

MAHARAJA GANGA SINGH UNIVERSITY, BIKANER

SYLLABUS

FACULTY OF ARTS

M.A.

PHILOSOPHY



M.A. Previous Examination - 2021

M.A. Final Examination – 2022

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Each Theory paper	3 Hrs. duration	100 Marks
Dissertation Thesis/Survey Report/Field work. if any		100 Marks

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

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1. The number of paper and the maximum marks of each paper practical shall be shown in the syllabus for the subject concerned. It will be necessary for a candidate to pass in the theory part as well as in the practical part (wherever prescribed) of a subject/Paper separately.
2. A candidate for a pass at each of the Previous and the Final Examination shall be required to obtain (i) at least 36% marks in the aggregate of all the paper prescribed of the examination and (ii) at least 236% marks in practical(s) wherever prescribed the examination, provided that if a candidate fails to secure at least 25% marks in each individual paper work, wherever prescribed, he shall be deemed to have failed at the examination notwithstanding his having obtained the minimum percentage of marks required in the aggregate for that examination. No at the end of the Final Examination on the combined marks obtained at the Previous and the Final Examination on the combined marks obtained at the Previous and the Final Examination taken together, as noted below:
First Division 60% of the aggregate marks taken together
Second Division 48% of the Previous Final Examination All the rest will be declared to have passed the examinations.
3. If a candidate clears any paper(s) Practical(s)/Dissertation Prescribed at the Previous and or/final Examination after a continuous period of three

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years, then for the purpose of working out his division the minimum pass marks only viz 35% (36% in the case of practical) shall be taken into account in respect of such paper(s) Practical(s) Dissertation are cleared after the expiry of the aforesaid period of three year, provided that in case where a candidate require more than actually secured by him will be taken into account as would enable him to make the deficiency in the requisite minimum aggregate.

4. The Thesis/Dissertation/Survey Report / Field Work shall be typed & written and submitted in triplicate so as to reach the office of the Registrar atleast 3 weeks before the commencement of the theory examination. Only such candidates shall be permitted to offer dissertation / Field work/ Survey report/Thesis (if provided in the scheme of examination) in lieu of a paper as have secured at least 55% marks in the aggregate of all scheme, irrespective of the no. of papers in which a candidate actually appeared at the examination.

N.B. (i) Non-Collegiate candidates are not eligible to offer dissertation as per Provision of 170-A.

M.A. Previous 2021

M.A. PHILOSOPHY 2021-22

Paper - I	Indian Philosophy (Epistemology and Meta Physics)
Paper - II	Western Philosophy (Epistemology and Meta Physics)
Paper- III	Logic (Indian and Western) or Philosophy of Yoga
Paper- IV	Ethics (Indian and Western)

PAPER-I

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS)

Note: There shall be three (03) Sections in the Question paper.

Section A shall consist of ten questions (02 questions from each Unit), of 02 marks each, all compulsory to be answered in around 50 words.

Section B shall consist of seven questions (at least 01 question from each Unit) of 08 marks each, to be answered in around 200 words. Five questions must be answered out of given seven.

Section C shall consist of four questions (maximum 01 question from one Unit) of 20 marks each, to be answered in around 500 words. Two questions must be answered out of given four.

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 100 Unit-I

1. Cognition: Its definition and nature; valid (prama) and invalid (aprama); validity (pramanya); division of cognitions; classification of valid cognitions (prama); instruments (indriya) of valid cognition and their nature.
2. Validity of cognition: Its nature; condition and definition. The debate about the nature, origin (utpatti) and ascertainment (jnapti) of validity, svatahpramanyavada, paratahpramanyavada, savisayatva, sakaratva, svaprakasatva, paraprakasata.
1. A study of pramanas: pratyaksa, anumana, sabda, upamana, arthapatti, anupalabdhi.
2. The theories about invalid perceptual cognitions (khyativada); akhyati anyathakhyati, viparitakhyati, atmakhyati, asatkhyati, anirvacaniyakhyati, satkhyati' and sadasatkhyati.
1. God: the role of god in the world-views of classical systems: the new and central role of god in Bhakti schools starting with Ramanujacharya, Madhvacharya, Nimbakacharya, Vallabhacharya, Ramananda.

2. Proofs for and against the existence of God: God as karmadhyaksa.
1. Atman, nairatmyavada, nature and proofs for Atman. Atman and Jiva; the Jiva as karta, bhokta, and jnata; different perspectives.
2. Nature of Bandhan and Mokahsa, and means of mokasha according to various schools of Indian Philosophy.

Unit-V

1. Universals: the debate amongst the different schools.
2. Causation: a comparative study of causality in different schools. Books Recommended:

Madhvacharya	2. Sarvadarshan sangraha
Sharma N K	Bhartiya Darshnik Samasyen
Srinivasa Rao	Perceptual Error: The Indian Theories (University Press of Hawaii, Honolulu, 1998)
Bandishte	3. Bhartiya
Kar Bijayanand	4. Theories of error in Indian
Dravid R R	Philosophy Problem of universal in
D.M. Datta	Indian Philosophy The Six ways of
Dharmaraja Adhvarin	knowing (Calcutta, 1960)
Jadunath Sinha	5. Indian Realism (London:
Goverdhan P. Bhatt	Kegan Paul, 1938) Epistemology of the Bhatta School of Purva Mimamsa,

PAPER-II

WESTERN PHILOSOPHY (EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS)

Note: There shall be three (03) Sections in the Question paper.

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Section B shall consist of seven questions (at least 01 question from each Unit) of 08 marks each, to be answered in around 200 words. Five questions must be answered out of given seven.

Section C shall consist of four questions (maximum 01 question from one Unit) of 20 marks each, to be answered in around 500 words. Two questions must be answered out of given four.

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

Unit-I

- 1. Scepticism and the possibility of knowledge. Nature and definition of knowledge, belief and knowledge. Theories of perception.**
- 2 Problem of memory: knowledge of the past. Knowledge of other minds.**
- 1. Theories of truth: Self-evidence, correspondence, coherence, pragmatic and semantic. Meaning and reference.**
- 2 A priori knowledge: analytic and synthetic; necessary and contingent; synthetic a priori.**

Unit-III

- 1. Metaphysics: Possibility, scope and existence.**
- 2. Appearance and reality. Being, becoming, essence and existence.**
- 1. Substance; Aristotle's account; substance and properties; kinds and activity.**
- 2. The debate between rationalism and empiricism; process view of reality.**
- 1. Universals and particulars: distinction; varieties, abstract entities; nominalism; resemblance, classes; realism, classical and contemporary. 2**
- Mind and Body: dualism and materialism; contemporary debates.**

Books Recommended:

Mishra Arjuna

Darshan Ki Mool Dharaye

R.M. Chisholm

Theory of Knowledge (3rd)

B. Russell	Human Knowledge: Its Scope and Limits
	History of Western Philosophy
	Problem of Philosophy
David Wiggins	Sameness and substance (Oxford)
A.C. Geryling	Philosophy A Guide Through the Subject
	(Oxford) (Ed).
David Hales	Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings (Ed).
Passmore	Darshan Ka Sau Varsha
Sangamlal Pandey	Adhunika Darshan Ki Bhoomica
Jaydev Singh	Samkallen Darshan
Daya Krishan	Gyan Mimansa
	Pashchatya Darshan Vol I & II
A C Ewing	Fundamental Question of Philosophy

PAPER – III

Students may choose either Logic or Philosophy of Yoga as their third paper

LOGIC (INDIAN AND WESTERN) Note:

There shall be three (03) Sections in the Question paper.

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Section C shall consist of four questions (maximum 01 question from one Unit) of 20 marks each, to be answered in around 500 words. Two questions must be answered out of given four.

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 100 Unit-I

1. Definition and constituents of Anumana in old Nyaya, Nyaya, Navya Nyaya, Buddhism and Jainism.
2. Process and types of Anumana in Nyaya, Buddhist and Jain perspectives.

Unit-II

1. Definition of Vyapti and Vyapti formalization in Indian logic.
2. Types of Hetvabhasa.

Unit-III

1. P. Suppes, Introduction to Logic: Chapter I: The sentential connectives, Chapter 2: Sentential theory of inference.
2. P. Suppes, Introduction to Logic: Chapter 3: Symbolizing everyday language.

Unit-IV

1. P. Suppes, Introduction to Logic: Chapter 4 and 5 (only Sections on Rules Governing Existential and Universal Quantifiers with Restrictions on the Rules, Rules Relating to Inter change of Quantifiers, Rules Governing Identity and Logical truths involving Quantifiers) are prescribed.
2. P. Suppes, Introduction to Logic: Chapter 9: Elementary intuitive set theory.

Unit-V

1. P. Suppes, Introduction to Logic: Chapter 10; Relations.
2. P. Suppes, Introduction to Logic: Chapter 11.1; Definition.
3. P. Suppes, Introduction to Logic: Chapter 11.3; Church's Lambda Notation.

Books prescribed:

P. Suppes	Introduction to Logic, Litton Educational Publishing In. 1957
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Books Recommended:

Annambhatta	Tarkasamgraha
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Dharmakirti	Nyaya Bindu
Hemchandra	Pramana Mimamsa
S.S. Barlingay	A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic
F. Th. Stcherbatsky	Buddhist Logic Vol. I Indo-Iranian Reprints, Mouton & co., The Hague, 1958
S. R. Bhatt	Buddhist Epistemology
Richard Jeffery	Formal Logic: Its Scope and Limits, 11nd edition, McGraw-Hill, 1981
John J. Kelly	The Essence of Logic, Prentice Hall of India, 1997
A. Singh & C. Goswami	Fundamentals of Logic, ICPR 1998
DC Guha	Navya Nyaya-System of Logic

or

PAPER-IV

ETIICS (INDIAN AND WESTERN) Note:

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3 Hrs. duration

100 Marks

Unit- I

1. The first five sutras of Purva Mimamsa, Sutra of Jaimini with Sabara's bhasya to be read with sastra Dipika of Parthasarathi Misra and prakaranapancika of saliganatha.
2. The law of karma : Ethical implications Niskam karma yoga from Gita-rahasya of B.G. Tilak.

Unit- II

1. Selections from the Upanisads, Dhammapada, Tattvratha sutra, Yoga sutra. The concepts and doctrines to be taken up for study are:

- (a) Rta and Satya.
 - (b) Rna and Yajna.
 - (c) Yoga and Ksema.
 - (d) Upayakausala of Buddhism along with Brahmaviharas.
 - (e) Triratnas of Jainism.
 - (f) Yama and Niyama of Yoga.
2. Selections from Bhagavadgita, Shantitarva of Mahabharata and Arthasastra of Kautilya.
- (a) Karmayoga.
 - (b) Svadharma.
 - (c) Lokasangraha of the Bhagavadgita.
 - (d) Basic teaching of Mahabharata.
 - (e) Arthasastra of Kautilya: Social, political and ethical philosophy.

Unit-III

1. 'Emotivism' from A.J. Ayer: Language, Truth and Logic, Dover, 1946 (P).
2. 'Prescriptivism: The structure of Ethics and Morals' from R.M. Hare: Essays in Ethical Theory, Oxford Press, 1989 (P).

Unit- IV

1. 'A Liberal Theory of Justice' from John Rawls: A Theory of Justice. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1971 (P).
2. Phillipa Foot: 'Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives'.

Unit- V

1. C.D. Broad: Five types of Ethical Theories (Kant, Hume, Butler). Books Recommended:
Kamlesh Agarwal Kautilya Arthasastra Aivam
Shukra Niti Ki Rajya Vyavasthaen

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M.A. PHILOSOPHY

The course will consist of 5 papers in all. Paper V and IX will be compulsory and paper VI, VII and VIII will be optional. The candidates will be required to select three optional.

V – Approches to contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western)

VI, VII, (Select any three)

- i. Philosophy of Religion**
- ii. Jainism**
- iii. Buddhism**
- iv. Vedanta Darshan**
- v. Philosophy of History**
- vi. Philosophy of Gandhi**
- vii. Philosophy of Bhagvatagita**
- viii – (select any one)**

i. Political Philosophy

ii. Philosophical Essay

ix- Philosophy of Yoga

Approches to contemporary Philosophy (Indian and Western)

PAPER V -APPROACHES TO CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

(INDIAN AND WESTERN) (COMPULSORY)

PAPER IX - POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY (COMPULSORY)

OR

PHILOSOPHYCAL ESSAYS (COMPULSORY)