



**Ramakrishana Mission Vidyamandira
(A Residential Autonomous College with PG Section)
Belur Math::Howrah - 711202**

Department of Philosophy

**Recommended Syllabi of Semester I to VIII
For
Four Year B.A Major & Minor in Philosophy**

2023

Course structure with credit

Sem.	Major	Minor	MD*	AEC*	SEC*	SI*	VAC*	Total
1	4	4	3	2	3		4	20
2	4	4	3	2	3		4	20
3	8	4	3	2	3			20
4	16	4		2				22
5	16	4				2		22
6	16	4						20
7	16	4						20
8	4+12	4						20
Total	84+12	32	9	8	9	2	8	164

***MD - Multidisciplinary Course**

***SEC - Skill Enhancement Course**

***VAC - Value Added Course**

***AEC - Ability Enhancement Course**

***SI - Summer internship**

Semester Wise Detailed Syllabi

First Semester

Common Course (Major/ Minor)

Course Code: 1PHICOC1 (Credits: 4: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100 Marks)

Course Name: Indian Philosophy I & Western Philosophy I

Course Content:

Unit - I

Indian Epistemology

- a. **Introduction:** Origins of Indian Philosophy, Division of Indian Philosophical Schools — Āstika and Nāstika, Some main features of Indian Philosophy
- b. **Cārvāka School** - Epistemology, Metaphysics & Ethics
- c. **Jainism:** Introduction, Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda and, Saptabhaṅgīnaya
- d. **Buddhism:** Short Introduction, Theory of Dependend Origination (Pratītyasamutpādavāda), Definition of Reality (Arthakriyākāritvaṁsat), Doctrine of Momentariness (Kṣhaṇavhaṅgavāda), Theory of No-Soul (Nairātmyavāda) and Different Schools
- e. **Nyāya:** Pramā and Pramāṇa, Pratyakṣa (definition and analysis), Sannikarṣa, Classification of pratyakṣa—Nirvikalpaka, f. Savikalpaka, Laukika and Alaukika, Anumiti, Anumāna (definition and analysis), Vyāpti, Parāmarśa, Upamāna (definition and analysis), Śabda (definition and analysis)
- f. **Vaiśeṣika:** Seven Padārthas- Dravya, Guṇa, Karma, Sāmānya, Viśeṣa, Samavāya, Abhāva

Suggested Readings:

M. Hiriyanna: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarasidass Publishers, fifth reprint edition 2014

C.D Sharma: *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy* Motilal Banarasidass Publishers, reprint edition 2013

Datta & Chatterjee: *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Rupa Publication, 2010

Madhavacarya: *Sarva Darsana Samgraha* (in Bengali), Sri Satguru publications, 2008

Tarakchandra Ray, *Bharatiya Darshaner Itihas*, Gurudas Chattopadhyay and Sons, 1961

Debabrata Sen, *Bharatiya Darsan*, *Rajya Pustak Parshad*, West Bengal State Book Board, 1985

Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya, *Bharatiya Darsan*, National Book Agency Private Ltd., 2003

Jadunath Sinha, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Sinha Publishing House, 1963

Unit - II

Western Epistemology

- a) General Idea: Pre Socratic Philosophy
- b) Plato: Theory of knowledge, Theory of Form
- c) Aristotle: Theory of causation, Form and Matter - A Criticism of Platonic Form.
- d) St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason & Essence and Existence.
- e) Descartes: Method of doubt, Cogito, ergo sum, Criterion of truth, Doctrine of substance, Proof for the existence of God
- f) Spinoza: Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, Pantheism, Intellectual Love of God.
- g) Leibniz: Monads, Truths of Reason and Truths of Facts, Innateness of ideas, Sufficient Reason, Principles Identity of Indiscernible & Law of Contradiction

Suggested Readings:

F Copleston: *A History of Philosophy*, Image, Reprint 1993

W.K Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, Macmillan, 1941

W.T Stace: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, 2014 (2nd ed)

Roger Scruton: A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein, Routledge, 2001
John Cottingham: The Rationalists, Oxford University Press, 1988

Falckenberg: History of Modern Philosophy, 2014 (2nd ed)

C. D. Broad, Kant, Cambridge University Press, 1978

Thilly, History of Western Philosophy, New York Henry Holt & Co., 1941

W.K.C. Guthrie, The Greek Philosophers: from Thales to Aristotle,

Chandradoy Bhattacharyya, Paschatya Darsan, Vol. I & Vol.II, West Bengal State Book Board, 2002

Skills Enhancement Course

Course Code: 1PHISEC1 (Credits: 3: 45 Hours; Full Marks: 75 Marks)

Course Name: Man and Environment

Course Content:

- a. Introduction: The meaning of the word nature: Narrow and broad sense of nature: Attitude towards nature.
- b. Classical Indian Attitude to Nature: The *Upanisadic* World view; Post *Upanisadic* view of Nature.
- c. Respect For nature: The attitude of respect; Bio-centric outlook to nature; Ethical standards and rules that follow from the attitude of respect to nature. The Idea inheres worth of nature.
- d. Deep Ecology and its Third World Critique Arne Naess on Deep Ecology; Ramchandra Guha's critique of Deep Ecology

Suggested Readings:

1. 'Attitudes to Nature' John Passmore, Environmental Ethics (ed.) Robert Elliot
2. Respect for Nature: A Theory of Environmental Ethics (Selections), Paul Taylor
3. 'The Shallow and the Deep, Long - Range Ecology Movements:' A Summary', Arne Naess, inquiry, 1973
4. *Paribesh o Naitikata*: Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty
5. Environmental Ethics (ed.) Robert Elliot

Value Added Course

Course Code: 1PHIVAC1 (Credits: 2: 30 Hours; Full Marks: 50 Marks)

Course Name: **Recent Issues in Philosophy: Political and Ethical**

Course Content:

Human Rights & Some Key Concepts of Feminism

- a) Concept of Rights, Origin and Development of Human Right
- b) Nature and Value of Human Rights: Discrimination on the basis of Race, Caste and Religion
- c) Concepts of Justice and Equality
- d) The Sex/Gender Dichotomy
- e) Sexism, Patriarchy & Stereotype

Suggested Readings:

- a) Elements of Moral Philosophy: James Rachels
- b) The Philosophy of Human Rights: P. Hayden
- c) Human Rights: Alan Gewirth
- d) Human Rights - An Introduction: D.J.O'Byrne
- e) A Theory of Justice: John Rawls
- f) The Idea of Justice : Amartya Sen
- g) Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Introduction, Rosemarie Tong, Volume 1 & 2, Third Edition
- h) Feminist Thought : Shefali Moitra
- i) A Companion to Feminist Philosophy (ed.): Alison, M. Jaggar and Iris Marion Young
- j) Feminist Knowledge (RLE Feminist Theory) Critique and Construct (ed.) : Sneja Gunew)
- k) A short introduction to Feminist Theory: Rinita Majumder
- l) Narivad: Rajasree Basu
- m) Naitikata o Narivad: Shefali Moitra,
- n) Neeti o Nyajyata : Amartya Sen (Anirban Chattopadhyay o Kumar Rana sampadita)

Second Semester

Common Course (Major/ Minor)

Course Code: 2PHICOC2 (Credits: 4: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100 Marks)

Course Name: Indian Philosophy II & Social and Political Philosophy

Course Content:

Unit - I

Indian Metaphysics

- a) **Sāṅkhya**: Satkāryavāda, Nature of Prakṛti, Its Constituents and Proofs for its Existence, Nature of Puruṣa and Proofs for its Existence, Plurality of Puruṣas, Theory of Evolution
- b) **Yoga**: Citta, Chittavṛtti, Cittabhumi, Eight-fold Path of Yoga, God as the Particular Puruṣa
- c) **Mīmāṃsā**: (Prabhākara and Bhāṭṭa): Arthāpatti and Anupalabdhi as Sources of Knowledge, Vidhi, Nisedha, arthavada, Bhavana, Dharma.
- d) **Advaita Vedānta**: Sankara's View of Brahman, Saguṇa, Nirguṇa Brahman, Three Grades of Sattā— Prātibhāsiaka, Vyavahārika and Pāramārthika, Jīva, Jagat and Māya
- e) **Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta**: Rāmānuja's View of Brahman, Jīva, Jagat, Refutation of the Doctrine of Māya

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Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya, *Bharatiya Darsan*, National Book Agency Private Ltd., 2003

Unit - II

Western Social and Political Philosophy

- a) Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy, Relation between Social and Political Philosophy, Basic Concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Basic Concepts of State
- b) Theories Regarding the Relation between Individual and Society
 - i) Individualistic Theory,
 - ii) Organic Theory and (iii) Idealistic Theory
- c) Secularism: Its Nature, Secularism in India
- d) Social Change: Nature, Social Change and Social Progress, Marx-Engles on Social Change, Gandhi on Social change
- e) Political Ideals: Nature of Democracy and its Different Forms, Direct and Indirect Democracy, Liberal Democracy, Socialism- Utopian and Scientific

Suggested Readings:

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

C.L. Wayper: *Political Thought*, English University press Ltd. 1954

William T. Blackstone: *Political Philosophy: An Introduction*, Crowell, 1973

V.P. Varma: *Political Philosophy*, Laxmi Narayan Agarwal, Agra, 1970

A. D. Raphael: *Problems of Political Philosophy*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2nd revised edition, 1990

K. Roy & C. Gupta (Eds): *Essays in Social and Political Philosophy* ICPR in association with allied publishers, 1989

Parimal Bhusan Kar, Samajtattva, Paschim Banga Rajya Siksa Parsad

Ashoke Mukhopadhyay, Bharatiya Rashtrachinta Paricaya, Paschim Banga Rajya

Pustak Parsad, 2013

Mahasweta Choudhuri, Samaj Darsaner Bhumika, Paschim Banga Rajya Siksa Parisad,

U.N. Ghoshal, History of Indian Political Ideas, OUP, 1959 15

Skills Enhancement Course

Course Code: 2PHISEC2 (Credits: 3: 45 Hours; Full Marks: 75 Marks)

Course Name: **Philosophical Counseling & Psychology** (45 Hours Lecture)

Course Content:

Module - I

Definition, Scope and Methods of Psychology

Module - II

Personality: Types and Judging Personality

Module -III

Emotions, Motivation and Adjustment: Controlling of Emotions, Ways of meeting conflicts, Getting a job that Fits, Adjustment in Marriage

Module-IV

Learning: Definition, Basic Principles of Learning

Module -V

Dream Theory (Freud)

Module - VI

Guidance- The concept and need

What is Guidance? Need for Guidance, Guidance and Counselling

Module - VII

Definition of philosophical counselling, features of philosopher counsellor, philosophy – an activity, philosophical consultancy, therapeutic philosophy

Suggested Reading :

Value Added Courses

Course Code: 2PHIVAC2 (Credits: 2: 30 Hours; Full Marks: 50 Marks)

**Course Name: Contribution of Contemporary Indian Thinkers and Human Well
- Being**

a) Rabindranath

- i. Speech of Rabindranath on Noble Prize Acceptance
- ii. Selected article From *Santiniken*

b) Swami Vivekananda's "*Mānavādvaita - vada*"

- i) *Swamiji's originally as an Advaita - Vedāntist*
- ii) Practical *Vedānta*
- iii) An Estimate: Swami Vivekananda's *Mānavādvaita - vada*

Third Semester

Major Course

Course Code: 3PHIMJ1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Western Epistemology - 1

Course Content:

Unit-I

Locke: Refutation of innate ideas, Simple and complex ideas, Substance, Modes and Relations, Nature of knowledge and its degrees, Limits of knowledge, Primary and secondary qualities, Representative realism

Berkeley: Refutation of abstract ideas; Criticism of Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities; Immaterialism; *Esse-est-percipi*; Role of God, Solipsism.

Unit-II

Hume : Impression and ideas, Association of ideas, Distinction between judgments concerning relations of ideas and judgments concerning matters of fact, Theory of causality, Theory of self and personal identity, Skepticism

Kant: Conception of critical philosophy, Distinction between *apriori* and *aposteriori* judgments, Distinction between analytic and synthetic judgments, Possibility of synthetic a priori judgments, Copernican Revolution and Transcendental and Metaphysical Exposition of Space and Time. (Introduction)

Major Course

Course Code: 3PHIMJ2 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Western Logic - 1

Course Content:

Unit-I

Logic and Arguments: Deductive and Inductive Arguments, Truth and Validity, Categorical Propositions and Classes: Quality, Quantity and Distribution of Terms, Translating Categorical Propositions into Standard Form

Immediate Inferences: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition, Traditional Square of Opposition and Immediate Inferences, Existential Import, Symbolism and Diagrams for Categorical Propositions

Categorical Syllogism, Standard-Form Categorical Syllogism, The Formal Nature of Syllogistic Argument, Rules and Fallacies, General Rules to Test Syllogistic Arguments for Validity

Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions, Review of the Traditional Laws of Logic Concerning Immediate Inference and Syllogism, Venn Diagram Technique for Testing Syllogisms, Hypothetical and Disjunctive Syllogisms, Enthymeme, Dilemma.

Unit-II

Induction: Argument by Analogy, Appraising Analogical Arguments, Refutation by Logical Analogy

Causal Connections: The Meaning of "Cause"; Induction by Simple Enumeration; Mill's Method of Experimental Enquiry; Mill's Method of Agreement, Method of Difference, Joint Method of Agreement and

Difference, Method of Residues, Method of Concomitant Variations;
Criticism of Mill's Methods, Vindication of Mill's Methods

Science and Hypothesis: Explanations- Scientific and Unscientific,
Evaluating Scientific Explanations; The Pattern of Scientific Investigation;
Crucial Experiments and Ad- Hoc Hypothesis

Probability: Alternative Conception of Probability; Probability Calculus; Joint
Occurrences, Alternative Occurrences

Minor Course

Course Code: 3PHIMI1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Indian Philosophy - I & Western Philosophy - I

Course Content:

Unit - I

Indian Epistemology

- g. **Introduction:** Origins of Indian Philosophy, Division of Indian Philosophical Schools – Astika and Nāstika, Some main features of Indian Philosophy
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 - l. **Vaiśeṣika:** Seven Padārthas- Dravya, Guṇa, Karma, Sāmānya, Viśeṣa, Samavāya, Abhāva
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Unit - II Western Epistemology

- h) General Idea: Pre Socratic Philosophy
- i) Plato: Theory of knowledge, Theory of Form
- j) Aristotle: Theory of causation, Form and Matter - A Criticism of Platonic Form.
- k) St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason & Essence and Existence.
- l) Descartes: Method of doubt, Cogito, ergo sum, Criterion of truth, Doctrine of substance, Proof for the existence of God
- m) Spinoza: Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, Pantheism, Intellectual Love of God.
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Skill Enhancement Course

Course Code: 3PHISEC3 (3 Credits: 45 Hours; Full Marks: 75)

Course Name: **Reasoning & Communication Skill Enhancement**

Course Content:

I) Logical Reasoning and Its Application

- a) Formal Reasoning
- b) Informal Reasoning

II) Communication

- a)

Suggested Readings:

Fourth Semester

Major Course

Course Code: 4PHIMJ1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Western Logic - 2

Course Content:

Unit-I

Symbolic Logic: A Brief History , The Value of Special Symbols, Truth Functions, Symbols for Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction, Conditional Statements and Material Implication, Argument Forms and Arguments, Statement Forms and Statements, Material Equivalence and Logical Equivalence, Tautologous, Contradictory and Contingent Statement Forms, The Definition of Material Implication

The Paradoxes of Material Implication; The Three Laws of Thought. Testing Argument, Argument Form, Statement and Statement Form. The Method of Truth Table

The Method of Resolution—Methods of Logic by W.V. O Quine (Chapter - 5, 6, 7 &9)

Unit-II

The Method of Deduction: Formal Proof of Validity— difference between Implicational Rules and the Rules of Replacement; Construction of Formal Proof of Validity by using Nineteen Rules; Proof of Invalidity by Assignment of Truth- Values

Quantification Theory: Need for Quantification Theory, Singular Propositions; Quantification; Translating Propositions into the Logical Notation of Propositional Function and Quantifiers.

Rules of UI, UG, EI, EG; Formal Proof of Validity of Arguments Involving Quantifiers, Proof of Invalidity of Arguments Involving Quantifiers

Major Course

Course Code: 4PHIMJ2 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Indian and Western Ethics

Course Content:

Unit - I

- A. Concept of Purusārtha, Śreyas and Preyas,
- B. Rta, Ṛna and Yajña, Concept of Duty
- C. Karma-yoga, Sthitprajña, Lokasaṃgraha Apurva and Adṛṣṭa
- D. Sādhya-Sādhana, Itikartavyata
- E. Law of Karma and Satya
- F. Jainism: Tri-ratna, Panch-vrata.
- G. Buddhism: Brahma-vihāra Bhavana or the Cultivation of divine Sentiments, Philosophical Implications of Panca-sila

Unit - II

- A. Nature and Scope of Ethics; Moral and non-moral actions; Object of moral judgement - Motive and Intention
- B. Cardinal Virtues
- C. Subjectivism, Cultural Relativism
- D. Standards of Morality: Hedonism— Psychological, Ethical
- E. Utilitarianism: Act and rule
- F. Deontological Theories: Act and rule, Egoism & Kant's moral theory

G. Crime and Punishment: Theories of Punishment: Preventive,
Reformative & Retributive Theory

Major Course

Course Code: 4PHIMJ3 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Philosophy of Religion

Course Content:

- A. Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion
- B. Doctrine of Karma and Rebirth; Doctrine of Liberation (Hindu, Saiva, Sakta and Vaishnava's view)
- C. Doctrine of Karma and Rebirth; Doctrine of Liberation (Buddha and Jaina)
- D. The Philosophical Teachings of the Holy Qur'an: Allah the Absolute, His Attributes
- E. Some Basic Tenets of Christianity: The Doctrine of Trinity, The Theory of Redemption
- F. Arguments for the Existence of God: Cosmological, Teleological and Ontological; Nyāya Arguments
- G. Grounds for Disbelief in God: Sociological Theory (Durkheim), Freudian Theory
- H. Problem of Evil: The Augustinian Theodicy

Major Course

Course Code: 3PHIMJ2 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Course Content:

- 1) **Philosophy of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay (Selections)**
Darmatatta, Krishnacharit, Srimad Bhagavad Gita
- 2) **Philosophy of D.D. Upadhyay (Selections)**
- 3) **Philosophy of Rabindranath (Selections)**
- 4) **Philosophy of Iqbal (Selections)**
- 5) **Philosophy of Radhakrishnan (Selections)**
Idealistic View of Life

Minor Course

Course Code: 4PHIMI1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Indian Philosophy II & Social Political Philosophy

Course Content:

Unit - I

Indian Metaphysics

- f) **Sāṅkhya**: Satkāryavāda, Nature of Prakṛti, Its Constituents and Proofs for its Existence, Nature of Puruṣa and Proofs for its Existence, Plurality of Puruṣas, Theory of Evolution
- g) **Yoga**: Citta, Chittavṛtti, Cittabhūmi, Eight-fold Path of Yoga, God as the Particular Puruṣa
- h) **Mīmāṃsā**: (Prabhākara and Bhāṭṭa): Arthāpatti and Anupalabdhi as Sources of Knowledge, Vidhi, Nisedha, arthavada, Bhavana, Dharma.
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- j) **Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta**: Rāmānuja's View of Brahman, Jīva, Jagat, Refutation of the Doctrine of Māya

Unit - II

Western Social and Political Philosophy

- a) Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy, Relation between Social and Political Philosophy, Basic Concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Basic Concepts of State
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 - ii) Organic Theory and (iii) Idealistic Theory
- c) Secularism: Its Nature, Secularism in India

d) Social Change: Nature, Social Change and Social Progress, Marx-Engles on Social Change, Gandhi on Social change

e) Political Ideals: Nature of Democracy and its Different Forms, Direct and Indirect Democracy, Liberal Democracy, Socialism-Utopian and Scientific

Fifth Semester

Major Course

Course Code: 5PHIMJ1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Tarkasamgraha with Dīpikā by Annambhatta

Course Content:

Unit-I

Definition of jñāna or buddhi, Its two kinds; Definition of smṛti, Two kinds of smṛti; Definition of anubhava, its division into yathārtha and ayathārtha; Three kinds of ayathārtha Anubhava, Definitions clarified in Tarkasamgraha Dīpikā

Four-fold division of pramā and pramāṇa Definition of kāraṇa and karaṇa The concept of anyathāsiddhi and its varieties The definition of kārya

Kinds of cause: samavāyī, a-samavāyī and nimitta kāraṇa (definition and analysis)

Definition of pratyakṣa and its two-fold division: nirvikalpaka and savikalpaka Evidence for the actuality of nirvikalpaka

Sannikarṣa and its six varieties. Problem of transmission of sound

Unit-II

Definition of anumāna, anumiti and parāmarśa; Analysis of pakṣatā; Definition of vyāpti; Vyāptigrahopāya

Definition of pakṣadharmatā, svārthanumiti and parārthanumiti; Analysis of pañcāvayayī nyāya; Necessity of admitting parāmarśa. Three kinds of liṅga or hetu. Definition of pakṣa, sa-pakṣa and vipakṣa with illustration. Marks of sat hetu

Hetvābhāsa - two types of definition, five kinds of hetvābhāsa (definition and

illustration), Upādhi different Types.

Major Course

Course Code: 5PHIMJ2 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis by John Hospers (3rd Edition)

Course Content:

(Meaning and Definition)

Word-meaning, Definitions

Vagueness

Sentence-meaning

(Knowledge)

Concepts, Truth

The Sources of Knowledge; Sense-experience, Reason and Intuition

Some principal uses of the verb "To know", Conditions of Propositional Knowledge, Strong and weak senses of "know"

(Necessary Truth)

Analytic Truth and Logical Possibility the *a priori*

The Principles of Logic

Major Course

Course Code: 5PHIMJ3 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Advanced Logic - I & Philosophical Logic - I

Course Content:

Unit-I

Advanced Logic - I

- a) I.M. Copi: Symbolic Logic (Fifth edn.) [Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 & 3.8]
- b) R. Jeffrey: Formal Logic - Its scope and limits [chapter- IV]

Unit -II

Philosophical Logic - I

c) Anthony C. Grayling: An introduction to Philosophical Logic	Ch. - 1	10 Marks
d) P.F. Strawson: An introduction to Logical Theory	Ch. - 1 (Sec. 1 -5) Ch. - 3 (Sec. 7 - 9) Ch. - 6 (Sec. 4 -7)	15 Marks

Major Course

Course Code: 5PHIMJ4 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: *Vedāntasāra by Sadananda*

Course Content:

*Vedāntasāra by Sadananda with Subodhin, Vidvanmanoranjini and
Balabodhani*

Minor Course

Course Code: 5PHIMI1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Western Epistemology - I & Western Logic - I

Course Content:

Unit - I

Western Epistemology - I

Locke: Refutation of innate ideas, Simple and complex ideas, Substance, Modes and Relations, Nature of knowledge and its degrees, Limits of knowledge, Primary and secondary qualities, Representative realism

Berkeley: Refutation of abstract ideas; Criticism of Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities; Immaterialism; *Esse-est-percipi*; Role of God, Solipsism.

Unit - II

Western Logic - I

A. Introductory Topics: - Sentence, Proposition, Argument, Truth and Validity

B. Aristotelian Classification of Categorical Proposition; Distribution of Terms; Existential Import; Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions, Immediate Inferences Based on the Traditional Square of Opposition; Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition

C. Categorical Syllogism: - Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Venn diagram Method of Testing Validity, Fallacies

Sixth Semester

Major Course

Course Code: 6PHIMJ1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Tarkasaṃgraha with Dīpikā by Annambhaṭṭa - 2 & Vedānta Darśan

Course Content:

Unit - I

Tarkasaṃgraha with Dīpikā by Annambhaṭṭa

Upamāṇa Pramāṇa: Definition and analysis

Sabda Pramāṇa: Definition and analysis; Śakti, the pada padārtha sambandha considered as Īsvara saṃketa, Controversy between the Mimāmsakas and the Naiyāyikas regarding the nature of śakti; Śaktigrahopāya, Lakṣaṇā, varieties of Lakṣaṇā, analysis of Gaunī-vṛtti, Vyañjanā-vṛtti analyzed as a kind of śakti or Lakṣaṇa the question of Lakṣaṇa-bīja, the concept of yoga-ruḍhi: The three conditions of śābda-bodha; Two kinds of statements distinguished - Vaidika and Laukika

Unit - II

Vedānta Darśana - (Vol - 2) – Ashutosh Śhśāstrī

Saptakhyātivāda (Akhyātikhyāti, Satkhyāti, Asatkhyāti, Sat- asatkhyāti, Ātmakhyāti, Anyathākhyāti, Anirvacanīyakhyāti)

The theory of prāmāṇya: the issue between svataḥ-prāmāṇyavāda and parataḥ- prāmāṇyavāda regarding utpatti and jñapti.

Major Course

Course Code: 6PHIMJ2 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis by John Hospers (3rd Edition)

Course Content:

(Empirical Knowledge)

Law - Meaning and Law, Descriptive and Prescriptive, The Problem of Induction, Testability and Meaning

(Cause, Determinism and Freedom)

What is a Cause? Cause & Condition, Cause as Necessary Connection and Cause as Constant Conjunction.

The Causal Principles - Empirical and Apriori, Determinism, Indeterminism and Freedom

Substance and Universal - Plato's theory & Aristotle's theory of Universal, Nominalism and Resemblance theory

(Our Knowledge of the Physical World)

Realism, Idealism & Phenomenalism

Major Course

Course Code: 6PHIMJ3 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: **Advanced Logic - II & Philosophical Logic - II**

Course Content:

Unit-I

Advanced Logic - II

W.V.O. Quine: Methods of Logic (Third edn.) [Chapters-18 & 19]
P. Suppes: Introduction to Logic (Indian edn.) [Chapters-9, sec 9.1 to 9.7]

Unit-II

Philosophical Logic - II

H.W.B. Joseph: An Introduction to Logic [Chapter-II, IV & V (Up to Rules of Definition & Division)]

Major Course

Course Code: 6PHIMJ4 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: The Problems of Philosophy by Bertrand Russell

Course Content:

**The Problems of Philosophy by Bertrand Russell
(Chapter - I to XV)**

Minor Course

Course Code: 6PHIMI1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Western Epistemology - I & Western Logic - I

Course Content:

Unit - I

Western Epistemology - I

Locke: Refutation of innate ideas, Simple and complex ideas, Substance, Modes and Relations, Nature of knowledge and its degrees, Limits of knowledge, Primary and secondary qualities, Representative realism

Berkeley: Refutation of abstract ideas; Criticism of Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities; Immaterialism; *Esse-est-percipi*; Role of God, Solipsism.

Unit - II

Western Logic - I

A. Introductory Topics: - Sentence, Proposition, Argument, Truth and Validity

B. Aristotelian Classification of Categorical Proposition; Distribution of Terms; Existential Import; Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions, Immediate Inferences Based on the Traditional Square of Opposition; Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition

C. Categorical Syllogism: - Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Venn diagram Method of Testing Validity, Fallacies

Seventh Semester

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Indian Epistemology

Course Content:

Unit - I (25 Marks)

Nyāya-Sūtra of Goutama with Vātsyāyana Bhāṣya
(Nyāya-Sūtra 1 - 8)

Unit - II (25 Marks)

Īśvarakṛṣṇa - Sāṅkhyakārika with Sāṅkhyatattvakaumadī
Edited by Narayan Chandra Goswamī

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ2 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Western Epistemology

Course Content:

Unit - I (25 Marks)

Critique of Pure Reason: Immanuel Kant; Translated by Norman Kemp Smith (From Preface to Transcendental Deduction)

Unit - II (25 Marks)

The challenge of skeptic Nature and Definition of Knowledge, Gettier's Problem and Responses to it (Goldman and Chisholm) & Justification of knowledge claims: Foundationalism, Coherentism and Reliabilism

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ3 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Indian & Western Ethics

Course Content:

Unit: I (15 Marks)

Ethics and Epics: Bimal Krishna Motilal (Selections)

Unit: II (10 Marks)

Nītisāra: Ācāryā Kāmandakī (Selections)

Unit: III (25 Marks)

Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals: Immanuel Kant, Translated & Edited by H.J. Paton (Selections)

Elective Paper

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ4 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Analytic and Continental Philosophy

Course Content:

Unit - I (25 Marks)

Analytic Philosophy

1. A. J. Ayer: Logical Positivism and R. Carnap: Elimination of Metaphysics through a Logical Analysis of language
2. G. Frege: Sense and Reference in Michael Beaney
3. B. Russell: Description

Unit - II (25 Marks)

Continental Philosophy

1. Phenomenology: Phenomenology as Presuppositionless Philosophy, The Phenomenological Method, Intentionality
2. Existentialism: The Philosophy of Existence; Basic Tenets, Kierkegaard: Three Levels of Existence, Heidegger: Dasein

Elective Paper

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ4 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Indian Epistemology

Course Content:

Vedāntaparibhāṣā by Dharmarājādharīndra (Ed. By Pt. Pañcānana Sāstrī)

Or,

Nyāyabindu by Dharmakīrti

Elective Paper

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ4 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Philosophy of Wittgenstein

Course Content:

Unit - I (25 Marks)

Tractatus Logico - Philosophicus

Unit - II (25 Marks)

Philosophical Investigations

Elective Paper

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ4 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Modern Indian Thought

Course Content:

K.C. Bhattacharyya

- i. What is Philosophy?
- ii. Subject as Freedom
- iii. Svaraj in Ideas

Or,

M.K. Gandhi: Nonviolence, Truth, Sarvodaya, Swaraj, Trusteeship and Satyāgraha

Or,

Sri Aurobindo: The Integral Philosophy, Involution, Evolution and Human Cycles

Or,

B. R. Ambedkar: Annihilation of Caste and Neo - Buddhism

Elective Paper

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ4 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Social and Political Philosophy - II

Course Content:

Unit - I (25 Marks)

A Theory of Justice (Revised Edition) by John Rawls

1. Chapter - 1
2. Chapter - 2 (Section - 11 to 15)
3. Chapter - 3 (Section - 20, 23 - 26)

Unit - II (25 Marks)

The Idea of Justice by Amartya Sen

1. Introduction:
2. Part - 1
 - The Demands of Justice
 - 2. Rawls and Beyond
 - 5. Impartiality and Objectivity
 - 6. Closed and Open Impartiality
3. Part - 2
 - The Materials of Justice
 - Live, Freedoms and Capabilities

Elective Paper

Major Course

Course Code: 7PHIMJ4 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Ethics of Mahābhārata

Course Content:

Dandanīti, Rājadharmā, Nītiśāstra, Saptāṅgarāṣṭra and mokṣadharmā

Minor Course

Course Code: 7PHIMI1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

Course Content:

Unit - I (25 Marks) (Western Ethics)

- a) Moral and non - moral actions, Object of moral judgement
- b) Cardinal Virtues
- c) Teleological Ethics: Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill)
- d) Deontological Theory: Act and Rule, Kant's Moral Theory
- e) Crime and Punishment

Unit - II (25 Marks) (Philosophy of Religion)

- a) Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion
- b) Doctrine of Karma
- c) Origin of Religion - Different Views
- d) The Semitic Religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam (Basic Tenets)
- e) Arguments for the Existence of God: Cosmological, Teleological and Ontological; Nyāya Arguments

Eighth Semester

With and Without Research

Compulsory Major Course

Course Code: 8PHIMJ1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Symbolic Logic (Different Methods of Logic)

Course Content:

Decision Procedures, Natural Deduction Techniques in Propositional Logic and Quantification Theory

Unit - I (20 Marks)

Symbolic Logic: Irving M. Copi (5th Edition) Section 4.1 to 5.1, Appendix B

Unit - II (25 Marks)

1. Formal Logic - Its scope and limits: R. Jeffrey (1st

Edition) [Chapter 6] - **10 Marks**

2. Axiomatic System - Principia Mathematica: Russell and Whitehead -

15 Marks

Without Research

Reading Project

Course Code: 8PHIRP1-3 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Content:

- a) Broad areas of Indian Philosophy**
- b) Broad areas of Western Philosophy**
- c) Broad areas of Indian Ethics**
- d) Broad areas of Western Ethics**
- e) Broad areas of Logic**

Research Project

Course Code: 8PHIREP1-3 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Content:

- a) Guidance and Counselling**
- b) Peace Studies (War and Peace)**
- c) Indian Spiritualism**
- d) Vedantic Concept of Consciousness**
- e) Applied Ethics**
- f) Philosophy of Technology**
- g) Theories of Meaning**
- h) Animal Rights**
- i) Feminism**
- j) Kant and Women**
- k) Debate in Ontology**
- l) Philosophy of Time**

With Research

Course Code: 8PHIWR1-3 (12 Credits: 240 Hours; Full Marks: 300)

Course Content:

- a) Dissertation - 75 Marks**
- b) Presentation - 75 Marks**
- c) Viva - voce - 75 Marks**
- d) Research Methodology and Ethics - 75 (50+ 25) Marks**

Detailed Course Content of Research Methodology and Ethics:

Unit - I (50 Marks)

(Research Methodology)

- i. What is Research Methodology**
- ii. The destination between Method and Methodology**

- iii. Kinds of Research
- iv. Library Research
- v. Paraphrasing sources and Quoting sources, abbreviation
- vi. Bibliography: MLA and APA formats
- vii. Punctuation, proof Reading and Diacritical marking
- viii. How to write a Term paper
- ix. How to review articles and books

Unit - II (25 Marks)
(Research ethics)

- i. Concepts of Research Ethics
- ii. Plagiarism
- iii. Regulations related to

Minor Course

Course Code: 8PHIMI1 (4 Credits: 60 Hours; Full Marks: 100)

Course Name: Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

Course Content:

Unit - I (25 Marks)
(Western Ethics)

- f) Moral and non - moral actions, Object of moral judgement
- g) Cardinal Virtues
- h) Teleological Ethics: Utilitarianism (Bentham and Mill)
- i) Deontological Theory: Act and Rule, Kant's Moral Theory
- j) Crime and Punishment

Unit - II (25 Marks)
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