

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
B.R.A. BIHAR UNIVERSITY, MUZAFFARPUR

SYLLABUS

FOR

M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

Semester (Ist, IInd, IIIrd and IVth)
(CBCS - BASED)

Effective from session 2018.....onwards



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Unit 1+2 = 2×10 = 20 hrs
 Units 3+4 (Practicals) = 2×20 = 40 hrs
 Unit 5 (Vocational Training) = 10×2= 20 hours
 Total Programme = 20 + 40 + 20 = 80 hours

M.A. SEMESTER-III

Phil. CC- 10

CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt.

No. of Question x marks

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| Q1. Ten Multiple Choice Questions from each unit (Compulsory) | 10×1=10 |
| Q.2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory) | 4×6=24 |
| Q.3. Any Three Long-Answer Questions | 3×12=36 |

Internal Assessment

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| (a) Two Midterm Test | 2x7.5=15 |
| (b) Seminar & Home Assignment | 2x2.5=5 |
| (c) Regularity & Conduct | 10 |

Unit-I :

1. Hegel : (a) Absolute Idealism
 (b) Dialectical Method

Unit-II :

1. Bradley : (a) Appearance and Reality
 (b) Degree of Reality

Unit-III :

1. Moore : (a) Refutation of Idealism
 (b) Defence of Common Sense
 (c) Nature of Sense Data

Unit-IV :

1. Pragmatism : (a) Pierce's Theory of Meaning

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(b) James Conception of Truth

Unit-V :

1. Logical Positivism: (a) Elimination of Metaphysics
(b) Function of Philosophy
(c) Verification Theory of Meaning
2. Phenomenology- (a) Phenomenological Methods - (i) Epoche
(ii) Reduction
(b) Criticism of Psychologism

SUGGESTED BOOKS

1. R.C. Pandey - Phenomenology (Hindi Edition)
2. B.K.Lal - Samkalin Pashtatya Darshan
3. Nityanand Mishra - Samkalin Pashtatya Darshan
4. H.N.Mishra - Samkalin Pashtatya Darshan
5. Ajit Kumar Sinha - Samkalin Darshan
6. John Passmore - A Hundred Years of Philosophy
7. D.M.Datta - The Chief Current of Contemporary Philosophy

SUGGESTED ANSWERS

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M.A. SEMESTER-III
Phil. CC- 11
WESTERN ANALYTICAL PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

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| Q.2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory) | 4×6=24 |
| Q.3. Any Three Long-Answer Questions | 3×12=36 |

Internal Assessment

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| (a) Two Midterm Test | 2×7.5=15 |
| (b) Seminar & Home Assignment | 2×2.5=5 |
| (c) Regularity & Conduct | 10 |

Unit-I :

1. L.Wittgenstein
 (a) Picture theory of meaning
 (b) Language Game

Unit-II :

1. G.Ryle
 (a) Category Mistake and Cartesian Myth
 (b) Ghost in the machine

Unit-III :

1. J.L.Austin
 (a) Analysis of Speech act
 (b) Distinction between constative and performative statements.

Unit-IV :

1. P.F.Strawson

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(a) Descriptive Metaphysics

(b) Concept of Person

Unit-V :

1. W.V.O. Quine - Radical Empiricism
2. Derrida - Theory of Deconstruction

SUGGESTED BOOKS

1. Alston - The Philosophy of Language
2. Ayer - Language, Truth and Logic
3. Alston - 20th Century Philosophy
4. Ryle - Concept of Mind
5. Pitcher - The Philosophy of Wittgenstein
6. J.L. Austin - How to do things with Words
7. J.L. Austin - Ifs and Cans
8. F. Wilmann - The Principles of Linguistic analysis
9. P.F. Strawson - Individual
10. P.K. Sen and R.R. Verma - Philosophy of P.F. Strawson
11. Robert R. Ammerman - Classics of Analytic Philosophy
12. W.V.O. Quine - From A Logical Point of View
13. J.L. Austin - Philosophy of Language
14. W.V.O. Quine - Word and Object
15. B.K. Lal - Samkalin Paschatya Darshan
16. Nityanand Mehra - Samkalin Paschatya Darshan
17. R.N. Prasad Diwakar - Paschatya Darshan Ek Awalokan
18. Derrida - Margins of Philosophy

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Unit-V :

1. Religion and Morality
2. Humanism and Religion

SUGGESTED BOOKS

1. H.Smart - The Religious Experience of Mankind
2. R.C.Zaehner - The Concise Encyclopedia of Living Faiths
3. J.Hick - An Interpretation of Religion
4. W.James - Varieties of Religious Experience
5. R.Otto - The Idea of the Holy
6. R.Swinburne - Faith and Reason
7. Flint - Philosophy of Religion
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1. H.Smart
2. R.C.Zaehner
3. J.Hick
4. W.James
5. R.Otto
6. R.Swinburne

M.A. SEMESTER-III
Phil. CC- 14

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION-II

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt.

No. of Question x marks

- Q1. Ten Multiple Choice Questions from each unit (Compulsory) 10x1=10
- Q2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory) 4x8=24

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| Q.2. Any Three Short-Answer Questions | 3x7.5=22.5 |
| Q.3. Any Three Long-Answer Questions | 3x12=36 |

Internal Assessment

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| (a) Two Midterm Test | 2x7.5=15 |
| (b) Seminar & Home Assignment | 2x2.5=5 |
| (c) Regularity & Conduct | 10 |

Unit-I :

1. Concept of Soul and Salvation
2. Problem of Evil and Suffering

Unit-II :

1. Religious fundamentalism
2. Religious tolerance

Unit-III :

1. Secularism
2. Conversion

Unit-IV :

1. Bhakti and Faith
2. Prayer and Worship

Unit-V :

1. Possibility of Universal Religion
2. Incarnation

SUGGESTED BOOKS

1. N.Smart - The Religious Experience of Mankind

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2. R.C.Zahner - The Concise Encyclopedia of Living Faiths
3. R.C.Zahner - Mystics, Sacred and Profane
4. J.Hick - An Introduction of Religion
5. W.James - Varieties of Religious Experience
6. S.Radha Krishnan - The Idealist view of life
7. N.K.Brahma - Philosophy of Religion
8. J.C.Plot - Philosophy of Religion
9. A.Thompson - A Modern Philosophy
10. M.M.Shanhadhar - Secularism

**M.A. SEMESTER-III
AECC-2**

Human Values and Professional Ethics (3 Credits)

Gender Sensitization (2 Credits)

(One credit requires ten hours of theory and twenty hours of practical/assignment/field work)

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt

No. of Question x marks

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| Q2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory) | 4×6=24 |
| Q3. Any Three Long-Answer Questions | 3×12=36 |

Internal Assessment

- (a) Two Midterm Test *for internal assessment* $2 \times 7.5 = 15$

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- (a) Two Essays Total 2x2.5=5
- (b) Seminar & Home Assignment 2x2.5=5
- (c) Regularity & Conduct 10

Unit-I : Variety of Moral Issues, Principles of Ethics and Morality:-

Understanding the Harmony in the Society (society being an extension of family). Integrity, Work Ethics, Courage, Empathy, Self Confidence, Professional Ideas and Virtues. Ethics as a Subset of Morality. Ethics and Organizations, Duties and Rights of employees and employers.

Unit-II : Holistic approach to corporate ethics:-

Vedic Ethics- Tagore, Vivekanand, Gandhi and Aurobindo on Ethics, Ethics in Finance, Business and Environment, Professional Rights, Intellectual Property Rights, Corporate Responsibility, Social Audit and Ethical Investing, Computer and Ethics.

Unit-III : Professional Ethics:

Augmenting Universal Human Order, Characteristics of People-friendly and eco-friendly production, Strategy for Transition from the Present State to Universal Human Order, At the Level of Individual- as Socially and Ecologically Responsible Technologists and Managers. At the Level of Society- as Mutually Enriching Institutions and Organizations. Case Studies of typical holistic technologies and management patterns.

Unit-IV :

Gender : Definition, nature and evolution, culture, tradition, historicity; Gender spectrum; biological, sociological, psychological conditioning; Gender based division of labour - domestic work and use value.

Unit-V :

Gender Justice and human rights: international perspectives. Gender: Constitutional and legal perspectives, media & gender, Gender: emerging issues and challenges.

Rights, Corporate Responsibility, Social Audit and Ethical Investing, Computer and Ethics.

Unit-III : Professional Ethics: M.A. SEMESTER-IV

Augmenting Universal Human Order

In this semester, there are two Groups-A and B. Students may opt. any one out of A and B. Each Group contains two papers (Paper-15 & Paper-16) i.e. EC-I and EC-II. With these two papers, students are also required to opt. either GE-I Or DSE-I in this semester.

Unit-IV :

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