

Curtailed/Reduced Syllabus of BA, Philosophy (BA I, II and III)

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BA - I

Paper - I: Ethics

First Term

1. The Nature and Scope of Ethics
2. Basic Postulates of Morality: The Problem of Free Will; Arguments for and against Freedom of Will; Determinism, Indeterminism and Self-Determinism.
3. The Nature and Object of Moral judgment: Motive, Intention, Consequence, End and Means.

Second Term

4. Ethical Hedonism: Transmutation of Psychological to Ethical Hedonism; Arguments for and against Ethical Hedonism; Egoistic Hedonism: Basic features & arguments for and against Egoistic Hedonism; Altruistic Hedonism or Utilitarianism; Transmutation of Egoistic Hedonism to Altruistic Hedonism; General characteristics of Utilitarianism & arguments for and against Utilitarianism.
5. Bentham's Qualitative Utilitarianism: Statement of Bentham's Utilitarian Theory; The Hedonic Calculus & the limitations of theory.
6. Mill's Qualitative Utilitarianism: Statement of Mill's Utilitarian theory; Critique of Bentham's Quantitative theory and the limitations of Mill's Theory.
7. Sidgwick's Utilitarian Theory: Critique of Bentham's and Mills Utilitarian theories; The concept of Ideal Utilitarianism & limitations of Sidgwick's theory.

Third Term

8. Kant's Deontological Ethics: The Doctrines of Good Will, Freedom of Will, Autonomy and Heteronomy of Will and Holy will, The Theory of Imperatives: Nature of Ethical Imperatives, Hypothetical and Categorical Imperatives, Formulations of Categorical Imperatives; The Doctrines of Duty for Duty's sake and Man as an end-in-himself; Evaluation of Kantian Ethics with reference to the charges of Formalism, Regorism.
9. Basic features of Indian Ethics; An Outline of Bhagvatgita, Jaina and Buddhist Ethics; Concepts of Rita, Rina and the four Purusharthas.

Suggested Books

1. S.L. Pandey, : Nitishastra Ka Sarvekshan
2. V.P. Verma : NitishastraKeMool Siddhant
3. Jata Shankar : Naitik Darshan Ke Vivid Ayam
4. N.N. Mishra : Nitishastra, SiddhantaTathaPrayog
5. J. S. Mackenzie : A Manual of Ethics
6. W.K. Frankena : Ethics
7. W. Lillie : Introduction of Ethics

8. Diwakar Pathak : Indian Ethics
9. J.L. Mackie : Ethics

Paper II: Indian Philosophy

First Term

1. Jainism: Anekantavada; Syadvada; Saptaphanginaya; the doctrine of Substance; Bondage and Liberation.
2. Early Buddhism: The doctrine of four noble truths, especially the doctrine of Pratityasamutpada and Nirvana; the Philosophy of Change and No-soul theory; the ideal of Bodhisattva and the distinction between Hinayana and Mahayana.

Second Term

3. Samkhya: theory of Satkarvavada; Purusa and the arguments for its existence and plurality; Prakrti and the arguments for its existence; the theory Gunas and the theory of Evolution.

Third Term

4. Sankara: Meaning of Advaita Philosophy; nature of MayaAvidya; the nature of Brahman; the nature of Consciousness, the nature of Moksa and means of Moksa and Tattvamasi.
5. Ramanuja: Meaning of Visistadvaita; Ramanuja's refutation of Sankara's theory of Maya; the nature of God; the nature of Consciousness; the nature of Moksa and means of Moksa and Tattvamasi (Aprithaksiddhi)

Suggested Books

1. Datta and Chatterji : An Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Hindi edition available)
2. S.L. Pandey : Bhartiya Darshan Ka Sarveksan, (Only relevant Chapters)
3. M. Hiriyanna : Outlines of Indian Philosophy (Hindi edition available)
4. C.D. Sharma : A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy (Hindi edition available)
5. R.M. Pathak : Bhartiya Darshan Ki SamikshatmakRooprekha

B.A. II

Paper I: Modern Western Philosophy

First Term

1. Rene Descartes: The method of doubt; four rules of investigation, cogito ergo sum, Interactionism;
2. Spinoza's Monism; Pantheism; Substance; Attributes and Modes, Parallelism
3. Leibnitz: Monadology; theory of Pre-established harmony

Second Term

4. Locke's criticism of innate Ideas
5. Locke's theory of knowledge; kinds of ideas; limits of knowledge; primary qualities and secondary qualities
6. Berkeley's criticism of Locke's realism; esse est percipi

Third Term

7. Hume's theory of knowledge, his refutation of the existence of God and self, his refutation of causality, Hume's skepticism.
8. Kant's criticism of rationalism and empiricism.

Suggested Books

1. Thilly and Wood : A History of Western Philosophy
2. Falkenberg : A History of Modern Western Philosophy
3. S.L. Pandey : Adhunik Darshan Ki Bhumika
4. H.S. Upadhyaya : Paschatya Darshan ka Udbhava Aur Vikasa

Paper II: Logic

First Term

1. The nature, definition and scope of Logic; distinguish between Deductive and Inductive Logic; Truth and Validity and Soundness. The nature and illustration of thinking.
2. Functions of language and kinds of definition; definition of genus by differentia.
3. Informal Fallacies: Their Definitions and Detection.
4. Inductive and Analogical Argument.
5. Hypothesis and scientific explanation; criteria of evaluation of Hypothesis.
6. Causal Connections. Mill's methods of Experimental enquiry.

Second Term

7. Categorical Propositions and their kinds.
8. Categorical Syllogism: Figures, Moods, Rules, Validity
9. Disjunctive and Hypothetical Syllogisms.
10. Dilemma.

Suggested Books

1. I.M. Copi : Introduction to logic
2. Pandey & Mishra : Tarkashastra Ka Parichaya (Copi's Translation)
3. Cohen and Nagel : Logic and Scientific Method
4. Seth and Misra : Tarkashastra

BA - III

Paper I: Western Epistemology

First Term

1. Nature and Scope of Epistemology
2. Nature of Knowledge; Tripartite conditions of knowledge; Gettier's problem; Fourth conditions of Knowledge; Knowledge and Belief; Knowing-how and Knowing-that.
3. Types of knowledge: apriori and aposteriori, Analytic and Synthetic propositions; Synthetic apriori judgment.

Second Term

4. Nature of Truth: Truth and criterion; Coherence, Correspondence and Pragmatic theories of truth.
5. Problem of Induction: Hume's Problem and its main solutions: Probability theory, Hypothetic-deductive method, Pragmatic and Linguistic solutions.

Third Term

6. Personal Identity; knowledge of other minds and its various solutions.
7. Problem of Universals: Realism, Conceptualism, Nominalism and Linguistic theory.

Suggested Books

1. D.W. Hymlyn : Theory of Knowledge
2. J. Hospers : An introduction of philosophical Analysis (Hindi edition available)
3. L.P. Pojman(ed): Theory of Knowledge
4. H.S. Upadhyaya: Jnanamimamsa Ke moola Prashna
5. H.S. Upadhyaya: Knowledge and Justification
6. Seth and Misra Jnanamimamsa
7. Daya Krishna: Jnanamimamsa

Paper II: Philosophy of Religion

First Term

1. Nature and Scope of Religion: Distinction between Religion and *Dharma*
2. Nature and scope of Philosophy of Religion; Distinction between Philosophy of Religion and theology.
3. Nature of God: Personal, Impersonal and Naturalistic.
4. Relation between God and world: Deism, Theism, Pantheism and Panentheism.

Second Term

5. Foundations of Religious Belief: Faith, Reason, Revelation and Mystical Experience.
6. Traditional Arguments for the existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral Argument.
7. The problem of Evil and its various solutions.

Third Term

8. Religious Tolerance; Religious Pluralism; Conversion; Secularism and The meeting point of all Religions.

Suggested Books

1. Ed. L. Miller: God and Reason
2. John Hick: Philosophy of Religion
3. L.N. Sharma: Dharma Darshan
4. Rishi Kant Pandey: Dharma Darshan
5. Seth and Misra: Ishvar Swatantrata Evam Amaratva: Ek Tattva Darshanik Adhyayan
6. V.P. Verma: Dharma Darshan Ki Mule Samasyaye

Paper III: Socio-Political Philosophy

First Term

1. Social Institutions: Nature and Kinds of Family and state.
2. Theories concerning the relation of Individual and state.

Second Term

3. Theories of Punishment: Reformative, Deterrent, Retributive theories and the Issue of Capital Punishment.
4. Political Ideologies: Democracy, Socialism, Indian Socialism, Communism & Gandhian Anarchism.
5. Social and Political Concepts: Freedom, Justice, Equality and Sovereignty; Right and Justice.

Third Term

6. Method of Social Change: Constitutionalism, Revolution, Terrorism and Satyagraha (Violent and non-Violent).

Suggested Books

1. G.H. Sabine : A History of Political Theory
2. G. Sabine : Rajnitik Siddhant ka Itihas (Hindi edition available)
3. Joshi & Pant : Paschatya Raj Darshan
4. Robet N. Beck : A Hand Book in Social Philosophy

5. Jata Shankar : VedantiSamajavada
6. S.L. Pandey : Samaj Darshan Ki EkPranali
7. V.P. Verma : Philosophical Humanism and Contemporary India