

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira
Belur Math, Howrah

Syllabus for M.A. (To be effective from 2019-20)

Subject: Philosophy

Full Marks: 1000

**Paper – 1
(Indian Epistemology)**

Theistic Schools:	Unit-I:	Nyāya–Sūtra of Gautama with Vātsyāyana Bhāṣya: (Nyāya Sūtra 3–8)	(20 Marks)
	Unit-II:	Vedānta Paribhāṣā : Dharmarāja Adhvarindra (from Mangalācaraṇa to Viṣayagata Pratyakṣa)	(15 Marks)
Atheistic School:	Unit-III:	Buddhism–Nyāyabindu : Dharmakīrti (Selections)	(15 Marks)

**Paper -2
(Western Epistemology)**

Epistemology Classical:	Unit-I:	Critique of Pure Reason : Immanuel Kant ; Translated by Norman Kemp Smith (From Preface to Transcendental Deduction)	(25 Marks)
Epistemology Modern:	Some Issues in Epistemology:		
	Unit-II:	Nature and Definition of Knowledge, Gettier Problem and Responses to it	(13 Marks)
	Unit-III:	Skepticism and the Possibility of Knowledge. Justification of knowledge claims: Foundationalism, Coherentism and Reliabilism	(12 Marks)

**Paper– 3
(Indian Ethics)**

Unit-I:	Mahābhārata: Rājadharmā O Dandaniti	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Manusamhita (Selections)	(15 Marks)
Unit-III:	Ethics and Epics: Bimal Krishna Motilal (Selections)	(10 Marks)

Paper – 4
(Western Ethics)

Unit-I:	Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals: Immanuel Kant, Translated & Edited by H.J. Paton (Selections)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Meta-ethics: Cognitivism – Naturalism and Intuitionism Non-Cognitivism, Emotivism, Prescriptivism	(15 Marks)
Unit-III:	Practical Ethics : Peter Singer (Life and Death issues, Issues in Environmental Ethics)	(10 Marks)

Paper– 5 (Applied Philosophy)

Applied Philosophy	Philosophy of Technology: Public evaluation of science and technology, Ethical Implication of information technology. Medical Ethics: Surrogacy, Doctor-patient relationship, abortion, euthanasia, female-infanticide. Media Ethics: ethical issues in Privacy, cyber space. Legal Ethics: law and morality, Legal Obligation, Organ transplantation – An ethical issue. Philosophical Counselling: Managing everyday problems.	(50 Marks)
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Paper– 6
(Indian Metaphysics)

Unit-I:	Sāṅkhya Kārika: Iswarakrishna (Pramāna, Prakriti, Purusa, Satkāryavāda, Bandhan O Mukti.	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Padārthadharma Saṅgraha: Praśastapādabhāṣya (Dravya to Samavāya)	(25 Marks)

Paper – 7
(Western Metaphysics)

Unit-I:	Republic – Plato (Selections)	(30 Marks)
Unit-II:	Metaphysics: Aristotle (Selections)	(20 Marks)

Paper – 8
(Political Philosophy)

Unit-I:	Hegelian Philosophical Thought	(15 Marks)
Unit-II:	Marxian Philosophical Thought	(20 Marks)
Unit-III:	On Liberty: J.S. Mill (Selections)	(15 Marks)

Paper – 9
(Symbolic Logic)

Different Methods of Logic
(Decision Procedures, Natural Deduction Techniques in Propositional Logic and Quantification Theory)

Unit-I:	Symbolic Logic : Irving M. Copi (5th Edition) Section 4.1 to 5.1, Appendix B	(20 Marks)
Unit-II:	Formal Logic - Its scope and limits : R. Jeffrey (1st Edition) [Chapter 6]	(15 Marks)
Unit-III:	Methods of Logic : W.V.O. Quine Part-I : Truth Function [Chapter 5 to 7 and 9] Part-II : General Terms and Quantifiers [Chapter 18, 19, 22 to 24]	(15 Marks)

Paper– 10 (Project and Seminar)

Unit I :	Project Paper Writing (Must be written in English)	(25 Marks)
	Project Presentation and Viva (Must be presented in English)	(25 Marks)

Paper–11
(Indian Philosophy of language)

Unit-I:	Bhāṣāpariccheda with Siddhāntamuktāvali : Visvanātha (Śabdakhanda)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Vākyapadiyam : Bhartrhari (Brahmakhanda)	(25 Marks)

Paper -12
(Western Philosophy of Language)

Unit-I:	Tractatus Logico Philosophicus: Ludwig Wittgenstein (Selections)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Classics of Analytic Philosophy; Edited by: Robert R. Ammerman (Selected Articles)	(25 Marks)

Paper–13 (Contemporary Trends in Western Philosophy)

Unit-I:	Phenomenology: Development of Husserl’s Phenomenology, Reduction, Essential Intuition, Intentionality, Solipsism, The life – World	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Existentialism: - Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Sartre	(25 Marks)

Paper - 14
(Indian Contemporary Trends in Philosophy)

Unit-I:	Philosophical views of K.C. Bhattacharyya	(10 Marks)
Unit-II:	Philosophical views of J. Krishnamurti	(10 Marks)
Unit-III:	Philosophical views of Mahatma Gandhi	(10 Marks)
Unit-IV:	Philosophical views of Sri Aurobindo	(10 Marks)
Unit –V:	Philosophical views of B.R. Ambedkar	(10 Marks)

Paper– 15

(Contemporary Western Philosophy)

Contemporary Western Philosophy	Frege: Sense and Reference, Moore: Refutation of Idealism, Proof of an External World Ryle: Systematically misleading expressions, category mistake, critique of Cartesian dualism, Quine: Two Dogmas of Empiricism, William James: Theories of Meaning and Truth, Nietzsche: Critique of Enlightenment, Rorty: Critique of Representationalism	(50 Marks)
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Special Paper – Western Logic

Paper - 16

Unit-I:	Symbolic Logic : Irving M. Copi (5th Edition) (5.2- 5.4)	(35 Marks)
Unit-II:	Formal Logic - Its scope and limits : R. Jeffrey (1st Edition) [chapter 7 & 9]	(15 Marks)

Paper -17

Unit-I:	Principia Mathematica : Bertrand Russell, A.N. Whitehead	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Modal Logic (Recommended book: An Introduction to Modal Logic : G.E. Hughes and H.J. Cresswell) [Basic Modal Notion. T-system: proving validity; Proving invalidity.]	(13 Marks)
Unit - III	Set Theory (Text: Introduction to Logic – P. Suppes) (Ch – 9.8, 9.9, 10)	(12 Marks)

Paper - 18

Unit-I:	Introduction to Logical Theory: P.F. Strawson (Ch 1 & 3)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Philosophical Logic (ed. by P.F. Strawson) (Selections)	(15 Marks)
Unit - III	Meta – Logic : by Hunter (Selections)	(10 Marks)

Paper - 19

Unit-I:	Probability & Induction : William Kneale (Selections)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Induction and Hypothesis : Stephen Barker (Selections)	(25 Marks)

Special Paper: Vedanta

Paper – 16

Marks – 50

Adhyasabhsya and Chatusutri (With Samkarabhsya) (Selection)

Paper – 17

Marks – 50

Vedantadarsana: Tarkapada (With Samkarabhsya) (Selection)

Paper – 18

Marks – 50

Unit : 1	<i>Chitsukhi: Chitsukhacharya (Selections)</i>	25 (Marks)
Unit: 2	<i>Advaitasiddhi: Madhusudhansaraswati (Selections)</i>	25 (Marks)

Paper – 19

Marks – 50

Selected Text: Sarbadarsansamgraha: Sayanmadhavachaya

Unit - 1	<i>Samkara's Advaitadarśana: Jiva, Jagat, Brahman</i>	13 (Marks)
Unit - 2	<i>Ramanuja's Visistadwaitadarsana: Jiva, Jagat, Brahman</i>	12 (Marks)
Unit - 3	<i>Srimadhvācharya's Dwaitadarsana: Jiva, Jagat, Brahman</i>	13 (Marks)
Unit - 4	<i>SriChaitanya's Achiytabhedahavāda</i>	12 (Marks)

Special Paper – Ethics

Paper – 16

Marks – 50

Unit : I	<p>The <i>Nichomachean</i> Ethics by Aristotle, Translated by W. D. Ross</p> <p>Book – I to VIII</p>	25 Marks
Unit : II	<p>The Idea of Justice by Amartya Sen <u>Selected Topics</u></p> <p>1. The Materials of Justice .i) Lives, Freedoms and Capabilities ii) Capabilities and Resources iii) Happiness, Well-being and Capabilities</p> <p>2. Public Reasoning and Democracy</p> <p>i) Justice and the World</p>	25 Marks

Paper – 17

Marks – 50

Unit : I	<p>Virtue Ethics Recommended Texts: How Should one live by Crisp Roger and Virtue Ethics: Hursthouse Rosalind</p>	20 Marks
Unit : II	<p>Feminist Ethics: Broad over view of feminist ethics, History of feminist ethics, Intercultural feminist discourse.</p>	10 Marks
Unit : III	<p>Some issues of ethics: Beyond Utilitarianism by Amartya Sen and Berned Williams (Selections), War and Violence and Ecofeminism</p>	20 Marks

Paper – 18

Marks – 50

Unit : I	<p>Business Ethics (Selections) Recommended Texts: Business ethics by Bowie N, Business Ethics by De George, R and Ethical Theory of Business by T. Bwauchamp and Bowie</p>	13 Marks
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Unit : II	Media Ethics <u>Selected Topics</u> 1. Journalism, politics and public relations: an ethical appraisal. 2. Ethical photojournalism in the age of the electronic darkroom Recommended Text: Media Ethics ed.by Matthew Kieran	12 Marks
Unit : III	Biomedical Ethics: A brief history of Biomedical ethics and some moral theories, Medical Research on human, Reproductive rights and Technologies, Genetics and Allocating scarce Medical Resources (Organ transplantation) and Ethics of Cloning Recommended Text: Bio medical Ethics by Walter Glannon	25 Marks

Paper – 19

Marks – 50

Unit : I	Applied Ethics: Moral Philosophy in Indian Context: 1. Different Moral standards of action: <i>Lokopadesa, Lokoprasiddhi, Sukhavada, Preyas, Sreyas</i> 2. The <i>Jaina</i> View of <i>Panchavrata</i> 3. The <i>Nyaya</i> View of <i>Cikirsa, Dvesa</i> 4. The Doctrine of <i>Moksa</i> : <i>Nyaya</i> View, <i>Sankara's</i> View 5. Medical Ethics: <i>Ayurveda, Euthanasia</i>	30 Marks
Unit: II	Social – Political Issues in Applied Ethics: Equality and its implications: the meaning and basis of equality, Equality and Genetic Diversity, Racism and Equality, Affirmative action, Equality and Disability, Perpetual Peace (Kant) and World hunger and international Justice Recommended Text: Practical ethics by Peter Singer (2 nd Ed.)	20 Marks

Paper – 20 (Project and Seminar)

Unit I :	Project Paper Writing (Must be written in English)	(25 Marks)
	Project Presentation and Viva (Must be presented in English)	(25 Marks)
