Syllabus: B.A. Part-I

6 PHILOSOPHY

B.A. Part-I QOQ)

Scheme:

Two Papers

Min. Pass Marks 72

Max. Marks 200

Paper I

3 hrs. duration

Max. Marks 100

Paper II

3 hrs. duration

Max. Marks 100

General Instructions:

- (1) There shall be two question papers: Paper I and Paper II.
- (2) Both the question papers will be in two parts: Part I & Part II
- (3) Part I of the question paper will be of 40 marks in total. This part will consist of twenty compulsory short questions, with 2 marks each. The word limit for these questions shall be upto 50 words. These questions will cover the entire units and there will be no unit wise division of the questions asked in this part.
- (4) Part II of the question paper will be of 60 marks and students will required to write detailed answer in the answer sheet only. If syllabus (course contents) of a paper is divided into two units i.e. Unit A and Unit B, then in this part of the question paper six questions will be asked in total: three questions from each unit. Student will be asked to attempt three questions in total and at least one question from each unit. Each question will be of 20 marks. If syllabus (course contents) of a paper is divided into three Units i.e. Unit A, B & C then in the Part II of the question paper, which consist of Essay type questions, six questions will be asked in total: two questions from each Unit. Students will be required to attempt three questions in total and one question from each Unit. The ideal word limit for these questions is 500-600 words.

Paper I: Indian Philosophy

Unit A:

- 1. Nature of Indian Philosophy: plurality as well as common concerns.
- 2. Basic concepts of the Vedic and the Upanisadic world-views, Rta (the cosmic order): the divine and the human realms, the centrality of the institution of Yajna (sacrifice), Rna (duty/obligation).
- 3. Carvaka school: its espistemology, metaphysics and ethics.
- 4. Jainism: concepts of sat, dravya, guna, paryaya, jiva, ajiva, anekantavada, syadvada and nayavada, pramanas, ahimsa, bondage and liberation.

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5. Buddhism: theory of pramanas, theory of dependent origination, the four noble truths, doctrine of momentariness, theory of no-soul. A brief introduction of the schools of buddhism: Vaibhasika, Sautrantika, Yogacara, Madhyamika.

Unit B:

- 1. Nyaya: theory of pramanas, the individual self and its liberation, the idea of God and proofs for his existence.
- 2. Vaisesika: Padarthas: dravya, guna, karma, samanya, samavaya, visesha, abhava, Causation: asatkaryavada, karana: samavayi, asamavayi & nimitta, paramanuvada, adrsta, nihsreyas.
- 3. Samkhya: causation, satkaryavada, prakrti, its constituents, evolutes and arguments for its existence, purusa, arguments for its existence and plurality of purusas, relationship between prakrti and purusa, kaivalya, atheism.
- 4. Yoga: citta and citta-vrtti, eightfold path, God.

Unit C:

- 1. Purva Mimamsa: Pramana-mimamsa, Self.
- 2. Advaita: nirguna brahman, adhyasa, rejection of difference, vivartavada, maya, three grades of satta, pramanas, jiva, jivanmukti.
- 3. Visistadvaita: saguna brahman, refutation of maya, parinamavada, aprthaksiddhi, jiva, bhakti and prapatti, rejection of jivanmukti.

Prescribed Reading:

1. Dutta & Chatterjee: Introduction to Indian Philosophy (Hindi translation available)

Suggested Readings:

M. Hiriyanna: Outlines of Indian Philosophy (Hindi translation available)

C.D. Sharma : A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy (Hindi translation

available)

S.N. Dasgupta : A History of Indian Philosophy, Vols. I to V (Hindi translation available, Hindi Granth Academy, Jaipur)

S. Radhakrishnan: *Indian Philosophy, Vols. I & II,* (Hindi translation available, Rajkamal, Delhi).

R.D. Ranade : A Constructive Survey of Upanisadic Philosophy (Hindi

translation available, Hindi Granth Academy, Jaipur)

R. Puligandla : Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy

संगम लाल पाण्डे :भारतीय दर्शन का सर्वेक्षण, सेन्ट्रल पब्लिशिंग हाऊस,

इलाहाबाद।

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Paper II: History of Western Philosophy

Unit A:

- 1. Introduction: Early Greek philosophy: Sophists & Socrates.
- 2. Plato: Theory of knowledge: knowledge (episteme) and opinion (doxa), theory of forms, soul, idea of the Good
- 3. Aristotle: Critique of Plato's theory of forms, theory of causation, form and matter, potentiality and actuality, soul, God

Unit B:

- 1. St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and reason, essence and existence, proofs for the existence of God.
- 2. Descartes: Method and the need for method in philosophy, method of doubt, cogito ergo sum, types of ideas, mind and matter, mind-body interactionism, God: nature and proofs for his existence.
- 3. Spinoza: substance, attributes and modes, the concept of God or Nature, pantheism, mind-body problem.
- 4. Leibniz: Monadology, doctrine of pre-established harmony; truths of reason and truths of fact, innateness of all ideas, principles of non-contradiction, sufficient reason and identity of the indiscernible, God: nature and proofs for his existence

Unit C:

- 1. Locke: Theory of knowledge-ideas and their classification, refutation of innate ideas, knowledge and its grades, substance, qualities: primary and secondary
- 2. Berkeley: Rejection of abstract ideas, rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, immaterialism, esse est percipi: the problem of solipsism.
- 3. Hume: Theory of knowledge- impressions and ideas; judgments concerning relations of ideas and judgments concerning matters of fact; causality; external world, self and personal identity; rejection of metaphysics; skepticism.
- 4. Kant: conception of critical philosophy; classification of judgments: analytic, synthetic, a priori, a posterior, possibility of synthetic apriori judgments.

Suggested Readings:

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

J.S. Srivastava : 1- ग्रीक दर्शन का वैज्ञानिक इतिहास, किताब महल, इलाहाबाद

2- मध्ययुगीन दर्शन का वैज्ञानिक इतिहास, किताब महल, इलाहाबाद

3- आधुनिक दर्शन का वैज्ञानिक इतिहास, किताब महल, इलाहाबाद

याकूब मसीह : पाश्चात्य दर्शन का समीक्षात्मक अध्ययन, मोतीलाल बनारसीदास,

दिल्ली (English Translation Available)

F. Thilly : History of Western Philosophy (Hindi Translation Available)

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