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Honours Course in Philosophy

Part I

Paper I & Paper II

Paper I Classical Indian Philosophy

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes: 100

Divison of Classes

(4) 1. Distinctive features of Indian Philosophy. **(6)** 2. Vedic and Upanisadic World Views: Vedic concepts of Rta and Rna; Upanisadic concept of Brahman. **(5)** 3. Carvaka School: Its epistemology, metaphysics and ethics. (10)4. Jainism: Concepts of sat, dravya, guna, paryaya, jiva and ajiva; Anekantavada, Syadvada and Saptabhangi Naya; Bondage and Liberation. (12)5. Buddhism Theory of dependent origination (pratityasamutpada); The four noble truths (Four arya satyas); Doctrine of momentariness (Ksana-bhanga-vada); Doctrine of no-soul (Nairatmyavada); Interpretation of these theories in Vaibhasika, Sautrantika, Yogacara and Madhyamika schools of Buddhism. (15)6. Nyaya : Four *pramanas*; Causation : *asatkaryavada*; Three kinds of causes: samavayi, asamavayi and nimitta; The individual self and its liberation; The idea of God and proofs for His existence. (14)7. Vaisesika : Vaisesika system as samana-tantra; Seven padarthas; Paramanuvada; Vaisesika rejection of Upamana and Sabda as independent pramanas. (8) 8. Samkhya: Causation: satkaryavada; Prakrti: its constituents; Proofs for the existence of Prakrti; Purusa: its nature and arguments for its existence; Theory of evolution; (6)9. Yoga: Citta, Citta-bhumi and Citta-vrtti; Eightfold path (Astanga Yoga); The God of Yoga. (5) 10. Purva Mimamsa: Notions of *jnatata*, *abhava* and *anupalabdhi*. 11. Advaita Vedanta : Nirguna Brahman ; Adhyasa; Vivartavada; (10)Maya; Three grades of sattva; Jiva and Jagat; Jivanmukti. (5)

Refutation of Maya;

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: Saguna Brahman;

Parinamavada; Jiva; Rejection of Jivanmukti.

12. Visistadvaita

Suggested Readings:

M. Hiriyanna: Outlines of Indian Philosophy

Chandradhar Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy

S. N. Dasgupta: A History of Indian Philosophy (Vols 1-4)

D.M. Dutta & S.C. Chatterjee: Introduction to Indian Philosophy

J. N. Sinha: Indian Philosophy (Vols 1-4)

Samiran Chandra Chakraborti: The concept of Purusarthas

Nabanarayan Bandyopadhaya(ed.): Ancient Indian Views on Truth and Falsity.

Satyajyoti Chakraborty Sayan Madhaviya Sarba Darsana Samgraha

(translated and elucidated): (in Bengali) Vol I & II

Pradyot Kumar Mandal : Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali)

Deepak Kumar Bagchi: Bharatiya Darsan (in Bengali)

Jogiraj Basu: Veder Parichay (in Bengali)

Panchanan Sastri: Carvaka Darsanam (in Bengali)

Dakshina Ranjan Sastri: Carvaka Darsan (in Bengali)

Debiprasad Chattopadhyay: Bharatiya Darsane Bastubad (in Bengali)

Satish Chandra Nyayacharya: Jaina Darsaner Digdarsan (in Bengali)

Panchanan Sastri : Bauddha Darsanam (in Bengali)

Karuna Bhattacharya : Nyaya-Vaisesika Darsan (in Bengali)

Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyay : Nyaya-Tattva Parikrama (in Bengali)

Pradyot Kumar Mandal: Vaisesika Darsan (in Bengali)

Bidhubhusan Bhattacharya : Samkhya Darsaner Vivarana (in Bengali)

Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya Sastri : Sad-Darsan : Yoga (in Bengali)

Bhutnath Saptatirtha: *Mimamsa Darsanam* (in Bengali)

Rina Roy: Pravakar Mimamsay Praman O Prameya (in

Bengali).

Rama Chowdhury: Vedanta Darsan (in Bengali)

Swami Viswarupananda (ed.): Vedanta Darsanam – Vol. I (in Bengali)

<u>Paper – II</u> History of Western Philosophy

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes: 100

Division of Classes

1. **Introduction**: The nature of philosophical progress (Falckenbarg: **(5)** *History of Modern Philosophy*, Pp. 1-6) 2. **PLATO**: Theory of knowledge; Theory of Forms **(8)** 3. **ARISTOTLE**: Critique of Plato's Theory of Forms; Theory of Causation; (10)Form and Matter 4. **DESCARTES**: Methodical doubt; Criterion of Truth; Cogito Ergo Sum; (13)Sum Res Cogitans; Types of ideas; God: Nature, proof of His existence; Mind and Body; The Cartesian Circle. 5. **SPINOZA**: Substance; Attributes and Modes; God=Nature=Substance; (10)Pantheism; Mind-Body Problem; Necessity. 6. **LEIBNITZ**: Monadology; Doctrine of Pre-established Harmony; Truths (10)of Reason and Truths of Fact; God: Nature, and Proofs for His existence; Freedom, Possibility and Evil. 7. **LOCKE**: Refutation of innate ideas; Classification of ideas; (10)Knowledge and its grades; Substance and its qualities. 8. BERKELEY: Rejection of abstract general ideas; Rejection of the (10)distinction between primary and secondary qualities; Immaterialism, esse est aut percipereaut. 9. **HUME** :Psychological method; Impressions and Ideas; Judgements (12)concerning relations of ideas; Judgements concerning matters of fact; Idea of causation; Free will and determinism; Humean scepticism 10. **KANT**: Conception of Critical Philosophy; Copernican revolution in (12)philosophy; Classification of judgements: Analytic, Synthetic, a priori, a posteriori; Possibility of synthetic a priori judgments.

Suggested Readings:

W.T. Stace : A Critical History of Greek Philosophy

F.C. Copleston: A History of Philosophy (Vol. iv – vi)

D.G.O' Connor (ed.): A Critical History of Western Philosophy

S.S. Barlingay & Padma Kulkarni: A Critical History of Western Philosophy

R. Falckenberg: History of Modern Philosophy

C.R. Morris: Locke Berkeley Hume

B. Russell : A History of Western Philosophy

Jonathan Bennett: Locke, Berkeley and Hume

John Cottingham: The Rationalists (Oxford, 1988)

R.S. Woolhouse: The Empiricists (Oxford, 1988)

J.L. Ackrill : Aristotle The Philosopher

Jonathan Barnes : Aristotle : A Very Short Introduction

(Oxford University Press)

Tom Sorell: Descartes: A Very Short Introduction

(Oxford University Press)

Roger Scruton: Spinoza: A Very Short Introduction

(Oxford University Press)

G.M. Ross: Leibniz (Oxford, 1984)

J. Dunn: John Locke (Oxford, 1984)

K.P. Winkler: Berkeley: An Interpretation (Oxford, 1989)

A.J. Ayer: Hume: A Very Short Introduction

(Oxford University Press)

Roger Scruton: Kant: A Very Short Introduction

(Oxford University Press)

Rasvihary Das: A Handbook to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason

Chandrodaya Bhattacharya : Paschatya Darsaner Itihas

(2 Vols.) [in Bengali]

Swapna Sarkar: Paschatya Darsan Samiksa [in Bengali]

Samarendra Bhattacharya : Paschatya Darsaner Itihas [in Bengali]

Prahlad Sarkar (ed.): Rene Descartes-er Darsan [in Bengali]

Prahlad Sarkar (ed.): Locke Berkeley Hume –

Abhijnatabader Tin Pathikrit [in Bengali]

Prahlad Sarkar (ed.): Kant-er Darson [in Bengali]

Rasvihary Das: Kant-er Darsan [in Bengali]

Satrujit Dasgupta & Paschatya Darsaner Itihas [in Bengali]

Sharmistha Roy (Tr.): (A Bengali translation of Russell's

A History of Western Philosophy)

Honours Course in Philosophy

PART II

PAPER III & PAPER IV

Paper III

Philosophy of Mind & Political Philosophy

(Candidates are to answer 6 questions, taking 3 from each group)

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes: 100

Group A: Philosophy of Mind

Full Marks: 50

No. of Classes: 50

Recommended Text:

Shaffer, J.A.: Philosophy of Mind

(Chapters I, 3, 4, & 5)

References:

Arabinda Basu &

Nibedita Chakraborty: Manodarsan

(A translation in Bengali of Shaffer's Philosophy

of Mind)

Kumar Mitra: Karta, Kriya O Karma

Group B : Political Philosophy **Full Marks : 50**

No. of Classes: 50

Division of Classes

1. State as an Institution: Plato and Aristotle; Hobbes, Locke and (25)

Rousseau, Hegel and Marx.

2. Rabindranath Tagore on Nationalism. (10)

3. Gandhi on the Concepts of Swaraj, Satyagraha, and Sarvodaya. (15)

References:

D. D. Raphael: Problems of Political Philosophy

Kymlicka, W: Contemporary Political Philosophy, An

Introduction (Oxford, 1990)

Wolff, J: An Introduction to Political Philosophy

(Oxford, 1996)

Tagore's Speech entitled 'Nationalism'

Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay: Rastra Darsaner Dhara

Amalendu Mukhopadhyay : Samajik O Rajnaitik Tattver Niti

Shovanlal Duttagupta 7

Dilip Kumar Chattopadhyay : Adhunik Rastriya Matabader Bhumika

(A Bengali translation of Joad's An Introduction

to Modern Political Theory)

Nirmal Kumar Sen: Rastrachintar Itihas

Partha Chattopadhyay: Rastra O Praja

(Anustup Publication)

[for Tagore's views on Nationalism].

M. K. Gandhi: Hind Swaraj.

Paper IV

WESTERN LOGIC

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes:100

Recommended Text:

1. M. Copi & Karl Cohen: Introduction to Logic

(11th Edition)

Chapters: 5 — 14.4

References:

Indra Kumar Roy: Pratiki Nyaya (in Bengali)

Indra Kumar Roy: Vidheya Nyaya (in Bengali)

Ramaprasad Das : Navya Yuktibijnan [Vol. 1—4] (in Bengali)

Honours Course in Philosophy

PART III

PAPERS V, VI, VII & VIII

<u>Paper V</u> Indian Logic & Epistemology

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes:100

Recommended Text: Tarkasamgraha with Dipika

— Annambhatta

From Sarvavyavah ra heturgunah buddhirjñ nam to smrtirapi dvividh yath rtha ayath rtha ceti.

References:

Gopinath Bhattacharya (Translated and Elucidated): Tarkasamgraha

— Dipika on Tarkasamgraha

Chandrodaya Bhattacharya: Elements of Indian Logic & Epistemology

S. Kupuswami Sastri : A Primer of Indian Logic

Narayan Chandra Goswami : Tarkasamgraha — Adhyapana Sahitah

(in Bengali)

Panchanan Sastri : Tarkasamgraha (in Bengali)

Kanailal Poddar : Tarkasamgraha (in Bengali)

Indira Mukhopadhyay : Annambhatta-Krita Tarkasamgraha O

Taraksamgraha Dipika (A Bengali translation of

the English exposition made by Sri Gopinath

Bhattacharya)

Paper VI

Philosophical Analysis

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes:100

Recommended Text:

John Hospers: An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

(First Indian Edition)

Chapters: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8

References:

Ramaprasad Das: Darshanik Jijnasa (in Bengali)

Samari Kumar Samanta: Darshanik Bishlesaner

Ruparekha (Vol 1 & 2) (in Bengali)

Dikshit Gupta: Bishlesani Darsaner Bhumika (in Bengali)

Rabindranath Das: Darshanik Bishlesaner Bhumika (in Bengali)

Paper VII

Ethics (Eastern and Western)

(Candidates are to answer 6 questions, taking 3 from each group)

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes: 100

Group A: (Indian Ethics)

Full Marks: 50 No. of Classes: 50

Division of Classes I. Introduction; Concerns and presuppositions; Theory of Karma. (10)Niskama Karma. 2. Dharma: Its meaning and definition, Savadharma, S dharana (15)srama Dharma, varn sramadharma, Vidhi; Nisedha; Dharma. Arthavada. **(7)** 3. Purusarthas and their interrelations **(5)** 4. Buddhist ethics: Pancasila 5. Jaina ethics: Anuvratas and Mahavratas, Triatna **(7)** 6. Ideal of Islam **(6)**

Group B: (Western Ethics)

Full Marks : 50 No. of Classes :50

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Division of Classes

- I. The nature of ethics or moral philosophy; The nature of morality; Factors in morality; Kinds of normative judgment. (12)
- 2. Teleological and Deontological theories of ethics; Ethical egoism; Psychological egoism; Act-deontological theories; Rule-deontological theories; Kant's theory.
- 3. Utilitarianism : Act-utilitarianism; General Utilitarianism; Rule utilitarianism. (11)
- 4. Moral and non-moral sense of 'good'; Morality and cultivation (12) of traits; Ethics of Virtue.

References (Group A):

I.C. Sharma: The Ethical Philosophy of India

Samiran Chandra Chakraborty: The Concept of Purusarthas

Darjananda Vargava: Jaina Ethics

Stevenson: The Heart of Jainism

Syed Ameer Ali: The Spirit of Islam (English and Bengali Version)

Laugaksibh skara: Arthasamgraha (Edited by Swami Bhargananda)

References (Group B):

Willaim K. Frankena: Ethics (Chapters I, 2, 3 & 4)

Fred Feldman: Introductory Ethics

(Prentice Hall Inc., 1978)

W. Lillie: An Introduction to Ethics

Somnath Chakraborty: Nitividyar Tattvakatha

Mrinal Kanti Bhadra: Nitividya

(A Bengali Translation of William

K. Frankena's *Ethics*)

Samarendra Sengupta : Nitividya

Dikshit Gupta: Nitividya

Paper VIII

Special Texts

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes:100

The Candidate will choose any one text from Group A and any one from Group B.

Group A

Full Marks: 50

No. of Classes:50

I. Sadananda Yogindra: Vedantasara

Or

Dharmakirti: Nyayabindu

Group B

Full Marks: 50 No. of Classes: 50

Hume: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding.

Or

Jeffrey, R: Formal Logic: Its Scope and limits (First

Edition)

Chapters 1-6 (Upto Quantification)

General Course in Philosophy

Part I

Paper I

PART – I

<u>Paper I</u> <u>Logic (Indian and Western)</u>

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes: 100

Group A (Indian Logic)

Full Marks: 50 No. of Classes: 50

Division of Classes

Nature of anum na, paksa,sS dhya,hetu. (7)
 vy pti, vy ptigraha, par marsa. (13)
 sv rth numiti, par rth numiti, keval nvayi, kevalavyatireki and anvaya-vayatireki anumiti. (12)
 hetv bh sa. (18)

Group B (Western Logic)

Full Marks: 50 No. of Classes: 50

Division of Classes

(12)

interpretation), argument: truth, validity, soundness. (4)
 Aristotelian classification of categorical proposition. Distribution of terms, Boolean interpretation of categorical proposition. (4)
 Immediate inference based on the square of opposition; conversion, obversion and contraposition. (8)
 Categorical syllogism: figure mood, rules of validity; Venn diagram

1. Introductory topics: Sentence, proposition (traditional and modern

5. Symbolic Logic : Use of Symbols. (2)

method of testing validity; Fallacies.

6. Truth-Functions : negation, conjunction, disjunction, implication,

equivalence (2)

- 7. Tautology, Contradiction, Contingent; Construction of Tru th Table. (5)
- 8. Using Truth Tables for testing the validity of arguments; TestingStatement forms as Tautology, contradiction and contingent. (6)
- **9.** Cause: Mill's Methods of Experimental enquiry. (7)

Suggested Readings:

C. Bhattacharya : Elements of Indian Logic and Epistemology.

S. S. Barlingay : A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic.

S.C. Chatterjee : The Ny ya Theory of Knowledge.

Gopinath Bhattacharya : Tarka Samgraha with Dipika

(Elucidated)

Indira Mukhopadhyay : Tarka SaMgraha with Dipika

(Translated)

Kanailal Poddar (ed.) : Tarka Samgraha with Dipika

I.N. Copi : Introduction to Logic (latest Ed.)

Indra Kumar Roy : Pratiki Ny ya

Rama Prasad Das : Paschatya Darsan O Juktivijnan

General Course in Philosophy Part II

Paper II & Paper III

PART - II

<u>Paper – II</u> Ethics (Indian & Western) and Psychology

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes: 100

GROUP A (Part I : Indian Ethics)

Full Marks: 50 No. of Classes: 50

Division of Classes

Purus rtha (A General View)
 Karma (sak ma and Nisk ma)
 C rv ka Ethics
 Buddhist Ethics: The Four Novel Truths and the Eight -fold Path,
 Pancasila.
 Jaina Ethics: Concept of Ahims, Anubrata, Mah brata, Triratna.

(Part II: Western Ethics)

Full Marks:50 No. of Classes: 50

Division of Classes

1.	The Nature and scope of Ethics	(3)
2.	Moral and Non-Moral actions.	(3)
3.	Object of Moral judgment.	(3)
4.	Teleological Ethics: Utilitarianism, Hedonism.	(5)
5.	Deontological Ethics : Kant.	(5)
6.	Theories of Punishment.	(6)

GROUP B (Psychology)

Full Marks :50 No. of Classes :50

Division of Classes

- Sensation: What is sensation? Attributes of sensation;
 Weber-Fechner Law.
- 2. Perception: What is perception? The relation between sensation and perception; The Gestalt Theory of perception. (8)
- **3.** Memory: factors of memory; Laws of association; Forgetfulness. (8)
- **4.** Consciousness : Different levels of consciousness; Evidence for the unconscious; Ferud's theory of dream. (12)
- 5. Learning: The trial and error theory; the Gestalt theory;Pavlov's conditioned reflex theory. (8)
- **6.** Intelligence : Measurement of Intelligence; BinetSimon test. (8)

Suggested Readings:

Bhagvad Git : Relivant Chapters.

I.C. Sharma : Ethical Philosophies of India.

S. K. Maitra : The Ethics of the Hindus.

Surama Dasgupta : Development of Moral Philosophy of India.

W. Frankena : Ethics.

W. Lillie : An Introduction to Ethics.S.C. Chatterjee : Fundamentals of Hinduism.

Somnath Chakraborty : Nitividy r tattvakath

Samarendra Bhattacharya : Nitividya

Night & Night : An Introduction to Psychology

Pritibhusan Chattopadhyay : Manovidya Ira Sengupta : Manovidya Jagadishwar Sanyal : Manovidya

<u>Paper – III</u> <u>Epistemology and Metaphysics (Indian and Western)</u>

Full Marks :- 100 No. of Classes :- 100

Group A (Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics)

Full Marks :- 50 No. of Classes : - 50

Division of Classes

C rv ka Epistemology: - Pratyaksa as the only source of knowledge; refutation of Anum na and abda Pram nas. (6)
 C rv ka Materialism. (4)
 Ny ya Epistemology: Pratyaksa, Upam na and abda. (10)
 Jaina view of Nyaya and Sy dv da. (5)
 Buddhist view of Patitya Samudp da, Universal Flux, Nair tmyav da. (6)
 Vaisesika Metaphysics: Seven Pad rthas, Param nuv da. (12)
 Advaita Metaphysics: Brahman, M y, Relation of Jiva and Brahman (Sankara and R m nuja). (7)

Group B(Western Epistemology and Metaphysics)

Full Marks :- 50 No. of Classes :- 50

Division of Classes

- Knowledge: Definition and kinds: Propositional knowledge
 its necessary and sufficient conditions; knowing how and
 knowing that; knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by
 description. (15)
- **2.** Sources of knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism, Kant's theory. (8)
- 3. Nature of Knowledge : Realism, Naive Realism, ScientificRealism, Subjective Idealism (Berkeley). (10)
- **4.** Causality: The Regularity and the entailment theory of causation. (7)
- 5. Mind-Body Problem: Interactionism, Parallelism and Identity theory.(10)

Suggested Readings:

S.C. Chatterjee : The *Ny ya* Theory of Knowledge.

S.K. Maitra : Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics and

logic.

N.Hiriy nn : Outlines of Indian Philosophy

S.C.Chatterjee and D.M. : An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.

Dutta

C.D. Sharma : A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.

Pradyot Kumar Mandal : Bh ratiya Dar an.

Dipak Bagchi : Bh ratiya Dar an.

John Hospers : An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis.

A.C. Ewing : Fundamental Questions of Philosophy.

Ram Chandra Pal : Darsan Parichaya.

Ramaprasad Das : Paschatya Darsan O Juktibijnan.

Devika Saha : Darsanik Samasyabali.

General Course in Philosophy Part III

Paper IV

PART III

Paper IV Philosophy of Religion and Social and Political Philosophy

Full Marks: 100 No. of Classes: 100

Group A (Philosophy of Religion)

Full Marks: 50 No. of Classes: 50

Division of Classes

1.	Nature and anthropological Origin of Religion (Galloway).	(14)
2.	Arguments for the Existence of God (Hick)	(12)
3.	Arguments against the Existence of God (Hick)	(12)
4.	Jn na, Karma, Bhakti and Yoga as Moksa-m rgas. (Git)	(12)

GROUP B (Social and Political Pilosophy)

Full Maks: 50 No. of Classes: 50

Division of Classes

1.	Nature and scope of social and political philosophy.	(4)
2.	Individual, Society, Community, State, Nation.	(12)
3.	Social Institutions: Family, Marriage, Property, Education and	
	Religion.	(17)
4.	Political Ideologies : Democracy its different forms : Utopian	
	and Scientific; Sarvodaya.	(17)

Suggested Readings:

Bhagvad Git : Relevant Chapters

Galloway : Philosophy of Religion

John Hick : Philosophy of Religion

Gisbert : Fundamentals of Sociology

N.V. Joshi : Social and Political Philosophy

A.K. Sinha : Outlines of Social Philosophy

G.R. Madan : Theoretical Sociology

D.D. Raphael : Problems of Political Philosophy

K.G. Mashruwalla : Gandhi and Marx

K. Roy &C. Gupta (ed.) : Essays in Social and Political Philosophy

Rabindranath Das : Dharmadarsan

Susil Kumar Chakraborti : Dharmadarsan