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M.A.PHILOSOPHY COURSE STRUCTURE AND MARK DISTRIBUTION

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MA PHILOSOPHY (Semester System)

Scheme of Examination

Total Marks: 75
Time: 3hrs

Group A

Answer any Five questions out of Eight questions
Each question carries Six marks
Answer should be not less than 400 words

\( (5 \times 6 = 30 \text{ marks}) \)

Group B

Answer any Three questions out of Five questions
Each question carries Fifteen marks
Answer should be not less than 1000 words

\( (3 \times 15 = 45 \text{ marks}) \)
SYLLABUS
PY 211 CLASSICAL INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

MODULE I
Origin and Development of Indian Philosophy, Periods of Indian Philosophy, Vedic Religion – Concept of Rta, Law of Karma, Upanishadic concept of Reality, Gita concept of Nishkamakarma, Sthitaprajna, Lokasamgraha.

MODULE II

MODULE III

MODULE IV

MODULE V

REFERENCES
1. Structural Depths of Indian Thought- P T Raju.
2. Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy – C D Sharma.
3. The Spirit of Indian Philosophy- N V Banerjee
5. Indian Philosophy – Jadunathsinha.
6. Indian Philosophy Vol.I .S N Dasgupta
7. Classical Indian Philosophy- J N Mohanty
8. Invitations to Indian Philosophy- T M P Mahadevan.
10. Advaita Vedanta. - Vekantaramalyer.
Module 1

Philosophy of Nature: Ancient Greek Tradition: Problem of Substance

Thales - Anaximander - Anaximenes - Pythagoras

Problem of change - Heraclites - Problem of being - Parmenides - Problem of Knowledge - Sophistic Relativism - Homomensura - Socratic Method - Distinction between Doxa and Episteme.

Module 2

The Age of Great Systems: Plato - Dialectics and objective Idealism- Theory Of Ideas - Aristotle- Form and Matter - Potentiality and Actuality -Four Cases

Module 3

Introduction to Scholastic Philosophy : St. Thomas Aquinas - Faith and Reason - St. Augustine - Problem of Evil

Module 4

The Beginning of Modern Philosophy: Francis Bacon- Inductive Method- Idols :

Rene Descartes- Cogito Ergo sum - Substance attributes- mind body dualism

Spinoza - Substance- attributes - Modes - Monism- Pantheism

Leibniz - pluralism ( Monads ) - Pre Established Harmony

Module 5


References


5. W.T Stace : A critical history of Greek philosophy ,1920
PY 213 LOGIC

MODULE I
Logic as a science of reasoning – Reflective thinking - Propositions –Argument – Inductive and Deductive Reasoning- Truth and Validity.– Laws of Thought

MODULE II
Categorical Proposition- Quality, Quantity, Distribution- Four Kinds – Eulers’ Circle, Square of Opposition- Eduction,-conversion,obversion and contraposition-reasoning exercises(IM Copi)

MODULE III
Categorical Syllogism – Rules, Fallacies, Mood-reductionism- Figure- Venn Diagram – Poly syllogistic Reasoning – Enthymeme, Sorites, Hypothetical and Disjunctive Syllogism – Dilemma.Reasoningexercises( IM Copi)

MODULE IV

MODULE V
Fallacies-fallacies of ambiguity, presumption and relevance

REFERENCE
Introduction to Logic – I M Copi and Cohen.
Introduction to Logic- TMP Mahadevan
Introduction to Logic-Ceighton and Smart
Logic-Patrick Hurley
CHAPTER 1


CHAPTER 2


CHAPTER 3


CHAPTER 4


CHAPTER 5


Reference Books:


MODULE I
What is Counselling? Distinction between Psychological and Philosophical Counselling. Its aim and Methods.

MODULE II
Philosophical Attitudes - Courageous - Open - Assertive - Caring - Grateful.

MODULE III
Varieties of Philosophical Counselling – Logo Therapy - its basic principles – Man’s search for meaning of Life. Existential Therapy – The Inner conflict of man – Existential givens- (Inevitability of death, freedom and responsibility - Alienation and Meaninglessness) - Existential analysis (Case studies – one or two samples)

MODULE IV
Yoga as a way of Philosophical Counselling – Ethical disciplines to attain mental stability – Chittabhumis and the method of Self-analysis – Practical ways to attain mental balance – Pranayama and Dhyana (Techniques) - Ashtanga Yoga.

MODULE V

REFERENCE
1. Philosophical Practice.- An Alternative to Counselling and Psychology - Schuster, S.
2. Philosophical Counselling- Raabe, Peter(2001)
3. Philosophy as a way of Life- Hadot, Pierre.
4. Thinking Philosophically- Richard Creel
6. The Consolations of Philosophy - Bottom, Alain De.
7. Counselling and Psychotherapy with Religious persons- Stevan. L. Nielson
8. Man’s Search for Meaning- Victor Frankl
Module 1

Introduction to German Idealistic Tradition - Background of Kantian Philosophy - Basic Concepts - Critical Philosophy - Critique – Transcendental – pure reason and practical reason - Understanding - Judgement

Module 2

Introduction to the critique of pure reason

Transcendental Aesthetic - Space - Time - Synthetic apriorijudgement, Phenomena and Noumena

Transcendental Analytic - Deduction of categories: Synthetic Unity of Apperception

Module 3

Transcendental Dialectic - Parallelogism - antinomies – Ideal of pure reason.

Module 4


Module 5

The context and structure of Hegel’s Philosophy of right – Hegel’s ethics- family and state.

References


PY 223 SYMBOLIC LOGIC

MODULE I


MODULE II

Compound Statements – Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction, Conditional and Bi-Conditional, Statement Forms, Tautologies, Contradictories and Contingents, Paradox of Material Implication, Logical Equivalence – De Morgan’s Theorem.

MODULE III

Argument and Argument Forms – Truth table techniques for testing arguments – Exercises.

MODULE IV


MODULE V


REFERENCES

3. Methods of Logic – W O Quine
4. Logic - ChandaChakraborty
5. Introduction to Logic – Creighton and Smart.
6. An Introduction to Symbolic Logic-Basson O’Connor
PY224 APPLIED ETHICS

Module I


Module 2


Module 3

Gender Ethics:Feminism as an Ethics of Gender – Equality problem in family and society.

Module 4

Environmental Ethics: Ecological Crisis – Anthropocentricism and Deep Ecology Land Ethics – Environmental Sustainability

Module 5

Ethics of Technology: Cyber Ethics – Ethical Issues related to Digital Media; print and digital – Motion Pictures –Ethical issues in Nano Science.

Reference Books

Practical Ethics – Peter Singer
Beginning of Bio-Ethics – Aron Ridley
Practical Ethics – HughLafollette
Bio-Medical Ethics – Walter Glannon (ed.)
Contemporary Issues in Bio-Ethics – Tom Beauchamp and Roy Walters
The Ethics of Gender – Susan Frank Parsons
Environmental Ethics – John Parson
Computer Ethics and Professional Responsibility: Terrel Ward Bynum and Simon Rogerson
PY 231 Modern Indian Thought

Module 1
Background of Modern Indian Thought, Indian Renaissance Movement, Salient Features of Modern Indian Thought.

Module 2
Swami Vivekananda: Concept of Man, Universal Religion, Practical Vedanta.
Sri Aurobindo Ghosh: Nature of Man, Involution & Evolution, Integral Yoga.
Rabindranath Tagore: Humanism, Nature of Man, Religion of Man.

Module 3
Dr. S. Radhakrishnan: Concept of Man, Nature of Ultimate Reality, Intellect & Intuition, Religious experience.
Krishnachandra Bhattacharya: Concept of Philosophy, Subject as Freedom.

Module 4
Jiddhu Krishnamurthy: Freedom from Known, Concept of Education.
Muhammed Iqbal: Concept of Ego, Man & His destiny.

Module 5
M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism, Critique of Marxism.
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Background of Ambedkar’s Thought, Critique of Casteism, Neo- Buddhism, Concept of Democracy.

Reference
Contemporary Indian philosophy - Basant Kumar Lal
Contemporary Indian philosophy - R.L. Srivastava
Contemporary Indian philosophy – T.M.P. Mahadevan
Modern Indian Thought – V.S. Naravane
Practical Vedanta – Swami Vivekananda
Integral Yoga – Sri Aurobindo
Religion of Man – Rabindranath Tagore
Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam – Muhammed Iqbal
An intellect View of life - S. Radhakrishnan
Religion in the Changing World – S. Radhakrishnan
Freedom from the Known – JiddhuKrishnanmurthy
Tradition & Revolution - JiddhuKrishnanmurthy
Collected Works of Swami Vivekananda
Essential writings of Ambedkar
Annihilation of Caste – Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
Studies in Philosophy - Krishnachandra Bhattacharya
Module 1
Introduction: The nature of philosophy of science- Historical development of science-The views of Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo, Newton, and Einstein (a very brief account) – Relation between Philosophy and Science – Realism vs Anti-realism

Module 2

Module 3

Module 4
Historical and Sociological Perspective on Scientific progress: The impact of Thomas Kuhn: Paradigm, Paradigm Shifts and Scientific Revolutions – Incommensurability- Non-cumulative progress of science.

Module 5

References
Philosophy of Science – Alex Rosenberg
Philosophy of Science: A Very Short Introduction – Samir Okasha
The Logic of Scientific Discovery – Karl Popper
Conjunctures and Refutations – Karl Popper
Essays in the Philosophy of Science – C.S. Pierce
What is the thing Called Science: A.F. Chalmers
The Structure of Scientific Revolutions – T. Kuhn
Philosophy of Science – P.H. Nidditeh
A Realist Theory of Science- Roy Bhaskar
PY 233 PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIALISM

MODULE I

Phenomenology: Background of Phenomenology - Brentano - Intentionality, Husserl: Basic features of his philosophy - Phenomenological Reduction - Eidetic Reduction, Transcendental Reduction, Bracketing - MerleauPonty - Phenomenology of Perception.

MODULE II

Existentialism: Background of Existentialism - Basic Tenets of Existentialism.

MODULE III

Soren Kierkegaard: Name and Meaning of Existence - Existence is indubitable and prior to thinking - Truth is inward and subjective - Existential situation - Existential self-realization - Existential Reality - Three stages of Existence.

MODULE IV

Karl Jaspers: Personal Experience and Transcendence - Tripartite nature of Being.

Gabriel Marcel: Problem and Mystery - Creative Fidelity and Hope

MODULE V

Jean Paul Sartre: Modes of Being (ensoi and pour-soi) – Concept of Freedom

Martin Heidegger: Concept of Dasein - Time and Being, Intersubjectivity

REFERENCE

A Critical Survey of Existentialism and Phenomenology: M.K. Bhadra
Six Existentialist Thinkers: H.J. Blackham
Ideas: Husserl
Phenomenology and Deconstruction: Dr. Sundarajan
Existentialism: John Macquarie
An Introduction to Existentialism: Robert Olsen
Irrational Man: A Study in Existential Philosophy – William Barrett
The Phenomenological Movement: Herbert Spiegelberg
Husserl: An Analysis of his Phenomenology: Paul Ricoeur
Phenomenology of Perception: MerleauPonty
Analytical Philosophy

Module 1

Historical Roots of the analytical tradition- the linguistic turn- the analytic critique- two models of analysis: therapeutic and descriptive

Module 2

Logic and Language: Frege :sense and reference- Bertrand Russell: theory of descriptions- criticisms by P.F. Strawson- logical atomism- The Rise and Fall of Logical Positivism: Verification theory of meaning-criticisms

Module 3

Origins of Linguistic Philosophy: Ludwig Wittgenstein: the early philosophy- TractatusLogicoPhilosophicus (the seven theses, T1 to T7- a brief survey) language – reality relationship-picture theory of meaning- the later philosophy in Philosophical Investigations- language games-use theory of meaning –function of philosophy

Module 4

Gilbert Ryle: category mistake and mental concepts (anti-Cartesianism)- JL Austin: speech act theory –Michael Dummett- the intuitionist semantics

Module 5


References

1. Analytic philosophy Barry R Gross
2. 2. Language, Truth and Logic- AJ Ayer
3. TractatusLogicoPhilosophicus – Wittgenstein
4. Philosophical Investigations- Wittgenstein
5. The Concept of Mind-Ryle
6. Word and Objects- Quine
7. Chomsky: Ideas and Ideals –Smith
8. Recent Developments in Analytic Philosophy-RC Pradhan
9. Analytic Philosophy- Avrum Stroll
10. Origins of Analytic philosophy- Dummett
PY 241 GANDHIAN THOUGHT AND PEACE STUDIES

MODULE I


MODULE II


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MODULE V

Peace Education – Concept of Basic education – Peace education and media (case studies) – Gandhi on World Peace – Terrorism and War – Gandhian Ways of Resolution – (Influences of Gandhian teachings on Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela)

REFERENCES

1. Conflict Resolution and Gandhian Ethics- Thomas Weber
2. Peace Studies – The Discipline and Dimensions - AshuPasricha
PY 242

Contemporary Continental Philosophy

Module 1

Structuralism: Ferdinand de Saussure: language as a science of signs - the nature of signs - langue and parole

Module 2


Module 3

Hermeneutics: Dilthey: explanation and understanding – Gadamer: philosophical hermeneutics - theory of understanding - Ricoeur: phenomenological hermeneutics - metaphor and narrative

Module 4

Postmodernism: the project of modernity - Lyotard: critique of metanarrative tradition

Module 5

Critical Theory: Jurgen Habermas: the theory of communicative action - Theodor Adorno: the theory of negative dialectics

References

1. An Introduction to Continental Philosophy - David West
2. The Continental Philosophy Reader – Richard Keany & Rainwater
3. Continental Philosophy - William R Schroder
4. Semiotics and Structuralism: Terence Hawker
5. From modernism to postmodernism - an anthology - McNeill and Feldman
7. Paul Ricoeur - karlsimms
8. Truth and Method - H.G. Gadamer
PY 243 PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

MODULE I


MODULE II


MODULE III


MODULE IV

Cognitive Science: Connectionism and the mind- Neural correlates of consciousness- Eliminative materialism- Critique of folk psychology- The denial of mind.

MODULE V


REFERENCES

An Introduction to Philosophy of Mind- E. J. Lowe, Cambridge University press, 2000
Philosophy of Mind: A short Introduction- Edward Feser, One World Publications
The Place of Mind- Brian Cooney, Cengage Learning, 1999
PY 244 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Module 1

Module 2
Religious epistemology: religious knowledge and experience-foundations of religious belief-reason, revelation and faith-basic beliefs and foundational beliefs of William Alston-mystic experience-features.

Module 3
Religious Language: Nature of religious language- symbolic, analogical and non-cognitive-verifiability and falsifiability of religious statements- religious statements and language games of Wittgenstein

Module 4
Religious hermeneutics: exegesis and hermeneutics-textuality and authority(Western and Indian perspectives) Ricouer-suspicion and faith-demythologization and demystification.

Module 5

References
1. Philosophy of Religion- John Hick
2. The Philosophy of Religion- Thomas McPerson
3. Philosophy of Religion-AR Mohapatra
4. Introduction to Religious Philosophy- Y.Masih
5. Eternal Values for a Changing Society- Swami Ranganathananda
6. Conflict of Interpretations-Paul Ricoeur
7. Religion in a Changing World-Dr.S. Radhakrishnan
8. Indian Hermeneutics-VN Jha
9. The Self as the Seer and the Seen-Dr.R. Balasubramanian
10. Methods of Knowledge-Swami Satprakashananda