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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY
CURRICULUM FOR PHILOSOPHY

(HONOURS COURSE)

PART - I
PAPER-I : FULL MARKS – 100

(University Examination 90 + Internal Assessment by college 10)

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
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[Lecture on each system must start with a brief outline of its origin and development]

Group-A (Full Marks 50)

Unit-I

1. Basic features of Indian Philosophy 02
2. Cārvāka: *Pratyaksaikapramānavāda; Materialism; Bhūtacaitanyavāda – Dehātmavāda, Indriẏātmavāda, Pranātmavāda and Manātmavāda; Ethics* 07
3. *Bauddha*: *Ārya-catustaya; Pratityasamutpāda-vāda; Ksanabhangavāda; Nairātmyavāda*; Schools of Hinay*ā*na and Mahay*ā*na; Schools of M*ā*dhyamika, *Yogācāra, Vaibhāsika* and *Sautrāntika*; *Pramā* and *Pramāna; Pratyaksa* 09

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4. *Jaina*: Theory of Knowledge; *Pramāna* and *Naya*; *Syādvāda* and *Saptabhanginaya*; *Anekāntavāda*; Theory of *Jīva* and *Ajīva*, Ethics; Atheism 07

Unit-II

5. *Vaiśesika*: The Scheme of Seven categories; *Dravya; Guna; Karma; Sāmānya; Viśeså; Samavāya* and *Abhāba; Atomism* 13
6. *Nyāya*: Theory of Knowledge; *Pramā* and *Pramāna*; Detailed study of four *Pramānas*; Theory of Self; Theism; Bondage and Liberation 12

Group-B (Full Marks 50)

Unit-I

7. *Sāmkhya: Satkāryavāda; Prakrti* and the *Gunas; Purusa*; Theory of evolution. Theory of Knowledge, Bondage and Liberation 08
8. *Yoga: Citta; Cittabhumi; Cittavrtti; Cittavrttinirodha*; Practical Psychology of *Astāngayoga*; Theism 08
9. *Mīmāmsa* (Bhātta and Prābhākara): *Pramā*, *Pramāna* and *Prāmānya;* Pratyaksa; outline of different categories; Theory of Self, Ethics and Religion 09

Unit-II

10. *Advaita Vedānta of Śankara*: *Sattātraibidhyavāda; Adhyāsa; Brahman; Jagat; Maya or Avidya*; *Jīva*; *Jīva* and *Brahman*; Bondage and Liberation of Jīva; *Pramā* and *Pramāna*; *Pratyaksa* 10
11. *Visistadvaitavāda of Ramānuja*: Brahman; *Jagat*; Refutation of Advaita doctrine of *Māyā*; *Jīva*; Brahman and *Jīva*; *Pramā*, *Pramāna* and *Pratyaksa*; Bondage and Liberation of Jīva 10

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12. Other schools of Vedānta (Brief outline): Dvaita Vedānta of Madhva; Dvaitādvaita Vedānta of Nimbārka; Suddhādvaita Vedānta of Vallabha; Achintyabhedābheda Vedānta of Śri Chaitanya 05

Suggested Readings:

1. C. D. Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
2. Datta and Chatterjee: An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
3. Niradbaran Chakraborty: Bhāratīya Darshan
4. Pradyot Kumar Mondal: Bhāratīya Darshan
5. Debabrata Sen: Bhāratīya Darshan
6. Samarendra Bhattacharya: Bhāratīya Darshan
7. Dipak Kumar Bagchi: Bhāratīya Darshan
8. M. Hiriyanna: Outlines of Indian Philosophy
9. S. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy
10. S. N. Dasgupta: History of Indian Philosophy, Vol. I & Vol. II
11. Rama Choudhury: Vedānta Darshan

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Paper-II : Full Marks - 100

HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

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Group-A (Full Marks 50)
Ancient Greek Philosophy and Modern Rationalist Philosophy

Unit-I

1. Pre-Socratic Philosophy: Brief outline 03
   (Thales, Anaximander, Anaximanes, Heraclitus, Parmenides) 02
2. Socrates: Socratic Method
3. Plato: Theory of knowledge, Theory of Forms, Idea of Good and its relation to God 10
4. Aristotle: Critique of Plato's theory of Forms, Theory of Causation, Form and Matter 10

Unit-II

5. Descartes: Method of Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum, Criterion of truth; theory of Ideas, theory of substance. Argument for the Existence of God 09
6. Spinoza: Doctrine of substance, attributes and modes, Pantheism, Determinism 08
7. Leibnitz: Doctrine of monads – Pluralism, Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, Laws of Thought, Pre-established harmony 08

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Group-B (Full Marks 50)
Empiricism, Critical Philosophy and Phenomenology

Unit-I

8. Locke: Refutation of Innate Ideas, Ideas and their classification, Realism, Theory of knowledge, Concept of qualities 08
9. Berkeley: Refutation of Abstract Ideas, Rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities and Esse-Est-Percipi, The problem of solipsism 08
10. Hume: Impression and Idea and relation of ideas. Association of Ideas. Distinction between judgments concerning matters of fact; theory of causation; self and personal identity, the rejection of metaphysics, skepticism 09

Unit-II

11. Kant: Conception of critical philosophy, Distinction between a-priori and a-posteriori judgments, Distinction between analytic and synthetic judgments, Copernican Revolution, Metaphysical and Transcendental exposition of space and time 15
12. Hegel's Dielectic Method 04
13. Basic tenets of phenomenology and Existentialism 06

Suggested Readings:

1. W. T. Stace*: A Critical History of Greek Philosophy.*
2. F. Coplestone*: A History of Western Philosophy*,Vol. 1, 4, 5, 6.
3. Bertrand Russell*: History of Western Philosophy*
4. Frank Thilly*: A History of Western Philosophy*
5. Debabrata Sinha*: Phenomenology & Existentialism*

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6. Swapan Sarkar*: Astivadi Darshan O Pratibhās Vij*ñān
7. Rashbehari Das: *A Handbook to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*
8. Rashbehari Das: *Kanter Darshan*
9. A. G. Grayling (ed.): *Philosophy 1 – A Guide through the Subjects*
10. J. Bennett: Locke, Berkeley, Hume
11. D.J.O'Connor (ed.): *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*
12. J. Cottingham: *The Rationalists*
13. T. H.Irwine: *Classical Philosophy*
14. A. Kenny: *A New History of Western Philosophy* (4 Vols.)
15. B. Williams: *Descartes: The Project of Pure Enquiry*
16. S. Hamphire: *Spinoza*
17. G. H. R. Parkinson: *Leibnitz*
18. E. J. Lowe: *Locke*
19. G. Berkeley: The Works of George Berkeley T.E. Jessop & A.R. Luce (Ed.)
20. J. N. Mohanty (ed.): *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding by D. Hume*
21. B. Stroud: *Hume*
22. P. Guyer: *Kant*
23. S. Korner: *Kant*
24. R. Scruton: *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein*
25. Y. H. Masih: *A Critical History of Modern Philosophy*
26. Haldane & Ross*: The Works of Descartes* (ed.)
27. J. Locke: *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*
28. D. Hume*: A Treatise on Human Nature*
29. James Fieser and Norman Lillegard: *A Historical Introduction to Philosophy*
30. Robert C Solomon: *Introducing Philosophy (Ninth Edition)*
31. J.W. Phelan: *Philosophy* : *Themes and Thinkers*

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32. B.N.Moore & K. Bruder: *Philosophy : The Power of Ideas* (Sixth Edition)
33. R.S.Woolhouse: *The Empiricists*
34. Ramaprasad Das and Shibapada Chakraborty: *Paschatya Darshaner Ruprekha*
35. Pramod Bandhu Sengupta : *Paschatya Darshaner Itihas*
36. Kalyan Chandra Gupta : *Paschatya Darshaner Itihas*

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Part-II

Paper-III : Full Marks – 100
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PSYCHOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY OF MIND AND SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

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Group-A (Full Marks 50)
(Psychology and Philosophy of Mind)

Unit-I

1. Definition and Scope of Psychology, Methods of Psychology – Subjective, Objective and Experimental 04
2. Brain and its function – Central Nervous System 03
3. Sensation and Perception – Nature of Perception, Gestalt theory of Perception 03
4. Memory: Different types of memory, Factors of Memory, Marks of good memory, forgetfulness and its causes 05
5. Learning – Trial and error theory, Gestalt theory, Pavlov's theory of conditioned response, B. F. Skinner's theory of Operant Conditioning (reinforcement, extension, punishment) 05
6. Intelligence – Measurement of Intelligence, I.Q. Test of Intelligence, Benet-Simon test, Terman – Merrill and Wechsler test 05

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Unit-II

7. Relation between Brain/body and mind; Different theories – Interactionism, Epiphenomenalism, Double – Aspect theory, Identity theory, Functionalism, Philosophical behaviourism 13
8. Consciousness – Nature and characteristics of consciousness; Conscious; sub-conscious, Unconscious, Proofs for the existence of Unconscious, Freud's theory of Dream 12

GROUP-B (Full Marks 50)
Social and Political Philosophy

Unit-I

1. Nature and Scope of (i) Social Philosophy, (ii) Political Philosophy, Relation between Social and Political Philosophy 07
2. Basic Concepts: Individual, Society, Social Group, Community, Association, Institution, State and Nation 09
3. Theories regarding the relation between individual and society
   i. Individualistic theory 09
   ii. Organic theory
   iii. Idealistic theory

Unit-II

4. Political Ideals : Democracy – Its different forms;
   Socialism – Utopian and Scientific; Anarchism, Sarvodaya, M.K.Gandhi's conception of Non-Violence and Trusteeship 10
5. The Idea of Freedom with special reference to the views of Marx, Sartre, M.N.Roy and Rabindranath 09
6. Feminism: the distinction between the liberals and the radicals 06

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Suggested Readings:

1. Paul M. Churchland. *Matter and Conciousness: A Contemporary Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*
2. J.Heil: *Philosophy of Mind*
3. J.Shaffer: *Philosophy of Mind*
4. Pareshnath Bhattacharya: *A text book of Psychology*
5. W. James: *Principle of Psychology*
6. J.S. Mackenzie: *Outlines of Social Philosophy*
7. P. Gisbert: *Fundamentals of Sociology*
8. R.M. Maciver and C.H. Page: *Society*
9. M. Ginsberg: *Sociology*
10. T. Bottomore; *Sociology*
11. P. B. Sengupta: *Handbook of Social Philosophy*
12. Gordan Graham: *Contemporary Social Philosophy*
13. C.E.M. Joad: *Introduction to Modern Political Theory*
14. Krishna Roy: *Political Philosophy: East and West*
15. D.D. Raphael: *Problems of Political Philosophy*
16. Buddhadeb Bhattacharya. *The Evolution of Political Philosophy of Gandhi*
17. D.M. Datta: *The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*
18. Mary Evans: *Introducing Contemporary Feminist Thought*
19. Alison Stone. *An Introduction to Feminist Philosophy*
20. Pritibushan Chattopadhyay: *Samāj Darshan Dīpika*
21. Parimal Bhusan Kar: *Samāj Tattva*
22. A.K. Mahapatra and P. Mukherjee; *Samajdarshan o Rastradarshaner Parichay*
23. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay: *Rastradarshaner Dhara*
24. Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Samajdarshan o Rastradarshan*

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25. Basudha Chakrabarty: *Manabatabad*
26. Marx O Engels: *Samyabader Itihas*
27. Shefali Maitra: *Naitikat*ā *o Naribād*
28. Shyamali Mishra: *Tathakothito Narivād: Ek Khondita Darshan ebong Anyānya Prabandha*
29. M. Gatens: *Feminism and Philosophy*
30. P.N. Bhattacharya: *A Text Book of Psychology*
31. P.B. Sengupta : *Manovidya*
32. Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Samāj Darshan o Pratibhasvijnan*
33. Basanta kumar Lal : Contemporary Indian Philosophy
34. Swapan Sarkar : Astivadi Darshan o Pritibhiavijan
35. Sudhir Kumar Nandi : Rabindradarshan
36. Pabitra Kumar Roy : Rabindradarshan

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Paper – IV (Full Marks – 100)
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WESTERN LOGIC

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Recommended Text : Introduction to Logic (11th Ed.) I. M. Copi and C. Cohen

Group-A (Full Marks – 50)

Unit-I

1. Validity and Invalidity – Truth and Validity 02
2. Immediate Inference: Conversion, obversion and their combined Application, square of opposition and Immediate Inference-based theorem; To determine the truth-value of a proposition given the truth value of another proposition 08
3. Categorical syllogism: General Rules; To test syllogistic argument for validity by applying general rules for syllogism; to solve problems and prove theorems concerning syllogism 07
4. Boolean interpretation of categorical propositions: Use of Venn diagrams to test arguments for validity; Review of the traditional laws of logic concerning immediate inference and syllogism; Hypothetical and Disjunctive syllogisms; Dilemma 08

Unit-II

5. Induction: Induction by Simple Enumeration. Argument by Analogy; Appraising Analogical arguments 04

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6. Causal Connections: Mill's Method of Experimental Inquiry: Cause and effect; the meaning of 'cause'. The plurality of causes; the uniformity of nature 05
7. Mill's Methods: Method of Agreement, Method of Difference, Joint Method of Agreement and Difference, Method of Residue, Method of Concomitant Variation
8. Science and Hypothesis: 06
   Explanations: Scientific and unscientific; evaluating scientific explanations; The Detective as Scientist: the Problem, Preliminary Hypothesis, Collecting Additional Facts, Formulating the Hypothesis, Deducting Further Consequences, Testing the consequence, application 06
9. Probability: Alternative Conceptions of probability, The Probability Calculus; Expectation or Expected value 04

Group-B (Full Marks – 50)

Unit-I

1. Truth-functions: Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction; Reducing sentences to logical form: the conditional and the material implication, the paradoxes of material implication. Material equivalence; argument and argument form, statement and statement form; testing arguments by employing Truth-table method; Three laws of thought 14
2. Rules of Inference and Rules of Replacement; Formal Proof of Validity; Proof of Invalidity; Inconsistency 11

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Unit-II

3. Singular Proposition; Quantification; Traditional Subject-Predicate – Propositions; Proving validity; Proving invalidity; Asyllogistic inference 25

Recommended Reference Books:

1. Ramaprasad Das: *Navya Yukti Vijñān* (Vols. I – IV)
2. Chhanda Chakraborty: *Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*
3. Basson and O'Conor: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*
4. Indra Kumar Roy: *Pratīkī Nyāya*

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Paper V (Full Marks – 100)

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INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY, LOGIC AND PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

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Recommended Text:

Annambhatta: Tarkasamgraha with Dīpikā – From *Buddhi* to *Smrtivibhāga*

Group: A Full Marks : 50

Unit-I

From definition of *Buddhi* (knowledge) to *Pratyaksakhanda*; 25

Unit-II

Paratah-prāmānyavāda; *Anyathākhyātivāda*; *Apramavibhāga; Smrtivibhaā* 25

Group: B Full Marks : 50

Unit-I

Anumānakhanda; 25

Unit-II

Śabdakhanda. 25

Recommended Reference Books:

1. Narayan Chandra Goswami (ed.); Tarkasamgraha with Dīpikā.
2. Gopinath Bhattacharya (ed.) : Tarkasamgraha with Dīpikā

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PART – III

Paper-VI: Full Marks – 100
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ETHICS
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Group-A (Full Marks – 50)
(Theoretical Ethics)

Unit-I

1. Nature and scope of Ethics: Ethics, Morality and Moral Problems, Moral and Non-moral actions 05
2. Nature and Characteristics of Moral judgment, Object of Moral Judgment 05
3. Hedonism: Psychological Hedonism and Ethical Hedonism – Egoism of Aristipus and Epicurus 05
4. Altruism of J. Bentham and J. S. Mill 05
5. Types of Utilitarianism: Act-Utilitarianism and Rule-Utilitarianism; Primitive Rule-Utilitarianism; Rule-Utilitarianism of Rawls 05

Unit-II

6. Kant's Deontological Moral Theory 05
7. Indian Concept of *Purusartha: Dharma, Artha, Kama* and *Moksa* 08
8. Theory of *Karma. Niskāma Karma* of the *Bhagavadgītā* 05
9. Theories of Punishment. , Capital Punishment 07

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Group-B (Full Marks-50)
(Applied Ethics)

Unit-I

1. Concept of Applied / Practical Ethics 04
2. Peter Singer's analysis of the concept of Equality 06
3. Concept of Discrimination, Gender Discrimination, Racial Discrimination and Caste Discrimination in Indian Context, Reverse Discrimination 10
4. Value of Life; Killing; Suicide; Euthanasia 05

Unit-II

5. Environmental Ethics; The Environment and the Human Community –, Reverence for Life; Deep Ecology; True Environmental Ethics 13
6. Gandhi's idea of means – end relationship 05
7. Swami Vivekananda's application of Vedanta in man's practical life 07

Suggested Readings

1. W. Lillie - Introduction to Ethics
2. Samarendra Bhattacharya - Nitividya
3. Peter Singer - Practical Ethics (Chapters I & VII)
4. James Rachels (Ed.) - Moral Problems (Part- I, Part-III, Part-VI- relevant Portions)
5. Basant Kumar Lal - Contemporary Indian Philosophy
6. Bernard Williams : Morality : An Introduction to Ethics
7. Raghvan Iyer : Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi

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8. J.J.C Smart and Bernard Williams : Utilitarianism : For and Against
9. Peter Singer - Applied Ethics
10. W.K. Frankena - Ethics
11. J.L Mackie - Ethics : Inventing right and wrong
12. Peter Singer (ed) : A Companion to Ethics
13. J. Rachel : Elements of Moral Philosophy
14. R. A. Duff : Trials and Punishments
15. Dr. Dikshit Gupta - Nitividya O Phalita Nitividya
16. Somnath Chakravorty - Kathay O Karme Ethics
17. Nabakumar Nandi : Vyavaharik Nitividya
18. Pradip Kumar Roy, (Bangla Academy,Dhaka) -Vyāvahārik Nitividya
19. Swami Vivekanander Vani O Rachana (Udbodhan)
20. Swami Vivekanada - Practical Vedanta
21. Somnath Chakravorty : Nītividyār Tattvakatha
22. Santosh kumar Pal : Samakalin Paribesh Nitishastrer Ruprekha
23. Santosh kumar Pal : Phalita Nitishastra (Vol. I)
24. P. B. Sengupta : Nītividyā

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Paper-VII (Full Marks-100)

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PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE, EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS (WESTERN)

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Recommended Text :

J. Hospers : An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

Group-A (Full Marks – 50)

Unit-I

1. Meaning and Definition: Word meaning, Definition, vagueness, sentence meaning 13
2. Analytic Truth and Logical Possibility. The a-priori 12

Unit-II

3. Concepts, The sources of knowledge, some principal uses of the word 'know'; conditions of philosophical knowledge, knowledge by acquaintance, knowledge by description, knowing how and knowing that, knowledge representation problem 10
4. Theories of knowledge: rationalism, empiricism, Kant's Critical Theory 08
5. Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence, Pragmatic 07

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Group-B (Full Marks – 50)

Unit-I

1. Metaphysics – a) Nature, b) Type 07
2. Empirical knowledge: Law, Theory and Explanation, The problem of Induction, Testability and Meaning 18

Unit-II

3. Cause, Determinism and Freedom: What is a cause? The causal principle; Determinism and Freedom 08
4. Substance and Universals 09
5. Our knowledge of the Physical world: Realism, Idealism, Phenomenalism 08

Recommended Reference Books:

1. R.Taylor : Metaphysics
2. D.W.Hamlyn : Metaphysics
3. A.J.Ayer : The Central Questions of Philosophy
4. A.J.Ayer: Language, Truth and Logic
5. G.Ryle: The Concept of Mind
6. N. A. Stillings et.al.: Cognitive Science: An Introduction
7. W. H. Walsh: Reason and Experience
8. Edward and Pap (Ed.) : A Modern Introduction to Philosophy
9. D. W. Hamlyn: Theory of Knowledge
10. A.C. Ewing: The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy
11. J. Cottingham: The Rationalist
12. R.S.Woolhouse: The Empiricist
13. Samarikanta Samanta: Darshanik Visleshaner Ruprekha

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Paper-VIII : Full Marks – 100

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PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHICAL CLASSICS/ESSAY-WRITING

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Group-A (Full Marks-50)
Philosophy of Religion

Unit-I

1. Nature of Religion 03
2. Origin of Religion : Different theories 04
3. Historical development of Religion; Characteristics of the Universal Religion 05
4. Nature of Religious Consciousness 05
5. Proofs for the existence of God : Ontological argument, Cosmological or casual argument; Moral argument, Nyaya and Yoga arguments for the existence of God 08

Unit-II

6. Western theories against the existence of God : Materialism; Naturalism; Positivism; Agnosticism; Marxist interpretation of Religion : Indian theories against the existence of God : Bauddha, Samkhya and Mimamsa arguments against the existence of God. Antitheistic arguments of Freud and Durkheim 11
7. Religious Language : Nature of religious language; Peculiarity of religious language; Religious language as cognitive / non-cognitive 05

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8. Comparative Religion : Nature and Aim of Comparative Religion, Possibility of Comparative Religion 05
9. Basic concepts of Hinduism, Christianity and Islam 04

Suggested Readings :

1. J. D. Hick - Philosophy of Religion
2. M. Edward - Philosophy of Religion
3. J. Caird - An Introduction to Phiolsophy of Religion
4. Sushil Kumar Chakraborty – Dharmadarshan
5. Kalyan Chandra Gupta & Amitabha Bandyopadhyay Dharmadarshan
6. P. B. Sengupta – Dharmadarsan
7. Debiprasad Chattopadhyay – Indian Atheism
8. Debabrata Sen – Bharatiya Darshan
9. Sukhamoy Bhattacharya – Samikhyadarshaner Vivaran

Group-B (Full Marks-50)
Philosophical Classics

Any one of the following texts:

1. Sadānandayogīndra – Vedāntasāra
   Beginning from *mangalācarana,* the entire section of *adhyāropa (*upto the text-evamadhyaropa

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Unit – I

Mangalācarana to ajñāna – nirupana 25

Unit – II

Īsvara – nirupana to ātmā – nirupana 25

Recommended Reference Books:

1) Bipadbhanjan Pal (ed.): Vedāntasāra
2) Swami Nikhilananda(tr.): Vedāntasāra

2. Bertrand Russell – The Problems of Philosophy

Selected Chapters –

Unit-I

1) Appearance and Reality 07
2) The Existence of Matter 06
3) The Nature of Matter 06
4) Idealism 06

Unit-II

5) Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description 05
9) The World of Universals 05
12) Truth and Falsehood 05
14) The Limits of Philosophical Knowledge 05
15) The value of Philosophy 05

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Reference Book:

1) Susil Kumar Chakraborty (tr.) : Darshaner Samasya

Or

Essay writing (two) Marks: 25+25

Questions are to be set from three units. (Three topics from each unit) Examinees will have to write two essays from any two units taking any one topic from each unit

Recommended units and topics are as follows:

Unit: I Epistemology 25

Topics

1. Cārvāka Epistemology
2. Nyāya theory of perception
3. Svatah prāmānyavāda and Paratah-prāmānyavāda in respect of jñapti
4. Akhyātivāda and anyathākhyātivāda
5. Nyāya concept of Pramā
6. Theory of knowledge, according to Plato
7. Locke's theory of knowledge
8. Hume's theory of knowledge
9. Descartes' Method
10. Correspondence and coherence theories of truth.

Unit: II (Metaphysics) 25

1. Buddhist theory of no-self
2. Vaiśesika category of Sāmānya
3. Asatkāryavāda and Satkāryavāda
4. Concept of Brahman in the Vedānta system

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5. Advaita doctrine of māyā and its refutation by Rāmānuja
6. Aristotle's theory of causation
7. Substance according to Descartes and Spinoza
8. Leibnitz's doctrine of Monad
9. Primary and Secondary Qualities
10. Realism and Idealism

Unit-III (Ethics) 25

1. Jaina ethics with special reference to the concept of Triratna
2. Nyāya theory of liberation
3. Advaita theory of liberation
4. Indian concept of Purusārtha
5. Theory of Niskāma Karma
6. Nature and object of moral judgment
7. Act-utilitarianism and Rule-utilitarianism
8. Moral theory of Kant: The Categorical Imperative
9. Euthanasia and its moral implications
10. Environmental ethics

General note on the instruction for Paper-setters:
In all papers questions are to be set from each unit of Group A and Group B

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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

Syllabus for B.A. (General)

In

PHILOSOPHY

With effect from 2014 – 2015

Part – I

Paper – I (Full Marks – 100)

(University Examination – 90 + Internal Assessment – 10)

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

1. **Introduction**
   - (i) Nature of Indian Philosophy 04
   - (ii) Characteristics of Indian Philosophy 04
   - (iii) Division of Indian Philosophical Systems into Āstika and Nāstika 04

2. **The Carvaka System** :
   (i) Epistemology; (ii) Metaphysics; (iii) Ethics; (iv) Review of Carvaka Philosophy; 12

3. **The Bauddha System:** (i) The Four Noble Truths; (ii) *Pratityasamutpada tattva*; (iii) *Ksanabhanga Vada*; (iv) Brief

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discussion on the four Schools of the Bauddha philosophy; (iv) Review of the Bauddha philosophy 13

4. **The Jaina System**: (i) Epistemology; (ii) Syadvada and Saptabhangi – naya; (iii) Metaphysics – *Anekantavada* relation of *Anekantavada* and *Syadvada;* Jīva and Ajīva; (iv) Jaina Ethics 12

5. **The Nyaya System**: (i) Epistomology – Detailed Study of Four *Pramanas – Pratyaksa, Anumana, Upamana* and *Sabda;* (ii) Metaphysics – Theory of Self, Nature and arguments for the existence of God (iii) Ethics – Bondage and liberation of human Self 13

6. **The Vaisesika System**: Seven Categories (Padartha) – Dravya*, Guna, Karma, Sāmānya, Samavāya, Viśesa* and *Abhāva,* Atomism 12

7. **The Systems of Samkhya and Yoga**: (i) Satkaryavada; (ii) Prakrti; (iii) Purusa; (iv) Theory of evolution; (v) The Yoga views of Citta, Cittabhumi, Cittavrtti, Cittavrttinirodha, Astanga – Yoga 12

8. **The two Vedanta Systems of Advaita and Visistadvaita**:

   i) Advaita Vedanta of Sankara – Brahman; Jagat (the World); Ajnana or Maya; Jiva; Realtion of Brahman to Jiva and Jagat; Bondage and liberation of Jiva 07
   ii) Visistadvaita Vedanta of Ramanuja – Brahman; Jagat; Refutation of Mayavada; Jiva; Bondage and liberation of Jiva 07

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Part – II

PAPER- II (Full Marks-100)
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WESTERN METAPHYSICS & EPISTEMOLOGY AND WESTERN LOGIC

Group A (50 Marks)

Western Metaphysics and Epistemology

1. Theories of the Origin of Knowledge :
   Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical Theory 12

2. Realism and Idealism as theories of reality :
   i) Realism : Naive Realism, Scientific Realism, New and Critical Realism 07
   ii) Idealism : Subjective Idealism (Berkeley), Objective Idealism (Hegel) 06

3. Causality: Entailment Theory, Regularity Theory

4. Mind - Body Problem: Interactionism, Parallelism and the Identity Theory

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Group- B (50 Marks)
Western Logic

1. Proposition, Categorical Propositions and Classes : Quality, quanitity and distribution 7
2. Traditional Square of Oppositions 3
3. Further immediate Inference : Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition 6
4. Existential Import of Propositions :
5. Boolean Interpretation of Categorical propositions. Translating categorical propositions into standard forms 8
6. Categorical syllogism : Figure, Mood, Testing Syllogism for validity. Testing arguments by Venn Diagram, Rules and Fallacies. Disjunctive and hypothetical syllogism. The Dilemma 9
7. Symbolic Logic : The value of special symbols for conjunction, Negation and Disjunction, implications and material implications. Statements and Statement Forms. Argument and Argument Froms. Truth - Table Method for testing arguments 9
8. Inductive Logic: Analogy. Hypothesis - Nature and Condition. Scientific Method - its different steps 8

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Paper – III

(University Examination – 90 + Internal Assessment – 10)

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Group A (50 Marks)
Psychology

1. Definition and Scope of Psychology, Nature of psychology as a science, Methods of psychology - subjective objective and experimental 6
2. Sensation: Nature, Classification and attribute of sensation 5
3. Perception : Nature of Perception and its relation to sensation. Gestalt theory of Perception: Perception of distance, solidity and motion, illusion and hallucination 6
4. Percept and Image : Memory - its factor and range, marks of good memory, laws of Association, Forgetfulness and its causes 6
5. Attention : its nature and types, conditions of attention 4
6. Learning: The Trial and Error Theory, The Gestalt Theory, Pavlov's Conditioned – Response Theory 6
7. Emotion : Nature of emotion, James - Lange Theory of emotion 4
8. Consciousness : Conscious, sub - conscious, unconscious - its evidence, Freud's theory of Dream 5
9. Personality : Factors of Personality, Heredity and Environment 5
10. Intelligence : Measurement of Intelligence, Binet - Simon test 4

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Group B (50 Marks)
Social & Political Philosophy

1.	Nature and Scope of Social Philosophy	6
2.	Primary concepts : Society, Community, Association, Institutions	7
3.	Social groups : its different forms	7
4.	Social Codes : Religious and Moral codes, Custom and Law. Culture and Civilization	8
5.	Social class and caste, class attitudes and class consciousness	8
6.	Political Ideals : Equality, Justice and Liberty; Democracy : Its different forms	8
7.	Secularism	6

Part – II
PAPER – IV

(University Examination – 90 + Internal Assessment – 10)
Full Marks – 100

THEORETICAL AND APPLIED ETHICS

Group - A (50 Marks)
Theoretical Ethics

1.	Nature and Scope of Ethics	4
2.	Moral and non - moral actions	8
3.	Postulates of morality	6
4.	Hedonism - Mill and Bentham	8
5.	Kant's conception of good will, duty and Categorical Imperative	8
6.	Ethics of *Niskāma karma* of the Bhagavadgita	8

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7. Theories of Punishment, Capital Punishment 8

Group - B (50 Marks)
Applied Ethics

1. Concept of Applied Ethics 5
2. Rights : Human rights and Discrimination on the basis of sex, race, caste and religion 9
3. Value of Life: Killing, Suicide and Euthanasia 9
4. Environmental Ethics: The environment and the human community, Reverence Future generations, Reference for life, Deep ecology 9
5. Mahatma Gandhi's Conception of Ahimsā (non - violence) Satyagraha (zest for truth) and means –end relationship 9
6. Vivekananda's Practical Vedanta 9

Suggested Readings for General Course
Part - I
PAPER- I
INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

1. Dutta and Chatterjee - An Introduction to Indian Philosophy
2. Dr. Niradbaran Chakravorty - Bharatiya Darshan
3. Haridas Bandyopadhyay - Bharatiya Darshaner Marmakatha
4. Dr. Karuna Bhattacharya - Nyāya- Vaiśeşika Darshan
5. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya - Bharatiya Darshan
6. C. D. Sharma - A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
7. Jagadiswar Sanyal - Indian Philosophy
8. M. Hiriyanna – Outlines of Indian Philosophy
9. J. N. Sinha - Indian Philosophy

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10. Dipak Kumar Bagchi - Bharatiya Darshan
11. Pradyot Kumar Mandal – Bharatiya Darshan

PAPER- II
(Group A and Group B)
Western Metaphysics & Epistemology and Western Logic

1. Ramaprasad Das and Shibapada Chakravorty - Paschatya Darshaner Ruprekha (W.B.S.B.B)
2. Niradbaran Chakravorty - Paschatya Darshaner Bhumika
3.Pramode Bandhu Sengupta and Mrinmoy Basu - Paschatya Yuktivijnan
4. R.C. Munshi – Tarkashastra
5. Ramaprasad Das - Paschatya Darshan O Yuktivijnan
6. Jagadiswar Sanyal – Yutivijnan
7. Pramod Bandhu Sengupta - Paschatya Darsan
8. Jagadiswar Sanyal - Paschatya Darshan
9. John Hospers - An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
10. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya - Paschatya Darshan
11. I.M. Copi and C. Cohen (11th Ed.) - Introduction to Logic
12. Ramaprasad Das - Navya Yuktivijnan
13. Ramchandra Pal - Darsan Parichaya
14. S.P Chakravorty - Darsaner Bhumika
15. Satyajyoti Chakravorty - General Philosophy

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PAPER- III
(Group A and Group B)

Psychology and Social & Political Philosophy

1. P. N. Bhattacharya – A Text Book of Psychology
2. P. N Bhattacharya : Manovidya
3. Deviprasad Chattopadhyay - Manovijnan
4. Jagadiswar Sanyal - Manovidya
5. G. D. Boaz - General Psychology
6. Pramod Bandhu Sengupta - Manovidya
7. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya - Samaj Darshan O Rastra Darshan
8. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya - Manovidya
9. Dr. Pritibhusan Chattopadhyay & Sandeep Das – Manovidya, Samaj O Rastradarshan Dipika
10. Sengupta, Basu and Ghosh - Manovidya Samajdarshan O Rastradarshan
11. Maciver and Page - Society
12. Parimal Bhusan Kar - Samajtattwa
13. Sudarsan Roychowdhury - Rastra

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Part - II
PAPER – IV

(Group A and Group B)

Theoretical and Applied Ethics

1. W. Lillie - Introduction to Ethics
2. Samarendra Bhattacharya - Nitividya
3. Peter Singer - Practical Ethics (Chapters I & VII)
4. James Rachels (Ed.) - Moral Problems (Part- I, Part-III, Part-VI-relevant Portions)
5. Basant Kumar Lal - Contemporary Indian Philosophy
6. Bernard Williams : Morality : An Introduction to Ethics
7. Raghvan Iyer : Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi
8. J. J. C. Smart and Bernard Williams : Utilitarianism : For and Against
9. Peter Singer - Applied Ethics
10. W.K. Frankena - Ethics
11. J. L. Mackie - Ethics : Inventing right and wrong
12. Peter Singer (ed) : A Companion to Ethics
13. J. Rachel : Elements of Moral Philosophy
14. R. A. Duff : Trials and Punishments
15. Dr. Dikshit Gupta - Nitividya O Phalita Nitividya
16. Somnath Chakravorty - Kathay O Karme Ethics
17. Nabakumar Nandi : Vyavaharik Nitividya
18. Pradip Kumar Roy, (Bangla Academy,Dacca) -Vyavaharik Nitividya
19. Swami Vivekanander Vani O Rachana. (Udbodhan)
20. Swami Vivekanada - Practical Vedanta

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21. Somnath Chakravorty : Nitividyar Tattvakatha
22. Santosh kumar Pal : Samakalin Paribesh Nitishastrer Ruprekha
23. Santosh kumar Pal : Phalita Nitishastra (Vol. I)
24. P. B. Sengupta : Nitividya

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