

# **RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA**

BELURMATH, HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**PROGRAMME OFFERED : M.A. PHILOSOPHY**  
**PROGRAMME CODE : PHI**

DURATION : 4 SEMESTERS  
TOTAL CREDIT : 80

**FULL SYLLABUS WITH COURSE OUTCOME**  
VALID & ONGOING AS ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

Following is the credit distribution for M.A. Philosophy Programme:

	Credit	Credit	Credit	Credit	Total Credit
	SEM 1	SEM 2	SEM 3	SEM 4	
SUB	19	19	19	19	76
ICSH	1	1	2	--	4
	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>80</b>

Following is the Grade Point distribution:

% of Marks	Descriptor	Grade	Grade Point
85 - 100	OUTSTANDING	O	10
70 - 84.99	EXCELLENT	A+	9
60 - 69.99	VERY GOOD	A	8
55 - 59.99	GOOD	B+	7
50 - 54.99	ABOVE AVERAGE	B	6
40 - 49.99	AVERAGE	C	5
LESS THAN 40	FAILED	F	0

Note 1 : M.A. Philosophy Programme offers different elective courses and project amongst the following broad spectrum courses.

1. Vedanta Darshana;
2. Western Logic;
3. Ethics

Note 2. M.A. Philosophy Programme students must take following course :

Value-Oriented Course (Indian Cultural and Spiritual Heritage) : 4 Credit

Note 3 : Total Credit to be earned by a student to complete M.A. Philosophy Programme : 80 Credit

Note 4 : Mark sheet after each semester will be given both with SGPA and detailed marks obtained by the examinee.

Note 5 : Similarly Mark sheet after the final semester will be given with CGPA and detailed marks obtained by the examinee.

Calculation of SGPA = (Total Credit X Total Grade Point = Total Credit Point);  
Total Credit Points/ Total Credits

Calculation of CGPA = (Total SGPA X Total Credits in each Sem.) / Total Credits earned in all the semesters

	M.A. Philosophy				
	4 Semester Programme				
	Course Structure				
	<b>New courses have been marked with red colour in this list while revision has been marked in the detailed syllabus</b>				

Sl. No	Name of the Course	Semester	Course Code	Credit	Marks	Course Outcome
1	Indian Epistemology, Western Epistemology	1	PHI - P1	8	100	The Different aspect of epistemology, both Indian and western. It introduces to the basic foundation of students the basic knowledge which enables them to enter into the root of any academic inter prise.
2	Indian Ethics, Western Ethics	1	PHI - P2	8	100	The different topics of ethics or moral science, both western and Indian. This paper gives knowledge of moral evaluation and ignites the mind of each student with moral responsibility, both personal and social.

3	Extra study, Project and Seminar	1	PHI - P3	4	50	These paper also offer students to write projects on different philosophical topics.
4	Indian Metaphysics, Western Metaphysics	2	PHI - P4	8	100	Text books on Indian and Western metaphysics. It helps students to maintain a continuity of philosophical pursuit from account up to Modern trend.
5	Political Philosophy, Symbolic Logic	2	PHI - P5	8	100	This paper also has incorporated some ideas of political philosophy of modern thinkers like, J.S. Mill & Karl Marx. Different methods of advanced western logic. It helps students to develop a precise and

						<p>clear understanding of reasonable modes of Thinking. By this logical training a student may be successful in different professional examination.</p>
6	Extra study, Project and Seminar	2	PHI - P6	4	50	<p>These paper also offer students to write projects on different philosophical topics.</p>
7	Philosophy of Language Indian, Philosophy of Language Western	3	PHI - P7	8	100	<p>Some basic Indian text on linguistic philosophy. It helps student to develop fundamental skills on Sanskrit and Bengali, as two important Indian languages. With this linguistic skill and development a student of</p>

						<p>philosophy may achieve good result in different competitive examination. Group B covers some aspects of analytic philosophy which ignites students to have an analytic mind.</p>
8	Contemporary Trends in Indian & Western Philosophy.	3	PHI - P8	8	100	<p>our students familiar with modern trend of western philosophy. Especially with phenomenological school, existentialism and postmodern thinker. This paper keeps our students updated with the latest development of western philosophy. The second part disuse some</p>

						Indian philosophical thoughts.
9	Extra study, Project and Seminar	3	PHI - P9	4	50	These paper also offer students to write projects on different philosophical topics.
10	Western Logic Special Paper	4	PHI P10WL <b>Revision vide BoS dated : 29.11.2014</b>	8	100	This paper deals with special paper Western Logic. Students here are able to enter into deep of the subjects, with more intense attention, which were thought as general papers. Thus students archive more expertise in these areas of philosophy.
11	Western Logic Special Paper	4	PHIP11WL <b>Revision vide BoS dated : 29.11.2014</b>	8	100	This paper deals with special paper Western Logic. Students here are able to

						enter into deep of the subjects, with more intense attention, which were thought as general papers. Thus students archive more expertise in these areas of philosophy.
12	Vedanta	4	PHI P10VED Revision vide BoS dated : 29.11.2014	8	100	This paper deals with special paper Vedanta. Students here are able to enter into deep of the subjects, with more intense attention, which were thought as general papers. Thus students archive more expertise in these areas of philosophy.
13	Vdanta	4	PHIP11VE D Revision vide BoS dated : 29.11.2014	8	100	This paper deals with special paper Vedanta. Students here are able to enter into deep of the



						<p>subjects, with more intense attention, which were thought as general papers. Thus students archive more expertise in these areas of philosophy.</p>
14	Extra study, Project and Seminar	4	PHI - P12	4	50	<p>These paper also offer students to write projects on different philosophical topics.</p>

**M.A. Philosophy**  
**4 Semester Programme**  
**Mapping of Employability etc**

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	Semester	Course Code	Employability
1	Indian Epistemology, Western Epistemology	1	PHI - P1	This part of our syllabus helps students to get the employment in educational institutions.
2	Indian Ethics, Western Ethics	1	PHI - P2	Ethical studies in P.G. Level is very essential for guiding the research scholar and also in business world, it has a great contribution.
3	Extra study, Project and Seminar	1	PHI - P3	It is helpful for imbibing the skill of communication that helps to face Group discussion and interview of any competitive exam.
4	Indian Metaphysics, Western Metaphysics	2	PHI - P4	It is keenly helpful of preferring any teaching profession.
5	Political Philosophy, Symbolic Logic	2	PHI - P5	Symbolic Logic helps to grow the mathematical skill that is helpful of getting various data-oriented job in statistical institution.
6	Extra study, Project and Seminar	2	PHI - P6	It develops the skill that is very essential for participating various quiz competition and symposium.
7	Philosophy of Language Indian, Philosophy of Language Western	3	PHI - P7	Language skill helps to get the job in Army Educational Core.
8	Contemporary Trends in Indian & Western Philosophy.	3	PHI - P8	It helps to get the employment in school and colleges and university.
9	Extra study, Project and Seminar	3	PHI - P9	It removes the phobia of public speaking that helps to get the job in Press.
10	Western Logic Special Paper	4	PHI P10WL	Efficient Logics based teacher in IITs and Management Inst.
11	Western Logic Special Paper	4	PHI P11WL	It also helps to get the teaching-job in University level

12	Vedanta	4	PHI P10VED	This classical text helps to get the job in University level
13	Vdanta	4	PHIP11VED	It also helps to get the teaching-job in various religious institution.
14	Extra study, Project and Seminar	4	PHI - P12	It helps to deliver lecture in varous public sector.

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**Syllabus for M.A. (To be effective from 2017-18)**

**Subject: Philosophy**

Full Marks: 1000

**SYLLABUS**

**Programme Name: M.A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- I (100 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHIA**

**Course Name: Indian Epistemology, Western Epistemology**

**Course Code: PHI – P1**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Course Outcome: The Different aspect of epistemology, both Indian and western. It introduces to the basic foundation of students the basic knowledge which enables them to enter into the root of any academic inter prise.**

**Group-A (Indian)**

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)

**Group-B  
(Western)**

Epistemology Classical:	Unit-I:	Critique of Pure Reason : Immanuel Kant ; Translated by Norman Kemp Smith (From Preface to Transcendental Deduction)	(25 Marks)
		Some Issues in Epistemology:	

Epistemology Modern:	Unit-II:	Nature and Definition of Knowledge, Gettier Problem and Responses to it	(13 Marks)
	Unit-III:	Scepticism and the Possibility of Knowledge. Justification of knowledge claims: Foundationalism, Coherentism and Reliabilism	(12 Marks)

## **SYLLABUS**

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- II (100 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Indian Ethics, Western Ethics**

**Course Code: PHI – P2**

**Revision vide BoS dated : 23.06.2016**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Course Outcome: The different topics of ethics or moral science, both western and Indian. This paper gives knowledge of moral evaluation and ignites the mind of each student with moral responsibility, both personal and social.**

### **Paper–II (Ethics) Group-A (Indian)**

Unit-I:	Mahābhārater Sāntiparva (Moksadharma Parvadyāya)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Manusāmhita (Selections)	(15 Marks)
Unit-III:	Ethics and Epics: Bimal Krishna Motilal (Selections)	(10 Marks)

### **Group-B (Western)**

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

## **SYLLABUS**

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- III (50 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Extra study, Project and Seminar**

**Course Code: PHI – P3**

**Full Marks: 50**

**Course Outcome: These paper also offer students to write projects on different philosophical topics.**

### **Paper–III (Extra Study, Project and Seminar)**

Unit I :	Extra Study	(20 Marks)
Unit II :	Project Paper Writing	(20 Marks)
	Project Presentation and Viva	(10 Marks)

## SYLLABUS

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- IV (100 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Indian Metaphysics, Western Metaphysics**

**Course Code: PHI – P4**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Course Outcome: Text books on Indian and Western metaphysics. It helps students to maintain a continuity of philosophical pursuit from account up to Modern trend.**

### **Paper–IV (Metaphysics)**

#### **Group-A (Indian)**

Unit-I:	Sāmkhya Kārika: Iswarakrishna (Selections)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Padārthadharma Saṁgraha: Praśastapādabhāṣya (Selections)	(25 Marks)

#### **Group-B (Western)**

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

## SYLLABUS

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- V (100 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Political Philosophy, Symbolic Logic**

**Course Code: PHI – P5**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Course Outcome: This paper also has incorporated some ideas of political philosophy of modern thinkers like, J.S. Mill & Karl Marx. Different methods of advanced western logic. It helps students to develop a precise and clear understanding of reasonable modes of Thinking. By this logical training a student may be successful in different professional examination.**

### **Group-A (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)

### **Group-B (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)

## SYLLABUS

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- III (50 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Extra study, Project and Seminar**

**Course Code: PHI – P6**

**Full Marks: 50**

**Course Outcome: These paper also offer students to write projects on different philosophical topics.**

### Paper–VI (Extra Study, Project and Seminar)

Unit I :	Extra Study	(20 Marks)
Unit II :	Project Paper Writing	(20 Marks)
	Project Presentation and Viva	(10 Marks)



## SYLLABUS

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- VII (100 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name:**

**Course Code: PHI – P7**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Course Outcome: Some basic Indian text on linguistic philosophy. It helps student to develop fundamental skills on Sanskrit and Bengali, as two important Indian languages. With this linguistic skill and development a student of philosophy may achieve good result in different competitive examination. Group B covers some aspects of analytic philosophy which ignites students to have an analytic mind.**

### **Paper–VII (Philosophy of Language)**

#### **Group-A**

##### **(Indian)**

Unit-I:	Bhāṣāpariccheda with Siddhāntamuktāvali : Visvanātha (Śabdakhanda)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Vākyapadiyam : Bhartṭhari (Selections)	(25 Marks)

#### **Group-B**

##### **(Western)**

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)

## SYLLABUS

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- VIII (100 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Contemporary Trends in Indian & Western Philosophy.**

**Course Code: PHI – P8**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Course Outcome: our students familiar with modern trend of western philosophy. Especially with phenomenological school, existentialism and postmodern thinker. This paper keeps our students updated with the latest development of western philosophy. The second part disuse some Indian philosophical thoughts.**

### **Paper–VIII (Contemporary Trends in Philosophy)**

#### **Group-A**

#### **(Western)**

Unit-I:	Phenomenology	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Existentialism	(25 Marks)

#### **Group-B**

#### **(Indian)**

Unit-I:	Philosophical views of Swami Vivekananda	(13 Marks)
Unit-II:	Philosophical views of Rabindranath Tagore	(12 Marks)
Unit-III:	Philosophical views of Mahatma Gandhi	(13 Marks)
Unit-IV:	Philosophical views of Sri Aurobindo	(12 Marks)

## SYLLABUS

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- IX (50 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Extra study, Project and Seminar**

**Course Code: PHI – P9**

**Full Marks: 50**

**Course Outcome: These paper also offer students to write projects on different philosophical topics.**

### Paper–IX (Extra Study, Project and Seminar)

Unit I :	Extra Study	(20 Marks)
Unit II :	Project Paper Writing	(20 Marks)
	Project Presentation and Viva	(10 Marks)

## Special Paper – Western Logic

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- X (100 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Western Logic**

**Course Code: PHI P10WL**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Course Outcome: This paper deals with special paper Western Logic. Students here are able to enter into deep of the subjects, with more intense attention, which were thought as general papers. Thus students archive more expertise in these areas of philosophy.**

### **Paper -X Group-A**

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

### **Group–B**

Unit-I:	Principia Mathematica : Bertrand Russell, A.N. Whitehead (upto Th 30)	(25 Marks)
Unit-II:	Modal Logic (Recommended book: An Introduction to Modal Logic : G.E. Hughes and H.J. Cresswell ) [T-system: proving validity and proving invalidity]	(25 Marks)

## Syllabus

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- XI (100 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Western Logic**

**Course Code: PHI P11WL**

**Revision vide BoS dated : 11.08.2017**

**Full Marks: 100**

**Course Outcome: This paper deals with special paper Western Logic. Students here are able to enter into deep of the subjects, with more intense attention, which were thought as general papers. Thus students archive more expertise in these areas of philosophy.**

### **Paper XI Group– A**

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

### **Group–B**

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

Paper-X & XI (Special Paper Vedānta)  
SYLLABUS

Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- X and XI (100 Marks)

Programme Code: PHI

Course Name: Vedānta

Course Code: PHI P10 VED, P11

Full Marks: 100

Course Outcome: This paper deals with special paper Vedanta. Students here are able to enter into deep of the subjects, with more intense attention, which were thought as general papers. Thus students archive more expertise in these areas of philosophy.

Course Code: PHI P11 VED

Full Marks: 100

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### SYLLABUS

**Programme Name: M. A PHILOSOPHY PAPER- XII (50 Marks)**

**Programme Code: PHI**

**Course Name: Extra study, Project and Seminar**

**Course Code: PHI – P12**

**Full Marks: 50**

**Course Outcome: These paper also offer students to write projects on different philosophical topics.**

Paper–XII (Extra Study, Project and Seminar)

Unit I : Extra Study (20 Marks)
Unit II : Project Paper Writing (20 Marks)
Project Presentation and Viva (10 Marks)

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