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M.A. (MASTER OF ARTS)
IN
PHILOSOPHY

SYLLABUS

Session: 2018-19

पाठ्यक्रम परिचय

(Introduction of the Course)

एम.ए. - दर्शनशास्त्र (PHILOSOPHY)

एम.ए. (दर्शनशास्त्र) पाठ्यक्रम पूर्णकालिक द्विवर्षीय पाठ्यक्रम है। यह पाठ्यक्रम चार सत्राद्धों (Semesters) तथा दो वर्षों के क्रम में विभक्त है। प्रथम वर्ष में सत्राद्ध I व II तथा द्वितीय वर्ष में सत्राद्ध III व IV का अध्यापन किया जायेगा। पाठ्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत व्याख्यानों, संगोष्ठियों, प्रायोगिक-कार्यों, ट्यूटोरियल्स तथा प्रदत्त-कार्यों (Assignments) आदि के माध्यम से अध्यापन किया जायेगा। प्रत्येक सत्राद्ध में दर्शनशास्त्र विषय के चार-चार प्रश्न-पत्र होंगे। प्रत्येक प्रश्न-पत्र के लिए पाँच इकाइयाँ (Units) तथा 3 क्रेडिट्स निर्धारित होंगे।

अंक-विभाजन (प्रति प्रश्न-पत्र)

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| 1. सैद्धान्तिक-प्रश्न
(Theoretical Questions) | — 60 |
| 2. आन्तरिक- मूल्यांकन
(Internal Assessment) | — 40 |

मध्य-सत्राद्ध मूल्यांकन + गृह कार्य + कक्षा में संगोष्ठी पत्र प्रस्तुति (20 + 10+ 10)

योग : — 100

परीक्षा माध्यम : दर्शनशास्त्र विषय हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी दोनों माध्यम में संचालित किया जाएगा ।

सैद्धान्तिक प्रश्न-पत्र का स्वरूप (Pattern of Theoretical Question paper)

दीर्घोत्तरीय प्रश्न	4 x 10	— 20 अंक
लघुत्तरीय प्रश्न	6 x 5	— 30 अंक
टिप्पणी लेखन	2 x 5	— 10 अंक
योग		— 60

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M.A. - PHILOSOPHY

FIRST YEAR : FIRST SEMESTER		
COURSE CODE	COURSE PAPER	CREDITS
PHI - 511	Indian Epistemology & Metaphysics	3+0
PHI - 512	Greek Philosophy	3+0
PHI - 513	Indian Ethics	3+0
PHI - 514	Modern Logic	3+0
	TOTAL CREDITS	12+0=12

FIRST YEAR : SECOND SEMESTER		
COURSE CODE	COURSE PAPER	CREDITS
PHI - 521	Contemporary Indian Philosophy	3+0
PHI - 522	Modern Western Philosophy	3+0
PHI - 523	Symbolic Logic	3+0
PHI - 524	Western Ethics	3+0
	TOTAL CREDITS	12+0=12

SECOND YEAR : THIRD SEMESTER		
COURSE CODE	COURSE PAPER	CREDITS
PHI - 531	Philosophy of Religion	3+0
PHI - 532	Social & Political Philosophy	3+0
PHI - 533	Kant Philosophy	3+0
PHI - 534	Contemporary Western Philosophy	3+0
	TOTAL CREDITS	12+0=12

SECOND YEAR : FOURTH SEMESTER		
COURSE CODE	COURSE PAPER	CREDITS
PHI - 541	Geeta Darshan	3+0
PHI - 542	Buddhist Philosophy	3+0
PHI - 543	Advaita Vedanta	3+0
PHI - 544	Project & Viva-Vice	0+3
	TOTAL CREDITS	09+3=12

M.A. – Philosophy

PAPER-01 Indian Epistemology & Metaphysics 3+0 (PHI – 511)

UNIT-1

General Characteristics of Indian Philosophy, Astika and Nastika system, The doctrines of rebirth and Karma.

Carvaka : Pratyaksha as the only pramana, critique of anumana and dharma and moksa.

UNIT-2

Jainism: Concept of reality -sat, anekantavada syadvada and nayavada.

Buddhism: Four noble truths, astangamarga, nirvana, pratityasomutpasa, anatmavada.

UNIT-3

Nyaya : Nayaya theory of four parmanas; Partyaksha, Anumana, Upamana and Sabda, Prama and aprama, pramanya and apramanya pramana : pratyaksha nirvikalpaka, savikalpaka, laukika and alaukika.

UNIT-4

Samkhya : Satkaryavada, nature of purusa and prakrti, relationship between purusa and prakrti.

Yoga: Patanjali's concept of citta and citta-vrtti, eight-fold path of yoga the role of God in yoga.

UNIT-5

Vedanta: Advaita - Shankara's Avidya., Visistadvaita; Ramanuja's refutation of Shankara's theory of Avidya.

Books Recommended:

1. D.M. Dutta, The Six Ways of Knowing
2. Dr. Radhakrishnan- Indian Philosophy Vol. I and II
3. Swami Satprakashananda- Method of Knowledge
- 4 Prof. H.S.Upadhaya- Bhartiye Darshan.
- 5 Dr. C.D.Sharma - Bhartiye Darshan.
- 6.R. Malkani- Metaphysics of Advaita Vedanta

PAPER-02

**Greek Philosophy
(PHI – 512)**

3+0

UNIT-1

Early Greek philosophers,
Plato and Aristotle Ionians, Pythagoras, Parmenides, Heraclitus and Democritus
The Sophists and Socrates .

UNIT-2

Plato - Theory of knowledge, knowledge (episteme) and opinion (doxa), theory of ideas, soul and God.

UNIT-3

Aristotle - Classification of the sciences the theoretical , critique of Plato's theory and from the matter and actuality soul and God.

UNIT-4

St. Augustine - Problem of evil.
St. Anselm - Ontological argument.

UNIT-5

St. Thomas Aquinas - Faith and reason, essence and existence, the existence of God.

Books Recommended:

1. Daya Krishna (Edited) Paschatya Darshan Granth Academy, Jaipur.
2. Taylor, A. E., Elements of Metaphysics, Methun & /co. Ltd. London: 1961. (also, Hindi translation entitled Tattva Mimamsa by Sudhinsdra Verma, Hindi Samiti, Lucknow: 1967)
3. Sinha S.B. P. Metaphysics: Past and Present, Darshan Peeth, Allahabad 1981
4. Aristotle, Metaphysics: English Translation by J. A. Smith and W.D. Ross. Oxford: 1908.
5. Collingwood, R.G., An Essay on Metaphysics, Oxford: 1948.
6. Fuller, History of Philosophy.
- 7 Bahm, A.J. Metaphysics – An Introduction Harper 7 Row, New York, 1974.
8. Walsh, W.H. Metaphysics, 1963.

PAPER-03 Indian Ethics
(PHI – 513)

3+0

UNIT-1

Nature, definition and Area of Ethics.
Relations of the others subjects of Ethics.

UNIT-2

Ethics of Bhagwatgeeta : Niskama karam, lokasangraha and Swadharma.
Ethics of Buddhism: four Noble truths. Pratitya Samutpada, Ksanikvada, Nairatmyavada, Pancasila.

UNIT-3

Human values: Good, right, and duty, Purusarthas, duty and obligation.
Cardinal virtues.

UNIT-4

Ethics of Mahatma Gandhi: Conception of knowledge, truth and love and their relationship, moral foundations of good life: Dharma, Swaraj, Satyagraha and ahimsa, trusteeship, sarvodaya, panchyati raj.

UNIT-5

Ethics of Dr. Ambedkar : Varna and the caste system, Caste Discrimination, Neo-Buddhism.

Books Recommended:

S.K.Maitra – The Ethics of Hindu.
Prof. H.N.Mishra- Bhartiye Neetshastra
Shri Aurobindo- Essays on the Geeta.
R.Parsad- Karma Causation and Retributive Morality.

PAPER-04

**Modern Logic
(PHI – 514)**

3+0

UNIT-1

Nature and definition of Logic.
Types of Logic, Difference between deduction and induction

UNIT-2

Truth and validity.
Formal and informal fallacies.

UNIT-3

Proposition and its nature, definition and types (Categorical, Hypothetical and injunction).
Structure of categorical syllogism, figures and moods, van diagram, rules and fallacies.

UNIT-4

Square of opposition.
Symbolic logic - Truth function and truth table

UNIT-5

Laws of thoughts.
Mills methods.

Books Recommended:

1. Copi, I.M. An Introduction to Logic
2. Stebbing. A Modern Introduction to Logic
3. Cohen & Nagel. Logic and Scientific Methods Edit. By Prof. Gayatri Sinha
4. Dr. Bankelal Sharma. Introduction to Logic
5. I.C. Sharma. Ethical Philosophies of India
- 6 Ram Murti Pathak- Tarkshastra ke Sidhant
- 7 Avinash Tiwari - Tarkshastra ka Parichay

**PAPER-01 Contemporary Indian Philosophy
(PHI – 521)**

3+0

UNIT-1

Vivekananda - Practical vedanta, universal religion.
Aurobindo - Evolution, mind and super mind integral yoga.

UNIT-2

Iqbal - Self, God, man and superman.
Tagore - Religion of man, ideas on education.

UNIT-3

K.C. Bhattacharyya - Concept of philosophy. Subject as freedom, the doctrine of maya .
S.Radhakrishnan - Intellect and intuition, the idealist view of life.

UNIT-4

J Krishnamurti - Freedom from the known, analysis of self.
Mahatma Gandhi - Non-violence, satyagraha, swaraj, critique of modern civilization.

UNIT-5

Dr. Ambedkar - Varna and the caste system, Caste Discrimination, Neo-Buddhism.

1. D.M. Dutta – The Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy
2. T.M. P. Mahadevan and C.V. Saroja- Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Madras 1985
3. V.S. Narvane- Modern Indian Thought, Bombay – 1964
4. M. Chattarjee – Contemporary Indian Philosophy
5. Basant Kumar Lal- Contemporary Indian Philosophy- 1985
6. R.S. Shrivastav- Contemporatry Indian Philosophy
7. Complete Works of Swami Vivekanand- Calcutta, Advaita Ashrama, 1990
8. Tagore- The religion of Man
9. M.K. Gandhi – Hind Swaraj
10. D.M. Dutta- The Philosophy of M.K. Gandhi
11. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan- An Idealist View of Life
12. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan – Hindu View of Life

**PAPER-02 Modern Western Philosophy
(PHI – 522)**

3+0

UNIT-1

Descartes: Conception of method and the need for method in philosophy, criterion of truth, doubt and methodological scepticism, the cogito-intuition, proofs for the existence of God.

UNIT-2

Spinoza: Substance; Attribute and mode, the concept of 'God or Nature', the mind-body problem, three orders of knowing.

UNIT-3

Leibniz: Monadology, proofs for the existence of God, problem of freedom and philosophy.

UNIT-4

Locke: Refutation of innate ideas, theory of knowledge, three grades of knowledge.

Berkeley: Rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, God and self.

UNIT-5

Hume: Impressions and ideas knowledge concerning relations of ideas and knowledge concerning matters of fact.

Kant: The idea of critical philosophy.

Books Recommended:

1. Dr.H.S.Upadhaya - Western Philosophy (Hindi).
2. N. Rescher. Coherence Theory of Truth.
3. J Hintikka. Knowledge and Belief.
4. R.M. Chicholm. Theory of Knowledge.
5. Dr. Harishankar Upadhyay: Basic Questions of Epistemology (Hindi)
6. Dr. Chandradhar Sharma: Western Philosophy (Hindi).
- 7 S.B. P. Metaphysics: Past and Present, Darshan Peeth, Allahabad 1981
- 8 Collingwood, R.G., An Essay on Metaphysics, Oxford: 1948.
- 9 Fuller, History of Philosophy.

**PAPER-03 Symbolic Logic
(PHI – 523)**

3+0

UNIT-1

Nature and definition of logic.

Deduction and induction logic.

UNIT-2

Symbolic logic - Importance of symbols, simple and compound statements, truth function and truth tables, tautology contradiction and contingent statements.

UNIT-3

Argument and argument form, truth table.

UNIT-4

Quantification and its definition, rules of quantification.

UNIT-5

Proving validity.

Decision procedures.

Books Recommended:

1. Copi, I.M. An Introduction to Logic
2. Stebbing. A Modern Introduction to Logic
3. Cohen & Nagel. Logic and Scientific Methods Edit. By Prof. Gayatri Sinha
4. Dr. Bankelal Sharma. Introduction to Logic
5. I.C. Sharma. Ethical Philosophies of India
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- 7 Avinash Tiwari - Tarkshastra ka Parichay

**PAPER-04 Western Ethics
(PHI – 524)**

3+0

UNIT-1

Introduction of Western Ethics and their place of Ethics.

Definition of Ethics, Relation of Ethics to Religion and Politics.

UNIT-2

Hedonism; Psychological and Ethical Hedonism, Egoistic and Altruistic, Proofs for Hedonism and Utilitarianism, Bentham, Mill and Sedgwick's contributions to Hedonism.

UNIT-3

Utilitarianism: Mill, Bentham

Evolutionary of the Spencer, Leslie Stephen and S. Alexander, Relation between the individual and society

UNIT-4

Perfectionism: Perfectionism as a system of idealistic and as synthesis of Egoism and Altruism, Bradley's of my station and its duties.

UNIT-5

Theories of punishment.

Ethics of Kant.

Books Recommended:

- 1) The Moral Law- H.J. Paton
- 2) Principia Ethica- G.E. Moore
- 3) Traditional and Contemporary ethics- Western and Indian – Prof. H.M. Joshi.

PAPER-01 Philosophy of Religion
(PHI – 531)

3+0

UNIT-1

Introduction of Religion Philosophy and their place of Human life.
Notions of God: Attributes; Relation to Man and the World. (Indian and Western.)

UNIT-2

Proofs for the Existence of God and their Critique (Indian and Western)
Problem of Evil.
Soul: Immortality: Rebirth and Liberation.

UNIT-3

Bondage and Liberation
Religious tolerance and secularism.

UNIT-4

Reason, Revelation and Faith.
Religious Experience: Nature and Object (Indian and Western)

UNIT-5

Religion and Morality.
Religious Pluralism and Problem of Absolute Truth.

Recommended Books;

V.P.Verma- Philosophy of Religion (Hindi)

1. John Hick- Philosophy of Religion
2. W.C. Smith- Meaning and end of Religion
3. S.P. Dubey – On Religion
4. W. James – Varieties of Religious Experiences

PAPER-02 Socio-Political Philosophy
(PHI – 532)

3+0

UNIT-1

Introduction of Socio-Political Philosophy and their Importance of Human life.

Social and Political Ideals : Equality, Justice, Liberty, Scientific temper.

Sovereignty: Austin, Bodin, Laski, Kautilya.

UNIT-2

Individual and State : Rights; duties and Accountability. .

Political Ideologies: Anarchism ; Marxism and Socialism.

UNIT-3

Humanism; Secularism; Multiculturalism.

Crime and punishment: Corruption, Mass Violence, Genocide, Capital Punishment.

UNIT-4

Development and Social Progress.

Gender Discrimination: Female Foeticide, Land and Property Rights; Empowerment.

UNIT-5

Caste Discrimination: Gandhi and Ambedkar.

Marriage, Family and gender equality.

Recommended Books

1. Ram Murti Pathak- Social & Political Philosophy (Hindi)
2. M.K. Gandhi – Hind Swaraj
3. Earnest Gellner – Political Theory and the Modern State
4. P.C. Joshi – Secularism and Development, The Indian Experiment

PAPER-03

**Kant Philosophy
(PHI – 533)**

3+0

UNIT-1

Introduction of Kant Philosophy and their place in western Philosophy
Rationalism and Empiricism: The critical philosophy.

UNIT-2

Classification of judgments, possibility of synthetic a priori judgments, the Copernican revolution, forms of sensibility.

UNIT-3

Categories of understanding, the metaphysical and the transcendental deduction of the categories, phenomenon and noumenon, the ideas of Reason-soul.

UNIT-4

Space and Time.
God and world as a whole, freedom and immortality, rejection of speculative metaphysics.

UNIT-5

Critique of proofs for the Existence of God.

Books Recommended:

S.L.Pandey – Philosophy of Kant

**PAPER-04 Contemporary Western Philosophy
(PHI – 534)**

3+0

UNIT-1

Introduction of Contemporary western Philosophy and their place of Philosophy
Hegel: concepts of being, non- being and becoming.

UNIT-2

Nietzsche: Critique of western culture, will to power
Moore: Refutation of idealism, defence of commonsense.

UNIT-3

Russell: Refutation of idealism, logic as the essence of philosophy
Pragmatism: William James.

UNIT-4

Heidegger: Being and nothingness, man as being-in-the-world.

UNIT-5

Logical Positivism: A.J. Ayer.
Existentialism: Kierkegaard and Sartre.

Books Recommended:

1. Language Truth & Logic- by A.J. Ayer
2. The Concept of Mind- by Gilbert Ryle
3. Six Existentialist thinkers –by H.S. Blakam
4. Existentialism and Humanism- by J.P. Sartre
5. The Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy – by D.M. Dutta
6. The Nature of Mind by Prof. J. P. Shukla
7. Wittgenstein- by D. N. Dwivedi

PAPER-01 Geeta Darshan
(PHI – 541)

3+0

Unit-1

The Nature of Geetadarshan, Importance of Geeta Philosophy in Present Time, Special reference with Personality Development & Time management, Main Subject of Geeta.

Unit-2

Tattava Mimamsa, Gyan Mimamsa, Karma Mimamsa, Bhakti Mimamsa & Srishti Mimamsa, as Described in Geeta.

Unit-3

Explanation of Yoga According to Geeta, Synthesis of Pravritti & Nivritti.

Unit-4

Interpretation of Geeta by Different Philosophers- Tilak, Gandhi .

Unit-5

Shri Aurobindo, Dr. Radhakrishnan, Dr, Anni Besant.

Recommended Books;

1. Tilak -Geeta Rahasya ,Choukhamba Prakashan
2. Mahatma Gandhi - Geeta Mata , Nav Jiwan Publication
3. Shri Aurobindo - Geeta Prabandh , Ashram, Pondicherry
4. Dr. Radhakrishnan - Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta

PAPER-02 Buddhist Philosophy
(PHI – 542)

3+0

UNIT-1

Introduction of Buddhist Ethics and their place of Philosophy.
Four noble truths: dukh, dukh samudaya, dukh nirodh, dukh nirodh marg.

UNIT-2

The ideal of Bodhisattva.
Pratityasamutpada .

UNIT-3

Nirvana, Panch sheel.

UNIT-4

Ksanadhangavada .
Anatmavada.

UNIT-5

Schools of Buddhism: Vaibhasika , Sautrantika , Yogacara , Madhyamika.

UNIT-1

Introduction of Advaita Vedanta.

Brahman: Definition and interpretations, distinction between saguna and nirguna.

UNIT-2

Maya: its nature, argument for and against maya.

Atman: its nature, relation between atman and brahman.

UNIT-3

Jiwa: interpretation of mahavakyas, e.g. Tat tvam asi.

Moksha: Nature and types, marg or sadhana.

UNIT-4

Roles played by jnana, karma and bhakti, different conceptions of bhakti.

Theories of causation.

UNIT-5

Brahman as the cause of the world.

Theories of khyatis.

Recommended Books;

1. S.S. Roy - The Heritage of Shankara .
2. T.M.P. Mahadevan - Study in Early Advaita
3. V. Bhattacharya - Agam Shastra of Goudapada
4. G. C. Pandey - Life of Thought of Shankaracharya

PAPER-04 Project & Viva-Voce

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(PHI – 544)

Candidate has to write a project on the topic of Philosophy with the approval of the Committee of the Department of Philosophy. Each candidate will be allotted one supervisor who will guide the candidate in completing his/her project. There will be 50-60 pages in this research work. Each candidate has to face Viva Voce also.