

**Vidyasagar University  
Department of Philosophy and the Life-World**

**INTEGRATED M.PHIL AND PH.D.  
PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY**

**SYLLABUS  
FOR  
M.PHIL PROGRAMME**

**Students registered for Ph.D. Programme, who have not done M.Phil. Course must complete Course number 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.1.5 for validation of their Ph.D. thesis.**

# **First Year Semester-I**

**Course: PHI-1.1.1 Research Methodology – I 50 Marks**

## **Theoretical 25 Marks**

- a) What is Research Methodology
- b) The distinction between Method and Methodology
- c) Kinds of Research
- d) Finding Library Resources : Computer Literacy; Using e-books; E-Journal & JSTOR
- e) Paraphrasing sources quoting sources, abbreviation
- f) Bibliography: MLA and APA Formats
- g) Punctuation, Proof Reading and Dia-critical marking
- h) How to write a Term Paper
- i) How to Review Articles and Books

## **Some Approaches to Social Enquiry: Classical and Contemporary**

- a) Positivism
- b) Interpretivism
- c) Critical Theory
- d) Feminism

## Bibliography:

## Research Methodology-I

1. Richard Veit, Christopher Gould and John Clifford – Writing, Reading and Research (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.).
2. Norman Blaikie – Approaches to Social Enquiry.
3. C. R. Kothari & Gaurav Garg – Research Methodology – Methods and Techniques (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)
4. Kate L. Turabian – A Manual for Writers of Research papers, Theses and Dissertation.
5. Jonathan Anderson, Barry H. Durston, Millicent Poole – Theses and Assignment Writing.

**Course: PHI-1.1.2 Research Methodology – II** **50 Marks**

**Methods in Philosophy**

**Indian Philosophy** **25 Marks**

- a) Tarka
- b) Vada
- c) Jalpa
- d) Vitanda
- e) Chhala
- f) Jati
- g) Nigrahasthana
- h) Samsaya
- i) Vyaptigrahopaya (Nyaya and Buddha), Saktigrahopaya.

**Western Philosophy** **25 Marks**

- a) Socratic Method
- b) Skeptical Method
- c) Deductive Method – Axiomatic Method, Natural Deduction Technique
- d) Inductive Method – Induction in the Natural Sciences, Induction in the social sciences, Problems of Induction
- e) Linguistic Analysis
- f) Phenomenological Method
- g) Hermeneutic Method
- h) Historical Method
- i) Post-Modern Approaches

**Research Methodology-II**

Reference Book:

Indian Philosophy

1. Goutama – Nyaya Sutra with VatsayanaBhasya, ed. By Pt. PhanibhusanTarkabagish
2. Th. Stcherbatsky – Buddhist Logic, 2 Vols
3. B. K. Matilal – Epistemology, Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophy
4. Visvanath – Bhasaparichheda with Muktavali
5. Amambhatta – Tarkasamgrahatrd. And annotated by Narayan Goswami
6. Annambhatta – Tarkasamgrahatrd. And annotated by Gopinath Bhattacharya

Western Philosophy

1. Plato – Theatetus trd. And annotated by Cornford or John McDowell.
2. Plato – The Republic tr. By Lee
3. R. Blanche – Axiomatics
4. R. Ackerman – Modern Deductive Logic

5. I. M., Bochenski – Methods of Contemporary Thought
6. I. M., Bochenski – Contemporary European Philosophy
7. D. Kalish& Montague – Logic: Techniques of Formal Reasoning
8. Bason& O'Connor – Introduction to Symbolic Logic
9. Dale Jacquettee (ed.) – A Companion to Philosophical Logic
10. Carl Hempel – Philosophy of Natural Science
11. Richard Rorty (ed.) – Linguistic Turn
12. Hans Gadamar – Truth and Method
13. H. Spiegelberg – Phenomenological Movement
14. M. Farver – The Aims of Phenomenology

**Course – PHI – 1.1.3: Indian Philosophy-I** **(25+25 Marks)**

(Any two of the following as decided by the Departmental Committee in each academic session)

1. Gautama: Nyaya-Sutra – Adhyaya 2, Ahnika 1 – Sutras 8 to 68 (Pramana-pariksa)
2. Patanjali: Yoga-sutra with Vyasa-BhasyaSamadhipada
3. Sankara: Brahma-sutra Bhasya-Adhyaya 2, Pada 1 (Smrtipada)
4. JagadishTarkalamkar: Sabdasaktiprakasika-Sabda-pramanyanirupanam
5. Madhavacarya: Sarvadars'an-SamgrahaBuddhaDarsana, AulukyaDarsana, JaiminiDarsana and Panini Darsana

**Course-PHI – 1.1.4: Western Philosophy** **(25+25 Marks)**

(Any two of the following as decided by the Departmental Committee in each academic session)

1. Immanuel Kant: The Critique of pure Reason (Tr. N. K. Smith) – Transcendental Dialectic
2. Frege: (i) Thought (ii) Concept and Object
3. Ludwig Wittgenstein: Philosophical Investigations (Selected portion) Tr. G.E.M. Anscombe
4. Edmund Husserl : Ideas-I. A General Introduction to pure Phenomenology Tr. Dermot Moran (selections),
5. Donand Davidson – Truth and Interpretation (selections)
6. M. Dummet: The Logical Basis of Metaphysics (Selections)

**Course- PHI – 1.1.5; Book Review & Term Paper (50 Marks)**

1. Review of one book related to the Research Topic of the student (Books to be selected by the Departmental Committee)
2. One Term Paper, with literature survey, related to the Research Topic of the student to be presented in the Departmental Seminar.

Marks: Term Paper – 20 (Written) + 10 (Viva); Book Review- 20 (Written)

## **Semester-II**

### **Course : PH 1:2:1 Indian Philosophy-II (25+25 Marks)**

(Any two of the following as decided by the Departmental Committee in each academic session)

1. Aurobinda: The Ideal of Human Unity (Selected Chapters)
2. K. C. Bhattacharya: Studies in Philosophy, Vol. II (Selected chapters)
3. B. R. Ambedkar: Collected Works of B. R. Ambedkar (Selection)
4. Dayakrishna: Indian Philophy: A Counter-perspectives (Seleced chapters)
5. J. N. Mohanty: Explorations in Indian Philosophy (Ed. By Bina Gupta) (Selections)
6. A. Raghuramraju: Debates in Indian Philsophy (Selected Chapters)
7. S. Radhakrishnan: An Idealist View of Life (Selected Chapters)

### **Course: PH 1.2.2. Western Philosophy-II (25+ 25 Marks)**

(Any two of the following as decided by the Department Committee in each academic session)

1. Immanuel Kant: The Critique of Pure Reason, Tr. by L.W. Beak
2. M.G. Loux(Ed.): Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings (selected chapters)
3. H. Lafollet: Ethics in Practice: An Anthology
4. Tim Crame: Elements of Mind (selected chapters)
5. R. Audi(Ed.): Epistemology
6. E.J.Lowe: Metaphysics

### **Course- PHI-1.2.3 Term Paper-(2) (25+ 25 Marks)**

### **Course- PHI-1.2.4 Literature Survey/ Book Review(1) (50 Marks)**

**Or**  
**Article Review**

**Second Year**

**Dissertation** **100 Marks**

[Written Dissertation Paper- 70 Marks  
Viva-voce – 30 Marks]