

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY

SYLLABUS

FOR

UNDERGRADUATE IN PHILOSOPHY

(SEMESTERS- I TO III)

MAJOR (CORE) and MINOR /ELECTIVE

CBCS PATTERN (NEP-2020)

(Approved by BUGS held on 5th July 2022)

BA (Philosophy) (NEP 2020)
Tripura University
Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Semester – I

Subject: Philosophy

Paper – I (MAJOR)
Indian Philosophy
Credits: 4

Unit - I: (i) Introduction: Common characteristics and classifications of Indian Philosophical Schools: Astika and Nastika

(ii) Carvaka School: Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics

(ii) Jainism: Concepts of jiva, ajiva, Anekantavada, Syadvada and Nayavada, Bondage and Liberation and Ethical views

(iii) Buddhism: (a) Theory of Dependent Origination, Four Noble Truths, Theory of Momentariness, Theory of No-Soul, (b) Four schools of Buddhism: Vaibhasika, Sautrantika, Yogacara and Madhyamika .

Unit - II: (i) Nyaya: Definition of Perception (Pratyaksa), Definition of Sannikarsa and its significance, Classification of Pratyaksa – Ordinary Laukika, Extra-ordinary Alaukia, Indeterminate (Nirbikalpaka) and Determinate (Savikalpaka), Recognition (Pratvijna), Inference (Anumana), Comparison (Upamana), Testimony (Sabda), The individual self and its liberation, The idea of God and proofs for its existence

(ii) Vaishesika Philosophy – Padartha, Dravya, Guna, Karma, Samanya, Visesa, Samavaya, Abhava

Unit - III: (i) Samkhya: Satkaryavada, Nature of Prakriti and its constituents- Theory of Evolution, Nature of Purusa and proofs for its existence, Plurality of Purusas.

(ii) Yoga: Citta, Cittavrtti, Cittabhumi, Eightfold path of Yoga, God.

(iii) PurvaMimamsa: Nature of Knowledge- the debates between Kumarila and Prabhakara about Anupalabdhi, Arthapatti and Pramanyavada.

Unit - IV: (i) Advaita Vedanta of Sankaracharya – Sankara's view of Brahman, Maya, and Jiva, Three grades of Satta, Jiva, Jagat, Moksha.

(ii) Visitadvaita Vedanta of Ramanuja: Nature of Brahman, Refutation of Sankara's doctrine of Maya, Jiva, Jagat, Moksa.

Suggested Readings:

1. An Introduction to Indian Philosophy: D.M. Dutta and S.C. Chatterjee
2. Outlines of Indian Philosophy : M. Hiriyana
3. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy: C.D. Sharma
4. Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & Vol. III): S. Radhakrishnan
5. Central Philosophy of Buddhism: T.R.V. Murti
6. Reason and Tradition in Indian Philosophy: J.N. Mahanti
7. Studies in Philosophy: Vol. I: K.C. Bhattacharya
8. SayanMadhaviyaSarvaDarsanSaigraha: SatyajyotiChakraborty
9. BharatiyaDarsan: DebabrataSen
10. BharatiyaDarsan: NirodeBaranChakraborty
11. CarvakaDarsan: PanchananSastri
12. CarvakaDarsan: DaksinaRanjanSastri
13. Buddha Darsan: PanchananSastri
14. NyayaVaisesikaDarsana: Karuna Bhattacharya
15. SankhyaTattvaKaumudi: Narayan Goswami
16. SankhyaPatanjaliDarsan: KanakPrava Bhattacharya
17. PurvaMimansaDarsan: Sukhomay Bhattacharya
18. BharatiyaDarsan:Pradyot Kumar Mandal
19. BharatiyaDarsanerMarma Katha: HaridasBandupadhyaya
20. BhartiyaDarsan: Dipak Kumar Bagchi
21. BhartiyaDarsan: SamarendraBhattacharjee

Semester – I

Subject: Philosophy

**Paper – II (MAJOR)
Western Philosophy
Credits: 4**

Unit I : (i) Plato: Theory of knowledge (episteme) and opinion (doxa), Theory of Forms
(ii) Aristotle: Critique of Plato's theory of Forms, Theory of Causation, Form and Matter, Potentiality and Actuality.

Unit II: (i) Descartes: Method and need for Method in philosophy, Method of Doubt: Cogito Ergo Sum, types of Ideas, mind and matter, mind-body interactionism, God: nature and proofs for His existence.

(ii) Spinoza: Substance, attributes and modes, the concept of 'God or Nature', Pantheism, mind-body problem, three orders of knowing.

(iii) Leibnitz: Monadology, doctrine of pre-established harmony, truths of reason and truths of facts, innateness of all ideas, principles of non-contradiction, sufficient reason and identity of the indiscernible

Unit III: (i) Locke: Ideas and their classification, refutation of innate ideas, knowledge and its grades, substance, qualities.

(ii) Berkeley: Rejection of abstract ideas, rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, immaterialism, *esse est percipi*.

(ii) Hume: Impressions and ideas, judgments concerning relations of ideas and matters of fact, causality, skepticism.

Unit IV: Kant: Conception of critical philosophy, classification of judgments: analytic, synthetic, apriori, aposteriori, possibility of synthetic apriori judgments, the forms of sensibility (space and time), categories of the understanding, the metaphysical deduction of categories, postulates of moral judgments, phenomena and noumena, postulates of moral judgements.

Suggested Readings:

1. Greek Philosophy: Burnet
2. A History of Philosophy: F. Coplston
3. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy: D.J.O'Connor
4. History of Modern Philosophy: Richard Falckenberg
5. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
6. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy: W.T. Stace
7. Locke, Berkeley, Hume: C.R. Morris
8. The Rationalists: John Cottingham
9. Locke, Berkeley, Hume: NirodeBaranChakraborty
10. Plato and Aristotle: NirodeBaranChakraborty
11. PaschatyaDarsanerItihas (Plato O Aristotle): DebabrataSen
12. PaschatyaDarsanerItihas (Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz): Chandradaya Bhattacharya

13. PaschatyaDarsanerItihas: Iksanbad (Locke, Berkeley, Hume): Chandradaya Bhattacharya
14. Critique of Pure Reason: Kant (Edited by N.K. Smith)
15. KanterDarsan: Raj Vihari Das
16. A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: Raj Vihari Das
17. A Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding: Hume (edited by J.N. Mahanti)
18. Hume 'Inquiry': Rama Prasad Das

Bachelor of Arts (BA) **Semester – I**

Subject: Philosophy

Paper – I (MINOR/ELECTIVE)

Ethics and Environment

Credits: 4

Unit- I

Nature, scope and significance of Ethics and Environment,
Moral attitudes towards biotic and abiotic life-world: Man's responsibility towards biotic and abiotic life-world, conservation of abiotic world, population explosion, global warming and climate change, duties and responsibilities towards future generation.

Unit-II

Man-Nature Relationship: Biocentrism and Anthropocentrism

Unit – III

The Contemporary Indian perspective on Environment (M. K. Gandhi and Tagore)

Unit-IV

Environmental movements in India
Eco-feminism: Feminists and environmental ethics.

Suggested Readings:

1. Kuhse, H. and Singer, P.; *A Companion to Bio-ethics*, 2nd ed., Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2009.

2. Callicut, J. B. and Frodeman, R., *Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy*, Vol. I & 2, MacMillan, GALE, Cengage Learning, 2009.
3. Taylor, P. W.; *Respect for Nature*, Princeton University Press, Princeton and Oxford, 1989.
4. *The Feminist Papers from Adams to De Beauvoir*, North eastern University Press, Boston, 1988.
5. Preston, C. J. and Ouderkirk, W.; *Nature, Value and Duty*, Springer, 2007.
6. Singer, P.; *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2011.

Semester: II

Philosophy Major Paper – III

Indian Philosophy – II (PL103C)

Unit – I (Concept of Soul)

Concept of Soul (Ātman) in the Orthodox and the Heterodox schools of Indian Philosophy.

Unit – II (Concept of Liberation)

Concept of Liberation (Mokṣa) in the Orthodox and the Heterodox schools of Indian Philosophy.

Unit – III (Nyāya Epistemology)

Concept of Pakṣa, Sādhya, Hetu, Features of Sat Hetu, Svārthānumāna and Parārthānumāna, Kevalānvayee, Kevalavyātireki and Anvaya-vyātireki Anumāna.

Unit –IV (Indian Metaphysics)

Vaiśeṣika Paramānuvāda (Atomism), Satkāryavāda and Asatkāryavāda, Nirguna Brahman and Saguna Brahman.

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2. An Outline of Indian Philosophy – M. Hiriyana
3. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – C.D. Sharma
4. Reason and Tradition in Indian Philosophy – J.N. Mohanti

5. Studies in Philosophy: Vol 1: - K.C. Bhattacharya
6. Nyāya Vaiśeṣika Darśan – Karuna Bhattacharya
7. Bhāratīya Darśan - -Prodyot Kumar Mandal
8. Bhāratīya Darśaner Marma Kathā – Haridas Bandopadhyaya
9. Bhāratīya Darśan – Dipak Kumar Bagchi
10. Bhāratīya Darśan – Samarendra Bhattacharjee

Semester - II

Philosophy Major Paper – IV

Western Philosophy – II (PL104C)

Unit – I (Pre- Socratic & Socratic thoughts)

Origin and Development of Early Greek thoughts, The problem of Substance (Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Pythagoras), The problem of Change (Heraclitus, Xenophanes, Parmenides, Zeno), Problems of Knowledge and Conduct: Sophist (Progress of Thought, Theory of Knowledge, Greek enlightenment) & Socrates (Socratic Problem, Socratic Method, Socratic Schools)

Unit – II (Western Epistemology)

Theories of Knowledge (Empiricism, Rationalism and Criticism), Theories of Truth (Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic)

Unit – III (Western Metaphysics)

Idealism (Subjective and Objective), Realism (Naïve and Representative), Theories of Causality (Regularity and Entailment)

Unit – IV (Western Metaphysics)

Substance (Empiricist and Rationalist View), Mind – Body Relation (Interactionism, Parallelism and Identity Theory)

Suggested Readings:

1. A History of Philosophy – Frank Thilly
2. Greek Philosophy – Burnet

3. An Introduction to General Philosophy – S.P. Chakraborty
4. The Problems of Philosophy – S.C. Chatterjee
5. Pāśchātya Darśan- Pramode Bandhu Sengupta
6. Pāśchātya Darśan – Samarandra Bhattacharya
7. Pāśchātya Darśan – Jagadiswar Sanyal

Semester - II

Philosophy Minor Paper – II

Introduction to Western Philosophy – (PL102M)

Unit – I (Western Epistemology)

Theories of Knowledge (Empiricism, Rationalism and Criticism), Theories of Truth (Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic)

Unit – II (Western Metaphysics)

Idealism (Subjective and Objective), Realism (Naïve and Representative)

Unit – III (Western Metaphysics)

Substance (Empiricist and Rationalist View), Theories of Causality (Regularity and Entailment)

Unit – IV (Western Metaphysics)

Refutation of Innate Ideas (Locke), Mind – Body Relation (Interactionism, Parallelism and Identity Theory)

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2. The Problems of Philosophy – S.C. Chatterjee
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5. Pāśchātya Darśan – Jagadiswar Sanyal
6. Pāśchātya Darśaner Itihās (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibnitz) – Chandrodya Bhattacharya
7. Pāśchātya Darśaner Itihās (Locke, Berkley, Hume) – Chandrodya Bhattacharya

Semester: III

Philosophy Semester – III Paper – V (MAJOR)

(Indian Ethics) (PL-105C)

Unit – I

Presuppositions of Indian Ethics, Varnāśrama dharma, Sādhārana dharma, Rta and Satya, Sreya and Preya.

Unit – II

Cārvāka Ethics, Puruṣārthas and their interrelation, Puruṣārtha Sādhana, The Law of Karma.

Unit – III

Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths. Śīla.

Jaina Ethics: Bondage and Liberation of Jiva, Anuvrata, Mahāvratā, Tṛratna.

Unit – IV

The Gita: Niṣkāma Karma, Svadharma, Paradharma, Nitya karma, Yagñārtha Karma, Lokasamgraha, Abhyāsa and Vairāgya, Karmasannyāsa.

Suggested Readings:

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2. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – C.D. Sharma
3. Purva Mimamsa Darsan – Sukhomay Bhattacharya
4. Principles of Ethics – Phani Bhusan Chatterjee
5. The Ethics of the Hindus – S.K. Maitra
6. Carvaka Darsanam – Panchanan Sastri
7. Carvak Darsan – Daksina Ranjan Sastri
8. Bharatiya Darsan – Pradyot Kumar Mandal
9. Bharatiya Darsan – Nirod Baran Chakraborty
10. Bharatiya Darsan – Dipak Kumar Bagchi
11. Buddha Darsan - Panchanan Sastri
12. Nitividya – Samarendra Bhattacharya
13. Nitividya – Shibapada Chakraborty

Semester – III
Paper – VI (MAJOR)
(Western Ethics) (PL 106C)

Unit – I

Nature and Scope of Ethics, Voluntary and Non-voluntary action, Motive and Intention.

Unit – II

Nature and Object of Moral Judgment, Postulates of Moral Judgment, Theories of Punishment (Reformatory, Preventive and Retributive).

Unit – III

Theories of Moral Standard (Hedonism, Rigorism, Perfectionism),

Unit – IV

Right & Duty, Classification of Duties, Conflict of Duties, Value (Intrinsic & Extrinsic, Subjective & Objective).

Suggested Readings:

1. Manual of Ethics – Mackenzie
2. An Introduction to Ethics – William Lillie
3. Nitividya – Samarendra Bhattacharya
4. Nitividyar Tattvakatha – Somnath Chakraborty

Paper – III (MINOR)

General Concepts of Indian Ethics (PL103M)

Unit – I

Pre-suppositions of Indian Ethics, Varnasrama dharma, Sadharana dharma.

Unit – II

Carvaka Ethics, Purusarthas and their interrelation, Purusartha Sadhana, The Law of Karma.

Unit – III

Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths.

Jaina Ethics: Anuvrata, Mahavrata, Trratna.

Unit – IV

The Gita: Nişkāma Karma, Svadharma, Paradharma, Lokasamgraha, Abhyāsa and Vairāgya, Karmasannyāsa.

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