandarkar Oriental research Centre, 1930.
- Charaborty, S. C., *The Concept of Purusarthas*
- Chatterjee, A., *Bharatiya Dharmaniti*, Allied Publishers, New Delhi, 1998.
- Gupta, Dikshit, *Nitisastra*
- Bhhattacharya Samarendra, *Nitividya*
- Chakraborty, Sibapada, *Nitividya*

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PHIL06DSE3C: Feminist Philosophy

Unit I: Feminist theories: A historical overview

- a) Definitions – Liberal, Radical, Socialist, Marxist, and Existentialist feminism
- b) Patriarchy and Feminist Movement

Unit II: Epistemology and Ethics

- a) Standpoint epistemology : Sandra Harding
- b) The issue of Objectivity : Helen Longino
- c) Care Ethics

Unit III: Women and Society

- a) Role of Women in preserving the environment – Chipko movement.
- b) Reconceptualising Reason: Michelle le Deouff, Val Plumwood.

Unit IV: Some Practical Issues

- a) Domestic Violence
- b) Unpaid household labor
- c) The politics of body; abortion; birth-control

Suggested Readings:

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PHIL06DSE4A: Theories of Consciousness

Unit I: Introduction to the nature of Consciousness

- a) Consciousness and Experience
- b) Consciousness and Natural world
- c) Various Properties of Consciousness

Unit II: Concepts of Consciousness

- a) Phenomenal Consciousness
- b) Access Consciousness
- c) Self Consciousness

Unit III: Consciousness and Physicalism

- a) Materialist theories of Consciousness
- b) Neurobiological Theories of Consciousness
- c) Critique of Materialist theories of Consciousness

Suggested readings:

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PHIL06DSE4B: Western Logic

Unit I

R. Jeffrey: *Formal Logic—Its scope and Limits*

- a) Truth-tree method
- b) Stroke and dagger

Unit II

I. M. Copi: *Symbolic Logic*

- a) Indirect Proof
- b) Conditional proof
- c) Strengthened Rule of Conditional Proof

Unit III

P. Suppes: *Introduction to Logic*

- a) Intuitive Set Theory- Introduction
- b) Relations
- c) Membership
- d) Inclusion
- e) The Empty Set
- f) Operations on Sets

Suggested Readings:

- Jeffrey R., *Formal Logic—Its scope and Limits*, Hackett Publishing Co, 2006.
- Copi I. M., *Symbolic Logic*, 5th edition, Pearson, 1979.
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- Das Ramaprasad, *YukhtivaijnanikPaddhati*
- Das Ramaprasad o Bhattacharya Subirranjan, *SamsadYuktivijnanAbhidhan*

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PHIL06DSE4C: Indian Logic

Unit I

- a) *Anumān*: its definition and process (*Nyāya* and Buddhist views); characteristics of *hetu*, *sādhya* and *pakṣa* with illustrations; distinction between *svārthānumāna* and *parārthānumāna*; members of *parārthānumāna*.

Unit II

- a) The concept of *pakṣatā* and *parāmarśa*; necessity of admitting *parāmarśa*; *Nyāya* and Buddhist debate.

Unit III

- a) *Nyāya* and Buddhist concept of *vyāpti*; its definition and ways of its apprehension.

Unit V

- a) The notion of *hetvābhāsa*; its Classification.

TEXTS :

- *Bhāṣāpariccheda* with *Muktāvalī* of Viśvanātha Nyāyapañcānan
- *Tarkasaṅgraha* with *Dīpikā Tīkā* of Annambhaṭṭa
- *Nyāya Bindu* of Ācārya Dharmakīrti

Suggested Readings :

- Viśvanātha Nyāyapañcānan, *Bhāṣāpariccheda*, Translated and annotated in Bengali with *Muktāvalī-Saṅgraha* tīkā in Sanskrit on Viśvanātha's commentary *Nyāya Siddhānta Muktāvalī* by Panchanan Bhattacharya Shastri, Kolikata, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, 1947.
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- Annambhaṭṭa, *Tarkasaṃgraha* with *Dīpikā Tīkā*, Translated in English by Gopinath Bhattacharya, Progressive Publishers, 1983.
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- S. S. Barlingay, *A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic*, National Publishing House, Delhi, 1965.

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PHIL03SEC1, Semester 3: Seminar Paper Writing

PHIL04SEC2, Semester 4: Seminar Paper Writing

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PHIL01GE1 (Semester 1): Philosophy of Psychology

Unit-I

- a) Nature of commonsense psychology
- b) Arguments for the autonomy of psychology
- c) Definition and nature of philosophy of psychology

Unit-II

- a) Behaviourism (B. F. Skinner), Reductionism and physicalism, Functionalism
- b) Models of psychological explanation: An overview

Suggested Readings:

- Ned Block (1980) ed. Readings in Philosophy of Psychology, Vol –1, London: Methuen and Co.
- Jose Luis Bermudez (2005). Philosophy of Psychology: A contemporary Introduction. New York: Routledge
- Ian Ravenscroft (2005). Philosophy of Mind: A Beginner's Guide. New York: Oxford University Press

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PHIL01GE2 (Semester 1): Man and Machine

UNIT-I What is a human being?

- a) Definitions and understanding of human being
- b) What is called human thinking?
- c) Human beings as thinking things
- d) Reasons and emotions
- e) Explaining human behavior

Unit-II Mind and Machine

- a) Turing Machine
- b) The Chinese Room
- c) The problem of other minds

Unit-III Mind and Artificial Intelligence

- a) Can a machine think?
- b) What is machine thinking?
- c) Can a machine learn?
- d) Can a machine behave rationally?
- e) Can a machine behave emotionally?
- f) Machine and human emotions

Reading Materials

- Crane, Tim, *The Mechanical Mind: Philosophical Introduction to Minds, Machines and Mental Representation*, third edition, Routledge.
- Dreyfus, Hubert. *What Computers still cannot do: A critique of artificial reason*, Cambridge and Massachusetts: The MIT Press, 1992.

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PHIL01GE3 (Semester 1): PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENTIFIC METHOD

UNIT-I

- a) Induction as Scientific Method of Enquiry.
- b) Problem of Induction.
- c) Cause and Effect.
- d) Causal Law and Uniformity of nature.
- e) Mill's Methods:
 - Method of Agreement
 - Method of Difference
 - Joint Method of Agreement and Difference
 - Method of Residues
 - Method of Concomitant Variation
- f) Criticism of Mill's method:
 - Are they instruments for discovery?
 - Are they Rules for Proof?
- g) Vindication of Mill's method:
 - Testing Hypothesis
 - Pasteur and Controlled Experimentation

UNIT-II

- a) Science and Hypothesis: Value of science – Scientific and Unscientific
- b) Evaluating Scientific Explanations:
 - Relevance
 - Testability
 - Compatibility
 - Predictive and Explanatory Power
 - Simplicity
- c) The Detective as Scientist:
 - The Problem
 - Preliminary Hypothesis
 - Collecting Additional Facts
 - Formulating the Hypothesis
 - Deducing Further Consequences
 - Testing the Consequences
 - Application
- d) Scientists in Action: Pattern of Scientific Investigation
- e) Crucial Experiments and Ad Hoc Hypotheses
- f) Classification as Hypothesis

UNIT-III

- a) Probability: Alternative Conceptions of Probability
- b) The Probability Calculus
 - Joint Occurrences
 - Alternative Occurrences
- c). Expectation or Expected value

Suggested Readings:

- Copi, I.M. and C. Cohen, *Introduction to Logic*, 9thedn., Macmillan, 1990.
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PHIL02GE4 (Semester 2): Introduction to Critical Thinking

Unit-I

- a) What is Critical Thinking
- b) Standards of Critical Thinking: Benefits and Limitations

Unit-II

- a) Arguments and Recognising Argument
- b) Types of Reasoning
 - Analogical
 - Legal
 - Moral

Unit-III

- a) Fallacies of
 - Logic
 - Informal Arguments
 - Ordinary Language

Unit IV

- a) Critical Thinking in Science
 - Evidential Support
 - Objectivity

Suggested Readings:

- Sen, M. *An Introduction to Critical Thinking*. Delhi: Pearson, 2008.
- Copi, I. M. *Introduction to Logic*, 14th Edition. London and New York: Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, 2014.
- Noisich, G. M. *Learning to Think Things Through: A Guide to Critical Thinking Across Curriculum*. Fourth Edition. Delhi: Pearson, 2012.

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PHIL02GE5 (Semester 2): Recent Indian Philosophers

- Rabindranath Tagore
- Swami Vivekananda
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Bankim Chandra
- Sri Aurobindo

Suggested Readings:

- Dutta, D.M., *Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*, Calcutta University, 1953.
- Raghuramaraju, A., *Debates in Indian Philosophy: Classical, Colonial and Contemporary*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2006.
- Raghuramaraju, A., *Debating Vivekananda: A Reader.*: Oxford University Press, Delhi. 2014.
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PHIL02GE6 - (Semester 2): Contemporary Ethical Issues in India

Unit-I

- a) The characteristics of morality in Indian Philosophy
- b) Basic preconditions of morality in Indian Philosophy
- c) Can a religious person be moral?

Unit-II

- a) Varṇāśram dharma (Caste System)
- b) Ambedkar's Criticism on the Caste System

Unit III

- a) Significances of The Law of Karma
- b) Can there be Desireless Action?
- c) The emergence of bliss through desireless action

Unit IV

- a) Non-violence (ahimsā)
- b) Origin of the Idea of Non-violence
- c) Gandhi's Interpretation on Non-violence
- d) Classical views on Kinship

Suggested Readings:

- Matilal, B.K., *Ethics and Epics: Philosophy, Culture and Religion*, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 2017.
- Sharma, I.C., *Ethical Philosophies of India*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1965.
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- Sarkar, Tushar Kanti, *Social Dimension of Jain Thoughts*,
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- Ambedkar, *Annihilation of Caste*, Bombay, 1937.

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PHIL03GE7 (Semester 3): Bio- Medical Ethics

Unit-I Fundamentals of Medical Ethics

- a) Duties of Medical Practitioners
- b) Professional negligence
- c) Products liability, malingering, human experimentation

Unit-II Ethics and Clinical Experiments

- a) Nature of clinical trial
- b) Ethics of cloning
- c) Surrogacy
- d) Issues related to the beginning of life and the end of life
- e) Organ transplantation.

Suggested Readings:

- Tom. L. Beauchamp, J.F. Childress, *Principles of Biomedical Ethics*, Oxford University Press, USA, 1994.
- Walter Glannon, *Biomedical Ethics*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2005.
- Dr. K.S. Narayanan Reddy (Ch.3 'Medical Law and Ethics'), K. Suguna Devi, *The Essentials of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology*, Hyderabad

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PHIL03GE8 (Semester – 3): World Religion

Unit-I: Introduction to Major Religions of the World

Christianity

Judaism

Islam

Hinduism

Buddhism

Jainism

Folk/Tribal/African Religion

Suggested Readings:

- a) Deming, Will, *Rethinking Religion: A Concise Introduction*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2005.
- b) Doniger, Wendy, ed. *Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of World Religions*, Merriam-Webster, 1999.
- c) Eliade, Mircea, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Religion*. 16 vols. Macmillan, 1986.
- d) Esposito, John L., Darrell J. Fasching, and Todd Lewis. *World Religions Today*, Oxford University Press, 2022.
- e) Juergensmeyer, Mark, *Global Religions: An Introduction*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2003.
- f) Ridgeon, Lloyd, ed. *Major World Religions: From Their Origins to the Present*, Routledge Curzon, 2003.
- g) Woodhead, Linda, et al. *Religions in the Modern World*, Routledge, 2002.

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PHIL03GE9 (Semester 3): How to act or be Just?

Unit-1

- a) Introduction
- b) Different elements of Justice
- c) How does justice function in society?

Unit-II

- a) Role of institutions in bringing justice to society
- b) Role of individuals in bringing justice to society

Unit-III

- a) Is my *well-being* important for justice in the society?
- b) Can we think of an idea of justice applicable globally?

Suggested Readings:

- Beitz, C. R. (2005). "Cosmopolitanism and Global Justice". In *Current Debates in Global Justice*. Eds. G. Brock & D. Moellendorf. Dordrecht: Springer.
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- Kraut, R. (1992). “The Defense of Justice in Plato’s Republic”. In *The Cambridge Companion to Plato*. Ed. R. Kraut. United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press.
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- Nagel, T. (2005). “The Problem of Global Justice”. *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 33(2), pp. 113-147.
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- Plato, (1956). *The Republic*. In *Great Dialogues of Plato*. Trans. Rouse, W. H. D. New York: Penguin Group.
- Rawls, John, (1999a). *A Theory of Justice*. Rev. ed. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.
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- Sandel, M. J. (2010). *Justice: What is the Right thing to do?*. England: Penguin Group.
- Sen, A, (2010a). *The Idea of Justice*. England: Penguin Group.

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PHIL04GE10 (Semester 4): Philosophy and Peace Studies

Unit-I: Significance of Peace studies

- a) Meanings of Peace;
- b) Peace Movements
- c) Meanings of War
- d) Significance of Nuclear Weapons

Unit-II

- a) Reasons for War: Individual & Group Level
- b) The State & Decision-making of Leaders
- c) Ideological Influences, Population, and Military Spending
- d) Diplomacy, Conflict Resolution & Collective Security Issues

Unit-III

- a) Disarmament and Arms Control
- b) Pagwash Movement and Russell-Einstein Manifesto
- c) Peace and Harmony in Early India
- d) Gandhi and theory of Non-violence.

Unit-IV

- a) Building Positive Peace
- b) Human Rights (Human Rights Documents)
- c) Ecological & Economic Well-Being
- d) Global Peace Model

Suggested Readings:

- David P. Barash & Charles P. Webel. *Peace and Conflict Studies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2002.
- Fischer, Louis (Editor). *The Essential Gandhi*. Random House, NY: Vintage Books, 1962.
- King, Martin Luther Jr. *Why We Can't Wait*. New York: Penguin Books, 1963.

- “Callings” from *Called by Name: Discovering Your Unique Purpose in Life* by Robert J. Furey. New York: Crossroad Publishing Co., 1996. 13-41.
- “Heart Searching and Life Choice” from *By Way of the Heart* by Wilkie Au. New York: Paulist Press, 1989. 57-84.
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