

CBCS SYLLABUS
for
B.A. (HONOURS) IN
PHILOSOPHY

Proposed to be introduced from the session 2018 and onward



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Detailed Course Structure

| Course Components | No. of Courses | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | B.Sc./ BCA | | B.A. | | B.Com./ BBA | |
| | Honours Program | Program | Honours Program | Program | Honours Program | Program |
| Discipline Specific Core Course (DSC) | 14 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 12 |
| Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Generic Elective (GE) Course | 4 | ---- | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Total Courses | 26 | 24 | 26 | 24 | 26 | 24 |

Credit Details of the Courses of B.A.Honours Program under CBCS

| Sl. No. | Courses | Credits | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| | | Non-Practical Based Courses | |
| | | Theory + Tutorial | Total |
| 1. | Core Course (14 Courses) | $(14 \times 5) + (14 \times 1)$ | 84 |
| 2. | Elective Courses (8 Courses) | | |
| 2.A | DSE (4 Courses) | $(4 \times 5) + (4 \times 1)$ | 24 |
| 2.B | GE (4 Courses) | $(4 \times 5) + (4 \times 1)$ | 24 |
| 3. | Ability Enhancement Courses | | |
| 3.A | AECC – 1 (ENVS) | (2×1) | 2 |
| | AECC – 2 (Com. Eng./ MIL) | (2×1) | 2 |
| 3.B | SEC (2 Courses of 2 Credits each) | (2×2) | 4 |
| Total Credit | | | 140 |

An Under-Graduate Degree in Honours Program in a subject is to be awarded if a student successfully completes 14 DSC courses in that subject, 4 courses each from a list of DSE and GE respectively, 2 courses in AECC and 2 courses in SEC as per the provisions envisaged in these regulations.

A candidate to be eligible for appearing at any of the Semesters of UNDER-GRADUATE Examination must have minimum 75% attendance of lectures delivered. Award of 05 (five) marks on class attendance shall be given in the following manner:

- Attendance of 75% and above but below 80% -- 02 marks
- Attendance of 80% and above but below 85% -- 03 marks
- Attendance of 85% and above but below 90% -- 04 marks
- Attendance of 90% and above -- 05 marks

Structure of the Syllabus in Philosophy Honours under CBCS:

| Semester | Core Course | Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course AECC | Skill Enhancement Course SEC | Elective: Discipline Specific Course DSE | Elective: Generic Course GE- (For other students and our students will choose from other subjects) | Total Credit Point |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| I | C-1 Indian Philosophy -I | AECC-1 (ENVS) | | | GE-1 Paper I Indian Philosophy | 20 |
| | C-2 Logic-I | | | | | |
| II | C-3 Western Philosophy-I | AECC-2 Communicative English | | | GE-1 Paper II Logic | 20 |
| | C-4 Ethics | | | | | |
| III | C-5 Indian Philosophy -II | | SEC-I Paper I Basics of Counselling | | GE-2 Paper I | 26 |
| | C-6 Western Philosophy-II | | | | | |
| | C-7 Logic -II | | | | | |
| IV | C-8 Psychology | | SEC-II Paper - II Critical Thinking | | GE-2 Paper II | 26 |
| | C-9 Philosophy of Religion | | | | | |
| | C-10 Social and Political Philosophy | | | | | |
| V | C-11 Tarka Sangraha | | | DSE-I Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding or Gita | | 24 |
| | C-12 Analytic Philosophy -I | | | DSE-II Philosophy of Mind or Problems of Philosophy | | |
| VI | C-13 Analytic Philosophy-II | | | DSE-III Introduction to Feminist Philosophy or Phenomenology & Existentialism | | 24 |
| | C-14 Applied Ethics | | | DSE-IV Contemporary Indian Philosophy or Aesthetics | | |

Total Marks Distribution: (except for AECC 1 and AECC 2)

| Examination | (Non-Practical Course) | Duration of Exams |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Semester End Examination(Theoretical) | 60 | 2 hours |
| Semester End Examination(Practical's) | - | |
| Continuing Evaluation/Internal Assessment/Mid Semester Exams(By Colleges) | 10 | |
| Attendance | 5 | |
| TOTAL | 75 | |

Total Marks Distribution for AECC 1 and AECC 2:

| Examination | AECC 1 | Duration of Exams | AECC 2 | Duration of Exams |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Semester End Examination(Theoretical) | 80 | 2.5 hours | 35 | 2 hours |
| Continuing Evaluation/Internal Assessment/Mid Semester Exams(By Colleges) | 15 | | 10 | |
| Attendance | 5 | | 5 | |
| TOTAL | 100 | | 50 | |

Question pattern:**For 60 Marks**

| S.L. No. | Questions to | Out of | Marks of each | Total Marks |
|----------|--------------|--------|---------------|--------------------|
| | be answered | | question | |
| 1. | 4 | 6 | 3 | $4 \times 3 = 12$ |
| 2. | 4 | 6 | 6 | $4 \times 6 = 24$ |
| 3. | 2 | 4 | 12 | $2 \times 12 = 24$ |

For 35 Marks

| S.L. No. | Questions to | Out of | Marks of each | Total Marks |
|----------|--------------|--------|---------------|--------------------|
| | be answered | | question | |
| 1. | 3 | 5 | 5 | $3 \times 5 = 15$ |
| 2. | 2 | 4 | 10 | $2 \times 10 = 20$ |

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LIST OF COURSES AND PAPERS.

A. CORE COURSE (14 PAPERS)

SEMESTER – I

C1-PAPER- I – INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-I

C.2-PAPER –II- LOGIC (WESTERN)-I

SEMESTER – II

C.3- PAPER-III- WESTERN PHILOSOPHY-I (SOCRATES, PLATO, ARISTOTTLE, DESCARTES SPINOZA, LIBNITZ)

C.4-PAPER-IV- ETHICS

SEMESTER – III

C.5- PAPER – V- INDIAN PHILOSOPHY-II

C.6- PAPER –VI- WESTERN PHILOSOPHY –II (LOCKE, BERKELEY, HUME, KANT)

C.7-PAPER- VII- LOGIC (WESTERN)-II

SEMESTER – IV

C.8- PAPER-VIII-PSYCHOLOGY

C.9- PAPER- IX- PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

C.10-PAPER-X- SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

SEMESTER – V

C.11- PAPER- XI- TARKASAMGRAHA

C.12-PAPER XII- ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY-I

SEMESTER – VI

C.13- - ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY-II

C.14- - APPLIED ETHICS

B : DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE-4 (DSE) SUBJECT CENTRIC(ANY FOUR)

DSE-I Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding/ Gita

DSE-II Philosophy of Mind/ Problems of Philosophy

DSE-III Introduction to Feminist Philosophy/ Phenomenology & Existentialism

DSE-IV Contemporary Indian Philosophy / Aesthetics

C: GENEREIC ELECTIVE (GE)– 4 (INTER DISCIPLINENARY)

GE-1 Paper I

Indian Philosophy

GE-1 Paper II

Logic

D. Ability Enhancement Compulsory

Course (AECC) Semester I: AECC-I: EVS

Semester II: AECC-II: COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

E. Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

Semester III: SEC-I: Basics of Counselling

Semester IV: SEC-II: Critical Thinking

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B.A. (HONS.) (CORE COURSE)

C1: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY I

UNIT I

Nature of Indian Philosophy: Plurality as well as common concern (some Basic concepts of Vedic and Upanisadic world-views: *Atman, Jagrata, Svapna, Susupti, Turiya, Brahman, Karma, Samsara, Mukti.*)

UNIT II

Cārvāka: Epistemology, Metaphysics & Ethics

UNIT III

Jainism: *Anekāntavāda, Śyādvāda and Nayavada, bondage and liberation*

UNIT IV

Buddhism: Four Noble Truths and Doctrine of Dependent Origination, Momentariness & Non-Soul theory

UNIT V

Nyāya: Theory of Pramanas, Individual Self & its Liberation

UNIT VI

Advaita Vedānta of Śaṅkara: Nature of *Brahman* and *Māyā*

Viśiṣṭādvaita of Rāmānuja: Nature of Brahman and Refutation of *Māyā*

Recommended Readings:

- Chakravarty, Nilima (1992), *Indian Philosophy: The Path Finder's and System Builders*, New Delhi: Allied Publishers.

- Chatterjee, S.C. (2008), *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*, Delhi, Bharatiya Kala Prakashan.
- Chatterjee, S.C. & D.M. Datta (1984), *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, reprint, University of Calcutta.
- Dasgupta, S.N. (2004), *A History of Indian Philosophy*, vol.1, Delhi, Motilal Banarasidass Publishers, Pvt. Ltd.
- Hiriyana, M: (1951), *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen & Unwin.
- Mohanty, J.N. (1992), *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*, Oxford, Clarendon Press.
- Organ, Troy Wilson. (1964), *The Self in Indian Philosophy*, London, Mouton & Co.
- Radhakrishnan, S. (1929), *Indian Philosophy*, Volume 1, Muirhead Library of Philosophy, 2nd edition, London: George Allen and Unwin.
- Sharma, C.D. (2003) *Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass

In Bengali

Bharatiya Darsan by Dr. Debabrata Sen

Nyaya-Vaises Darsan by Dr Karuna Bhattacharya

Samkhya Patanjanli Darsan by Kanak Prabha Banerjee

Bharatiya Darsan by Nirod Baran Chakraborty

Carvaka Darasan by Pandit Pancanan Shastry

Bauddha Darsan by Bhupendra Nath Bhattacharya

Bharatiya Darsan by Dipak Kumar Bagchi

Bharatiya Darsan by Gobinda Charan Ghosh

Bharatiya Darsan by Prodyot Kumar Mandal

Bharatiya Darsan by Gobinda Charan Ghosh

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B.A. (HONS.) (CORE COURSE)

C 2: Paper: LOGIC (WESTERN) –I

UNIT I: Basic Logical Concepts

1. Sentence and Proposition
2. Argument and Inference
3. Truth and Validity.
4. Deduction and Induction

UNIT II: Aristotelian logic:

1. Definition of Term
2. Connotation and denotation of terms
3. Categorical Propositions , Distribution of Terms
4. Concept of Mediate & Immediate Inferences
5. Conversion, obversion, contraposition
6. Square of Opposition and the Existential Import
7. Mediate Inference: Categorical Syllogism: Mood, Figure, Rules of Syllogism and Formal Fallacies
8. Validating / Invalidating Categorical Syllogisms through syllogistic rules & Venn Diagrams

UNIT – III:

(A) LOGIC OF COMPOUND PROPOSITIONS (Sentential):

1. Logical Connectives: And (\cdot), Or (\vee) and Not (\sim)
2. Material Conditional (\supset) and Biconditional (\equiv)
3. Truth functions: Symbols and Translation
4. Statements and statement-forms: Logical status

(B) PROVING VALIDITY (PROOF PROCEDURE)

1. Formal Proofs & Reductio Ad Absurdum

UNIT – IV:

1. Induction per Simple Enumeration
2. Argument by Analogy, Appraising Analogical Arguments

Recommended Readings:

- Cohen & Nagel. (1968), *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*, Delhi: Allied Publishers.
- Copi. I.M. (2012), *Introduction to Logic*, Delhi: Pearson. (Hindi. translation of this text is also available)

In Bengali version:

- Sukla Chakraborty, *Tarkavijnan*
- Shibani Chowdhury, *Tarka Vijnaner Sahajpath*
- Samarendranath Bhattacharjee: *Paschatya Yuktivijnan*

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C3: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I

UNIT-I

1. Socratic philosophy: Origin and method of knowledge, Virtue is Knowledge (Socrates)
2. Plato: Justice in state and individual knowledge (Text: *Republic* Books 2-4), the concept Soul and state
3. Aristotle: Theory of Form and Matter, Potentiality and Actuality, Theory of Causation.

UNIT- II

1. **Descartes** : Method of Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum, Mind body Dualism
2. **Spinoza**: Intellectual love of God and Substance, Attribute
3. **Leibnitz** : Monadology , Truths of fact and Truths of Reason

Recommended Readings:

- Charlton, W.(1936), *Aristotle's Physics* Bks 1-2, U.S.A, Clarendon
- Cohen, M.S. Curd,P. & Reeve, C.D.C.(ed)(1995) *Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Hackett: Indianapolis
- Tankha, V. (2012) *Ancient Greek Philosophy: Thales to Socrates* ,India, Pearson
- Vlastos, G. (1969)" Justice and psychic harmony in the Republic" in *Journal of Philosophy*. Vol.66(16): pp 505-521

- F. Copleston: *A History of Philosophy*.
- D. J.O.Connor: *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*.
- A.K. Rogers: *A Student's History of Philosophy*.
- W. K. Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*.
- W.T. Stace: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*.
- Roger Scruton: *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*.
- John Cottingham: *The Rationalists*.
- Falkenberg: *A History of Modern Philosophy*.
- Thilly & Wood: *History of Philosophy*.
- J. Barnes: *Early Greek Philosophy*.
- J.Burnet : *Greek Philosophy, Thales to Plato*.
- W.C.K. Guthrie: *History of Greek Philosophy Vol.I & II*.
- Nirad Baron Chakraborty: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (Plato, Aristotle)*.
- Chandrodaya Bhattacharya: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*.
- R. P. Das & S. P. Chakraborty: *Paschatya Darsaner Ruprekha*.
- Kalyan Chandra Gupta: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*.

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C 4: ETHICS

UNIT I

1. Definition, Nature and scope of Ethics.
2. Statement of fact & Statement of Value
3. Moral & Non-moral Actions
4. The nature and object of Moral Judgement
5. Postulates of Morality, Problem of Freedom of Will
6. Kant: Good Will, The Categorical Imperative
7. Utilitarianism: Bentham, J.S.Mill
8. Virtue Ethics (Aristotle)
9. Theory of Punishment

UNIT II: INDIAN ETHICS

1. Four *Puruṣārthas*: *Dharma*, *Artha*, *Kāma*, *Mokṣa*
2. Eight fold Path of Buddhism
3. Jaina Ethics: *Triratna*, *Panchamahabrata*
4. Law of Karma, Concept of *Rta* and *Rna*

Recommended Readings:

- Aristotle. (1926). *Nicomachean Ethics*, Harvard University Press.
- Bilimoria, Purushottama *et al.* (2007). *Indian Ethics: Classical Traditions and Contemporary Challenges*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Frankena Williams. (1988). *Ethics*, Prantice Hall of India, Pearson; 2nd edition
- Kant, Immanuel. (1953). *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Trans. H.J Paton, as *The Moral Law*, London: Hutchinson.
- Rachels, J. (1987) *The End of Life: Euthanasia and Morality*, CUP
- Rachel, J. (2003) *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, McGraw- Hill
- Sharma, I.C.(1962) *Ethical Philosophies of India*, New York, U.S.A. Johnsen Publishing Company
- Warnock Mary. (1962) *J.S Mill Utilitarianism*, Glasgow: Collins.

- Nivedita Chakraborty: *Frankenar Nitisashtra*
- Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Vyavaharik Nitividya*

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C 5: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY II:

Unit-I

Vaisesika : Padarthas ; Dravya , Guna , Karma , Samanya , Visesa, Samavaya, Abhava .

Unit-II

Samkhya : Causation ; Satkaryavada ; Prakrti , its constituents , arguments for its existence.
Evolution , Purusa , Arguments for its existence, plurality of Purusa .

Unit-III

Yoga : yoga, chitta ,chittyabritti , Astanga Yoga ; God.

Unit-IV

Mimamsa : Dharma, Anupalabdhi.

Unit-V

Advaita concept of nirguna Brahma; maya; three grades of satta; jiva, jivanmukti.
Visistadvaita : Concept of saguna Brahma; refutation of Maya.

Recommended Readings :

- M. Hiriyanna: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy.*
- C. D. Sharma: *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.*
- S.N.Das Gupta: *A History of Indian Philosophy Vol – I to V.*
- S.Radhakrishnan : *Indian Philosophy Vol – I & II.*
- J.N.Mahanty : *Reason and Tradition of Indian Thought.*
- K.C. Bhattacharya : *Studies in Philosophy Vol – 1.*
- Datta and Chatterjee : *Introduction of Indian Philosophy.*
- R Puligandla: *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy.*
- T. M. P.Mahadevan: *A Outline of Hinduism.*
- D.M.Dutta: *Six Ways of Knowing.*
- Bharatiya Darsana by Debabrata Sen.
- Nyaya Vaisesika Darsana by Dr.Karuna Bhattacharjee.

- Samkhya Patanjala Darsana by Sri Kanak Prava Banerjee.
- Bharatiyo Darsana by Nirod Baran Chakraborty.
- Carvaka darsana by Panchanan Shastri.
- Bharatiya Darsana by Prodyot Mondal.
- Bharatiya Darsana by Samarendranath Bhattacharjee
- Bharatiya darsan by Gobinda Charan Ghosh

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C 6: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II:

1. Locke : refutations of innate ideas, ideas and their classification, knowledge and its grades, substance, qualities; primary and secondary.
2. Berkley : rejection of abstract ideas ; rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, immaterialism , *esse est percipi*, the problem of solipcism, role of God .
3. Hume : impression and ideas; causality; self and personal.
4. Kant : Conception of critical philosophy; classification of judgments; analytic, synthetic, apriori, aposteriori, possibility of synthetic apriori judgments; the forms of sensibility, intuition and concepts

Recommended readings :

- F. Copleston: *A History of Philosophy*.
- D. J. O. Connor: *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*.
- A.K. Rogers: *A Student's History of Philosophy*.
- W. K. Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*.
- Roger Scruton: *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*.
- John Cottingham *The Rationalists*.
- Dr.R.R.Das: *A Hand Book of Pure Reason*.
- Falkenberg: *A History of Modern Philosophy*.
- Thilly & Wood: *History of Philosophy*.
- C.R.Moris *Locke ,Berkley , Hume*.
- S.Korner: *Kant*.

- Jonathan Bennett: *Locke ,Berkley , Hume.*
- Chandrodoyo Bhattacharya: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas.*
- R. P. Das & S. P. Chakraborty: *Paschatya Darsaner Ruprekha.*
- Kalyan Chandra Gupta: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas.*
- Rasbuihari Das: *Kanter Darsan*

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C 7 LOGIC (WESTERN) –II

UNIT I: LOGIC OF SINGULAR/ UNIVERSAL PROPOSITIONS (Predicate)

1. Symbolization of Propositions
2. Theory of Quantification
3. Proving Validity &Invalidity

UNIT-II

1. Shaffer's Stroke Function, Inter -definability of different Truth Functions.

UNIT-III

1. Conjunctive Normal Form & Disjunctive/Alternational Normal Form.(CNF&DNF)

UNIT – IV

1. Truth-tree Method

UNIT – V

1. Mills Method
2. Science and Hypothesis: Explanation: Scientific & Unscientific, Evaluating Scientific Explanations, Crucial Experiment , Ad Hoc Hypothesis
3. Probability: Alternative conceptions of probability (apriori /Aposteriori theory), the probability calculus

Recommended Readings:

- Cohen & Nagel. (1968), *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*, Delhi: Allied Publishers.
- Copi. I.M. (2012), *Introduction to Logic*, Delhi: Pearson.

- Sukla Chakraborty, *Tarkavijnan*
- Shibani Chowdhury, *Tarka Bijnaner Sahajpath*
- Jeffry Richard: *Formal Logic: its scope and limits*
- Rama Prasad Das: *Navya Yuktivigyan (Vol-1-3)*
- Das, Kantilal: *Aboroaha Yukti vigyan*
- Das, Rama Prasad & Bhattacharya, Subir Ranjan: *Sanketik Yuktivigyan*

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SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

SEC- (Paper I): Basics of Counselling:

Introduction to Counselling

1. *Counselling*, Edited by Dr. Jyotsna Saha (Selected Chapters)
 - a) The basics of counselling By Madhabendranath Mitra
 - b) The Relevance of Philosophical Counselling in the Treatment of Mental Health By Debika Saha
 - c) Philosophical Counselling for Children's Mental Health issues By Jhadeswar Ghosh
 - d) Youth and Positive Mental Health By Sujata Roy Chowdhury
 - e) Anger Management through Counselling By Manjulika Ghosh
 - f) Academic Stress Memory and Mental Health By Sadhan Chakraborty
 - g) Relationship related stress in College Students and its Management By Soumitra Basu
 - h) Effective Communication: an Important Means of Problem Solving By Swagata Ghosh
 - i) *Patient-Physician Relationship* Edited by Ratna Dutta Sharma and Sashinugla, "Shades of Confidentiality in Physician-Patient Relationship in the Context of Mental Health", by Somdatta Bhattacharyya

Recommended Readings:

1. *Counselling*: Edited by Dr. Jyotsna Saha (Selected Chapters), Published by Cider Press
2. Richards Nelson Jones: *Basic Counselling Skills*
3. Richards Nelson Jones: *Introduction to Counselling Skill*
4. *Patient-Physician Relationship* Edited by Ratna Dutta Sharma and Sashinugla, Decent Books, New Delhi
5. *Confidentiality and Neutrality in Psychotherapy: A Philosophical Review*, by Somdatta Bhattacharyya, Papyrus

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SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

SEC-(Paper II): Critical Thinking:

UNIT I: Critical Thinking and its Components

1. Critical Thinking: A Second-Order Activity
2. Identification and Analysis of the Problem.
3. Organizing the Data and Identifying the Errors.

Recommended Readings :

- Hurley, Patrick J.(2007) Introduction to Logic, Wadsworth, Cengage learning.
- Dewey, John. (1933) How to Think: A Restatement of the Relation of Reflective Thinking to the Educative Process. revised edition. Boston: Heath
- Madhuchhanda Sen, An Introduction to Critical Thinking

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C 8 PSYCHOLOGY

1. Definition and scope of psychology, nature of psychology as a science.
Methods of psychology – subjective, objective and experimental.
2. Sensation : nature , classification and attribute of sensation. Weber and Fechner Law.
3. Perception : nature of perception and its relation to sensation. Gestalt theory of perception, perception of distance, solidity and motion, illusion and hallucination.
4. Percept and image : memory ,its factor and range ,marks of good memory.
Law of association, forgetfulness and its causes.
5. Attention : its nature and types, conditions of attention.
6. Learning : the trial and error theory, the Gestalt theory, Pavlov’s conditioned response theory.
7. Consciousness : conscious, sub – conscious, unconscious – its evidence, Freud’s theory of dream.
8. Personality: Personality, Personality type.
9. Intelligence : measurement of intelligence; Binet –Simon test.

Recommended readings :

- P.N.Bhattacharye: *Text Books of Psychology*.
- P.N.Bhattacharye: *Monovidya*.
- Debiprasad Chattapadhyaya: *Monovijnana*.
- J. Sanyal: *Monovidya*.
- G.D.Boaz: *General Psychology*.
- P.B.Sen Gupta: *Monovidya*.
- Dr.Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Monovidya* .
- Sengupta, Basu & Ghosh: *Monovidya Samaj – O Darsan O Rastradarsan*.
- Dr. Pritibhusan Chattapadhyaya & Sandeep Das: *Monovidya Samaj – O Rastradarsan*.

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C. 9 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION:

Unit-I :

- 1.The problem and scope of the philosophy of religion.
- 2.The origin of religion in the light of anthropology.
- 3.The psychological origin and development of religion.
4. Proofs for existence of God
5. Religious Consciousness
- 6.Summary of different Religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Universal Religion
7. Religion without God
8. Religious Knowledge: Reason, Revelation & Mysticism

Unit-II:

1. Concept of Bhakti and Dharma (Purva-Mimamsa), Concept of God (Samkara, Ramanuja)

Recommended readings :

- *The Philosophy of Religion*: D Miall Edwards.
- *History of Dharmashastra* :P.V.Kane.
- *Dharmodarsana*: Ramesh ch.Munshi.
- *Dharmadarsana*: Rabindranath Das.
- *Dharmadarsana*: Samarendra Bhattacharya.
- *Dharmadarsana*: Aurobinda Basu & Nivedita Chakraborty

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C 10 SOCIAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:

1. Nature and scope of social philosophy.
2. Basic Concepts : Society, Social group, Community, Association and Institution.
3. Social group : its different forms .
4. Social codes : Religious and moral codes, custom and law, culture and civilization
5. Social class and caste : principles of class and class. Attitudes and class consciousness.
6. Political ideals : freedom, equality , justice ,liberty , democracy and its different forms.
7. The concepts of welfare state.
8. Individual and state.
9. Humanism : Rabindranath, Vivekananda
10. Socialism and Marxism.

Recommended Readings :

- *Society* : Maclver & Page
- *Problems of Political Philosophy*: D. D. Raphael
- *Fundamentals of Sociology*: P.Gisbert
- Western Political Thought: A.K Mukhopadhyaya
- Introduction to Modern Political Theory: C.E.M. Joad
- Hindu Political Theories: U.N.Ghoshal
- *Samaj tattva*: Parimal Bhushan Kar (W.B.Book Board)
- *Samaj Darshan Dipika* : PritiBhushan Chattapadhyaya
- *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika*: Dilip Kumar Chattapadhyaya (W.B.Book Board)
- *Darshan O Tar Proyog*: Dr.P. Roy & Dr.R.N.Ghosh
- *Rastra Darsaner Dhara*: Dr.Amal K.Mukhopadhyaya (W.B.Book Board)
- *Man and Technology*: Dr.Pabitra Kumar Roy ,Jadavpur University
- *SamajDarsan O Rastra Darsan*: Dr.Samarendra Bhattacharjee
- *Rastra* : Sudarshan Roy Choudhury

- *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika*: Dilip Kumar chattapadhya
- Sengupta, Basu & Ghosh: *Monovidyā Samaj – O Darsan O Rastradarsan*

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C 11: TARKASAMGRAHA

Indian Epistemology & logic

Text - *Tarkasamgraha* with Dipika - Annambhatta

Buddhikhanda (upto Sabda Pramana)

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C 12: Analytic Philosophy I: John Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*. (Selected Chapters)

Unit I:

Chapter 1-MEANING AND DEFINITION: 1. Word-meaning & 2. Definition

Unit II

Chapter 1- MEANING AND DEFINITION: 3.Vagueness & 4. Sentence-meaning

Unit III

Chapter 2-KNOWLEDGE: 7. The sources of Knowledge & 8. What is Knowledge?

Unit IV

Chapter 4- EMPIRICAL KNOWLEDGE: 14. Testability and Meaning

Recommended Readings:

- John Hospers: *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*. (Selected Chapters)
- Samarendranath Bhattacharya: *Darsanik Bislesaner Bhumika* vol. 1 & 2
- Samari Kanta Samanta: *Darsanik Bislesaner Ruprekha* vol. 1 & 2

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C 13: Analytic Philosophy II:

Bertrand Russell: *The Problems of philosophy*. (Selected Chapters)

Unit I:

Chapter I-2&3

Unit II

Chapter 5

Unit III

Chapter 15

Unit-IV

A.J. Ayer- "The Elimination of Metaphysics"

Recommended Readings:

- Bertrand Russell: *The Problems of philosophy*. (Selected Chapters)
- Samarendranath Bhattacharya: *Darsaner Samsya*
- Debika Saha: *Darsaner Samasyabali*
- A.J. Ayer : *Language Truth and logic*

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C 14 APPLIED ETHICS

UNIT I

1. Introduction to Applied Ethics
2. Environmental Ethics – Ecology, man – nature relationship, the environment and the human community, future generation.

UNIT II

1. Medical Ethics – Euthanasia, Suicide, Abortion, Principles of Medical Ethics, Informed Consent, Confidentiality.
2. Human Rights, Discrimination on the basis of sex, race, caste, religion.

UNIT-III

1. Feminism – Introduction, historical background, nature of feminist movement.
2. Media Ethics

Recommended Readings:

- Practical Ethics, Peter Singer
- A Companion to Ethics, Peter Singer
- Applied Ethics, Peter Singer, ed.
- The Blackwell Companion to Philosophy, Nicolas Bunnin & E.P.Tsui – James
- Patient-Physician Relationship Edited by Ratna Dutta Sharma and Shashinungla, Decent Books, New Delhi, 2007
- Quagmires and Quandaries : Exploring Journalism Ethics, Ian Richards
- Journalistic Ethics: Moral Responsibility in the media, Dale Jacquette
- Byaboharik Nitidorshon, Benulal Dhar
- Byaboharik o Tattvik Nitividya, Samarendrenath Bhattacharjee
- Kathay o Karne Ethics, Somnath Chakraborty
- Bharatiya Nitividya (4th edn.), Dipak Kumar Bagchi

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(DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE 1)**

DSE-1: Any One from the Following:

1. **An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding, David Hume**, Chapter II, III, IV, VII.

Suggested Reading:

- An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding, David Hume

2. **Gīta**

Arjunvishadayoga (sloka 1, sloka 29 – sloka 46)

Samkhayoga (sloka 9 – Sloka 27)

Recommended Reading:

- SrimadvagabadGita, Jagadish Chandra Acharya
- SrimadvagabadGita, Suvendra Kumar Mitra
- SrimadvagabadGita, Madhusudan Saraswati

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DSE-2: Any One from the Following:

A. Philosophy of Mind:

1. *Matter and Consciousness*: The Ontological Problem: Dualism, Philosophical Behaviourism, Reductive Materialism (The Identity Theory), The Epistemological Problem: The Problem of Other Minds, The Problem of Self-consciousness., Artificial Intelligence: Computers: Some elementary concepts: The Piecemeal Approach
2. *Philosophy of Mind*: Interactionism, Parallelism, Person Theory

Recommended Readings:

- Paul M. Churchland, *Matter and Consciousness*
- Jerrome, A, Shaffer, *Philosophy of Mind*
- Aurobinda Basu and Nivedita Chakraborty: *Monodarsan*:

B. Problems of Philosophy, Russell Chapters- (Chapter 6 – 12)

Recommended Readings:

- Bertrand Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*
- Darsaner Samasyabali: Debika Saha (Bengali Translation of Russell's Text The Problem of Philosophy), Dipayan Publishers , 20 College St. Kolkata

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(DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE 3)**

DSE-3: Any One from the Following:

A.Feminist Philosophy

1. Feminism and its background
2. Feminis: Liberal and Radical view
3. Morality and Feminism
4. Ecofeminism
5. Women in workplace
6. Transgender Human Rights

Recommended Readings:

- Naitikota O Naribad, Shefali Moitra
- Byabaharik Nitibidya, Benulal Dhar, Chapter 8
- Raymond F. Gregory, *Women and Workplace Discrimination: Overcoming Barriers to Gender Equality*, Rutgers University Press, 2003.
- Nancy Elder Walden, *Gender Bias As Related to Women in the Workplace*, Xlibris Corporation, 2000.
- Indrani Sen, *Human Rights of Minority and Women's: Transgender human rights (Vol. 2)*, Isha Books, 2005.
- Ladki kya hai, Ladka kya hai, by Kamla Bhasin, Jagori, New Delhi,
- Feminist Thought: Androcentrism, Communication and Objectivity, Shefali Moitra, Lal Private Ltd., New Delhi. Munshiram Monohar
- A Vindication of the right of women, Marry Wallstonecraft (Reprint version 1988), London
- Care Ethics, Bidisha Mukherjee
- Patriarchy, V.Geeta
- Staying alive: women, ecology and survival in India, Vandana Shiva

B. Phenomenology and Existentialism:

Phenomenology :

Epoche, Intentionality, Method of reduction. (Husserl)

Existentialism

Jean-Paul-Sartre:

Existence precedes essence, Being in itself and being for itself, Freedom, Bad faith.

Heidegger :

Martin Heidegger. (1977). "The Question Concerning Technology". in *Being and Nothingness*, Part-3, Chap.1 Sec IV. Hazel E. Barnes: New York. Pp . 340-51

Recommended Readings:

- *Existentialism* : Robert Solomon.
- *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism* ;M. K. Bhadra, Allied.
- *Phenomenology and Existentialism: An Introduction*; Debabrata Sinha, Papyrus.
- *Astibadi Darshan*, Swapna Sarkar.
- *Astibader Marmokatha* :Shailesh Ranjan Bhattacharya,Poschimbongo Rajya Pustak Porsad.
- *Chinta* by Koushik Joardar, Patrakatha, Kolkata (2015)
- Critchley, Simon,(2001)*Continental Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Glendinning, Simon,(2006) *The Idea of Continental Philosophy*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

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DSE-4

Any One from the Following:

A. Contemporary Indian Philosophy:

Swami Vivekananda: Universal Religion, Humanism

R.N. Tagore: Religion of Man (Specific chapters: Chapter-I , Chapter-II, Chapter-X)

M.K. Gandhi: Swaraj, Non-violence and Satyagraha

Recommended Readings:

- Rabindranath Thakur: The Religion of Man: Bengali Translation by Sankar Sengupta
- Samaj O Rastradarsan: Samarendra Bhattacharya
- Complete Works of swami Vivekananda, Vol. 2
- Swami Vivekanander Bani O Rachana Dwitiya khanda
- Viswa Pathik Vivekananda By swami Purnatmananda

B. Aesthetics:

(A) Western Aesthetics

1. Nature and Problems of Aesthetics; Definitions of Art – Plato, Croce, Collingwood, Roger Fry, Susanne K. Langer
2. Aesthetic Experience: Immanuel Kant: “Disinterested Satisfaction”, Edward Bullough on “Physical distance”.

(B) Indian Aesthetics

1. The Theory of Rasa: Bharata’s Rasa-Sutra (Natyasastra) , Historical Development (Lollat, Sankuka, Bhattanayak), kinds of Rasa.
2. The Theory of Dhvani (Dhanyloka) of Anandavardhana, Abhinavagupta–theory of Aesthetic experience as “Rasa” .

Recommended Readings:

- Melvin Rader(ed), A *Modern Book of Esthetics* (Fifth Edition), Holt, Rinehart and Winston
- Oswald Hanfling (ed), *Philosophical Aesthetics: An Introduction*, Blackwell, 1992
- F. Coleman, *Contemporary Studies in Aesthetics*
- Ranjan K. Ghosh, *Great Indian Thinkers on Art: Creativity, Aesthetic Communication, and Freedom*, Sundeep Prakashan (Black and White) Delhi, 2006
- *Morris Weitz, Problems in Art*
- M.C. Beardsley, *Aesthetics*
- John Hospers, *Introductory Readings in Aesthetics*
- V.C.Aldrich, *Philosophy of Art*
- R. Gnoli, *Aesthetic Experience according to Abhinavagupta*
- Amaladas Anand, *Philosophical Implications of Dhvani*
- Kant, Immanuel, *Critique of Judgement*, Translated by J. H. Bernard, London, 1931

- S. K. Langer, *Feeling and Form*, Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd., London, 1953
- Ranjan, K. Ghosh, *Aesthetics Theory and Art: A Study in Susanne, K. Langer*, Ajanta Publication, Delhi, 1979
- Saswati Chakraborty, “*Creation of Rasa on Aesthetics experience: The aim of Indian Art*”, Philosophical Papers, in the journal of the department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, vol.10, March,2014
- Ghosh, Raghunath *Shilpa Satta O Yukti*, Levant (Sarat Book House)
- Ghosh, Raghunath *Language and Aesthetics*, Northern Book Centre

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GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE

SEMESTER I /II

GE1 (Paper I): FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT I: Introduction :

- i. Nature of Indian Philosophy
- ii. Division of Indian Philosophy : Astika and Nastika Systems.

UNIT II: Carvaka: Metaphysics and Ethics.

UNIT III: Bauddha Philosophy:

Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination

UNIT IV: Samkhya:

Causation : Prakriti : its constituents, arguments for its existence. Evolution, Purusa : arguments for its existence.

UNIT V: Yoga Philosophy:

Concept of Yoga, Citta and Cittabritti, Astanga Yoga.

UNIT VI:Nyaya Philosophy:

Pramanas: Pratyaksha and Anumana

UNIT VII: Vaisesika Philosophy:

Seven Padarthas

Recommended Readings:

- Dutta and Chatterjee : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*.
- Dr. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bharatiya Darsan*.
- Dr. Karuna Bhattacharjee : *Nyaya Vaisesika Darsan*.
- Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Darsan*.
- C.D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*.
- M. Hiriyana : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*.
- Swami Vivekananda : *Practical Vedanta*.

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Semester I/II**

GE- 1 (Paper II) : Logic:

Unit I:

Proposition, Categorical Proposition and classes: Quality, Quantity and Distribution.

Unit II:

Traditional Square of Oppositions.

Unit III:

Further immediate Inference: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition.

Unit IV:

Existential Import of Propositions: Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Proposition. Translating categorical propositions into standard forms.

Unit V:

Categorical Syllogism: Figure, Mood, Testing syllogism for validity, Testing arguments by Venn Diagram. .

Unit VI:

Symbolic Logic: The value of special symbols for conjunction, Negation and Disjunction, implications and material implications. Argument Forms and Argument statements. Truth-Table Method for testing arguments.

Unit VII:

Inductive Logic: Deduction & Induction, Analogy

Recommended Readings:

- I.M. Copi : *Introduction to Logic*.
- Rama Prasad Das : *Paschatya Darsan O Juktivijan*.
- Jagadiswar Sanyal : *Juktivijan*.
- S Bhattacharjee: *Paschatya Yuktivijnan*
- Shibani Choudhury: *Tarkavijnaner Sahaj Path*