



# DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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## Syllabus for M.A. in Philosophy

### M.A. Semester-I

Phil. CC - 01	:	Indian Epistemology
Phil. CC - 02	:	Contemporary Indian Philosophy
Phil. CC - 03	:	Ancient Greek, Medieval & Modern Philosophy
Phil. CC - 04	:	Indian & Western Ethics
AEECC-01	:	A. Environmental Sustainability (3 credits)
		B. Swachha Bharat Abhiyan Activities (2 credits)

### M.A. Semester-II

Phil. CC - 05	:	Western Logic
Phil. CC - 06	:	Western Epistemology
Phil. CC - 07	:	Gandhian Philosophy
Phil. CC - 08	:	Indian Metaphysics
Phil. CC - 09	:	Indian Linguistic Trends
AEC-01	:	Yogic Sciences / Computer & IT Skill / Life Skills & Skill development

### M.A. Semester-III

Phil. CC - 10	:	Contemporary Western Philosophy
Phil. CC - 11	:	Western Analytical Philosophy
Phil. CC - 12	:	Indian Logic
Phil. CC - 13	:	Philosophy of Religion - I
Phil. CC - 14	:	Philosophy of Religion - II
AEECC-02	:	Human Values and Professional Ethics (3 Credits)
		Gender Sensitization (2 Credits)

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**M.A. Semester-IV**  
 (Student may opt. any one group of two)

**Group-A**

- EC- 01 (Paper-15) : Sacred Texts
1. Bhagvadgita - Radhakrishnan (3 credits)
  2. Dhammapada- Radhakrishnan (2 credits)

EC- 02 (Paper-16) : Project Work/Dissertation

**Group-B**

- EC- 01 (Paper-15) :
1. Vedanta Philosophy (3 credits)
  2. Sankhya Philosophy (2 credits)

EC- 02 (Paper-16) : Project Work/Dissertation

GE-01 : Human Rights

OR

DSE-01 (Paper-15) : Environmental Studies

EC- 02 (Paper-16)

EC- 01 (Paper-15)

EC- 02 (Paper-16)

GE- 01

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M.A. SEMESTER-I  
Phil. CC- 01

INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

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)  $10 \times 1 = 10$   
Q2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory)  $4 \times 6 = 24$   
Q3. Any Three Long-Answer Questions  $3 \times 12 = 36$

Internal Assessment

- (a) Two Midterm Test  $2 \times 7.5 = 15$   
(b) Seminar & Home Assignment  $2 \times 2.5 = 5$   
(c) Regularity & Conduct 10

Unit-I :

1. Definition, Nature of Cognition  
2. Distinction between Prama and Aprama  
3. The close relationship between Epistemology and Logic  
4. Pramana Vyavastha and Pramana Samplava

Unit-II : Different Pramanas with reference to Orthodox and Heterodox systems.

1. Pratyaksha - Definition and Kinds  
2. Anuman - Definition, Constituents and kinds

Unit-III :

1. Hetvabhava  
2. Upman

Unit-IV :

1. Shabda  
2. Arthapatti

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**M.A. SEMESTER-I**  
**Phil. CC- 02**  
**CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt.

No. of Question & marks

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| Q1. Ten Multiple Choice Questions from each unit (Compulsory) | 10×1=10 |
| Q2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory)              | 4×6=24  |
| Q3. 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. Vivekanand

- (a) Universal Religion
- (b) Practical Vedanta
- (c) Conception of Man

**Unit-II :**

1. Rabindranath Tagore

- (a) Religion of Man
- (b) The Problem of Evil

**Unit-III :**

1. Aurobindo

- (a) Reality of Sacchidananda
- (b) Theory of Evolution

2. S. Radhakrishnan

- (a) Concept of Absolute

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(b) Intellect and Intuition

**Unit-IV :**

1. B.R.Ambedkar
  - (a) Criticism of Caste system
  - (b) Social Justice
2. Iqbal
  - (a) Intellect and Intuition
  - (b) Space & Time
  - (c) Nature of Self

**Unit-V :**

1. K.C.Bhattacharya
  - (a) Theoretic Consciousness
  - (b) Subject as freedom
2. M.N.Roy
  - (a) Crisis of Materialism
  - (b) New Humanism

**SUGGESTED BOOKS**

- |     |                  |   |                                 |
|-----|------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1.  | Sri Aurobindo    | - | Integral Yoga                   |
| 2.  | R.N.Tagore       | - | Religion of Man                 |
| 3.  | B.R.Ambedkar     | - | Writings and Speeches           |
| 4.  | B.K.Lal          | - | Contemporary Indian Philosophy  |
| 5.  | V.S.Narwane      | - | Modern Indian Philosophy        |
| 6.  | R.G.Sinha        | - | Concept of Reason and Intuition |
| 7.  | बसंत कुमार शर्मा | - | आदर्शवाद और आधुनिक विचार        |
| 8.  | डॉ. कर्णेश्वर    | - | आधुनिक विचार और समाज            |
| 9.  | S.Radhakrishnan  | - | An Idealist View of Life        |
| 10. | R.S.Shrivastava  | - | Contemporary Indian Philosophy  |

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- 11. K.C. Bhattacharya - Study in Philosophy
- 12. M.N.Roy - Materialism
- 13. डॉ. ए. ए. अहमद - आधुनिक भारतीय दर्शन - आधुनिक भारतीय दर्शन

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**M.A. SEMESTER-I**  
**Phil. CC- 03**

**ANCIENT GREEK, MEDIEVAL & MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

Time: 3 hours Full Marks: 70

The Students are required to attempt. No. of Question & marks

- Q1. Ten Multiple Choice Questions from each unit (Compulsory) 10×1=10
- Q2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory) 4×6=24
- Q3. Any Three Long-Answer Questions 3×12=36

**Internal Assessment**

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

**Unit-I :**

- 1. General Idea of Pre-Socratic Greek Philosophy

**Unit-II :**

- 1. Socrates : (a) Method (b) Theory of Knowledge
- 2. Plato : (a) Theory of Knowledge (b) Theory of Ideas

**Unit-III :**

- 1. Aristotle : (a) Criticism of Plato's Theory of Ideas
- (b) Theory of causation
- (c) Form and Matter

**Unit-IV :**

- St. Augustine : (a) God (b) Problem of Evil

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Unit-IV :

- 3. St. Augustine : (a) God (b) Problem of Evil
- 2. St. Aquinas : (a) God (b) Problem of Evil

Unit-V :

- 1. Nietzsche
  - (a) Superman
  - (b) Atheism
- 2. Schopenhauer :
  - (a) Pessimism
  - (b) World as will

**SUGGESTED BOOKS**

- 1. F. Copieston - A History of Philosophy Vol. I
- 2. J. Burnet - Early Greek Philosophy
- 3. I. M. Crombie - An Examination of Plato's Doctrines
- 4. R.H. Borrow - Introduction to St. Augustine the city of God.
- 5. Jagdish Sahay Srivastava - Greek Darshan ka Vaigyanic Sarvekshana
- 6. R.N. Prasad Dwivedi - Paschatya Darshan : Ek Avalokana
- 7. N.P. Tiwary - Greek Evam Madhyayugin Darshan : Ek Avalokana
- 8. Daya Krishna - Paschatya Darshan Vol. - I
- 9. Kaufmann - Nietzsche
- 10. Schopenhauer - The World as will and Idea

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5. G.G.Shankar - Critical Study of Indian Philosophy
6. S.N.Das Gupta - Indian Philosophy Vol. I to V
7. S.Radhakrishnan - Indian Philosophy Vol. I & II
8. M.Hiriyana - Outlines of Indian Philosophy

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M.A. SEMESTER-II  
Phil. CC- 09  
INDIAN LINGUISTIC TRENDS

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)  $10 \times 1 = 10$
- Q2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory)  $4 \times 6 = 24$
- Q3. Any Three Long-Answer Questions  $3 \times 12 = 36$

Internal Assessment

- (a) Two Midterm Test  $2 \times 7.5 = 15$
- (b) Seminar & Home Assignment  $2 \times 2.5 = 5$
- (c) Regularity & Conduct 10

Unit-I :

1. Metaphysical basis of Linguistic trends in Indian Philosophy
2. Theory of Sphotavada and its Criticism

Unit-II :

1. Problem of Meaning:
  - (a) Nature and Classification of Word (Abhidha, Lakshana, Vyanyana)
  - (b) Import of words - (Akrivada, Vyaktivada and Jativada)

Unit-III :

1. Conditions of knowing the meaning of sentence  
(Anvitabhidanvada and Abhitanvayavada), Akhanda Vakyavadi

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Unit-IV :

1. Anvaidedakavada
2. 'Conception of Negation

Unit-V :

1. Apohavada
2. Meaning and Kinds of Abhava

SUGGESTED BOOKS

1. K.N.Chatterjee - Word and meaning- A new perspective Varanasi-1980
2. Gaurinath Sastri - The Philosophy of Word meaning, Calcutta-1959
3. K.Kunjunni Raja - Indian Theories (Meaning Adyer 1977)
4. K.A.Subramanialayer- Bhartrihari, Poona, 1969
5. Tandra Patnak - Sabda : A Study of Bhartrihari's Philosophy of Language De 1994
6. Nares Pd. Tiwari - Bhartiya Bhasha Darshan
7. Satyapal Guatam - Bhasha Darshan
8. Bijay Pal Shashtri - Bhartiya Bhasha Darshan
9. V.N.Ojha - Logic, Epistemology and Language.
10. Hari Mohan Jha - Trends of Linguistic Analysis in Indian Philosophy

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M.A. SEMESTER-II

AEC- 01

Ability Enhancement Course

Yogic Sciences

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt.

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Internal Assessment

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| (b) Seminar & Home Assignment | 2x2.5=5  |
| (c) Regularity & Conduct      | 10       |

UNIT-I\*

BASIC CONCEPT OF YOGA

- Introduction to Yoga:** Definitions of Yoga, Thinkers on yoga and their views- Patanjali, Gherand and; Goraksh; Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and Gyan Yoga; Concept and Characteristics.
- Raja Yoga :** Eight steps of Yoga: Description and Significance of Yamas and Niyamas.
- Asanas and Pranayama:** Methods, advantages and limitations; Concept of Prana and Nadis; The subtle body, Chakras.
- Pratyahara and Dharana :** Significance and techniques; Pratyahara and Dharana - Yoga Nidra, Antarmuena, Ajapa Jap.
- Hath Yoga :** Shatkarmas - their methods, benefits and limitations
- Body and Mind:** Body-mind relation; the conscious, subconscious and unconscious; Psychosomatic disorders.

UNIT-2

APPLICATION OF YOGA

- Yogic Lifestyle and Health:** Medical concept and definition of health, Causes of disease according to medical science and yoga; Basic instincts and their management through yoga;

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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

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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

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

**Time : 3 hours**

**Full marks : 70**

**The Students are required to attempt.**

**No. of Question x marks**

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| Q.1. Ten Multiple Choice Questions from each unit (Compulsory) | 10x1=10 |
| Q.2. Any Four Short-Answer Questions (Compulsory)              | 4x6=24  |
| 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. 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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M.A. SEMESTER-III  
Phil. CC- 13

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION - I

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt.

No. of Questions & marks

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

Internal Assessment

- (a) Two Midterm Test  $2 \times 7.5 = 15$   
(b) Seminar & Home Assignment  $2 \times 2.5 = 5$   
(c) Regularity & Conduct 10

Unit-I :

1. Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion

2. Religious Consciousness - Cognitive element, Affective element,  
Conative element

Unit-II :

1. Theories of the Origin of Religion - The anthropological origin of religion,  
- The psychical origin of religion

Unit-III :

1. Freedom of Will, Karma and Rebirth

Unit-IV :

1. Mysticism  
2. Atheism

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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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**SUGGESTED BOOKS**

1. H.Smart
2. R.C.Zaehner
3. J.Hick
4. W.James
5. R.Otto
6. R.Swinburne
7. Flint
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**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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- (a) Two Multiple Choice Questions 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:-**

Vedantic 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.

Unit-VI : Professional Ethics and Ethics of Technology, Computer and Ethics

**Unit-VI : Professional Ethics and Ethics of Technology, Computer and Ethics**

**M.A. SEMESTER-IV**

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.

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Group-A  
EC-I (Paper- 15)

SACRED TEXTS

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt.

No. of Question x marks

- Q.1. 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

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

(1) Bhagavadgita - Radhakrishnan (3 credits)  
Unit-I : Gyana Yoga, Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga.

Unit-II: Svadharma, Lokasangraha, Istitapragyata

Unit-III: Purushottama, Ethics of the Gita, Synthesis of Yoga.

(2) Dhammapada - Radhakrishnan (2 credits)

Unit-IV : Arhat, Bhikshu, Brahmana

Unit-V : The Buddha (The awakened), Lokavaggo (The world).

M.A. SEMESTER-IV

EC-II (Paper-16)

PROJECT WORK/DISSERTATION

(a) Two Midterm Test

Full Marks: 70

(b) Seminar & Home Assignment

(c) To be submitted by the student under the supervision of a teacher of the department.

(d) Regularity & Conduct

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M.A. SEMESTER-IV

Group-B

EC-I (Paper- 15)

PHILOSOPHY OF VEDANTA AND SANKHYA

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt.

No. of Questions & marks

- Q1. Ten Multiple Choice Questions from each unit (Compulsory) 10×1=10  
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 2x7.5=15  
(b) Seminar & Home Assignment 2x2.5=5  
(c) Regularity & Conduct 10

(1) Vedanta Philosophy (3 credits)

Unit-I : Shankara - Brahman and Maya, Ramanuja - Brahman and Rejection of Maya

Unit-II: Madhva-Bondage and Liberation, Nimbarka-Ishwara and Jiva

Unit-III: Vallabha-Brahman and Bhakti

(2) Sankhya Philosophy (2 credits)

Unit-IV : Theory of causation, Prakriti and Gunas, Purusha and Purusha-Bahutva (Plurality)

Unit-V : Evolution, Bondage and Liberation.

(a) Two Midterm Test

(b) Seminar & Home Assignment

(c) Regularity & Conduct

(d) Internal Assessment

(e) External Assessment

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**M.A. SEMESTER-IV  
EC-II (Paper-16)**

Full Marks: 70

To be submitted by the student under the supervision of a teacher of the department.

**M.A. SEMESTER-IV  
GE-I**

Generic Elective (GE) Course	
Course title: Human Rights	
Course code: GE-I	Credit 5 (There shall be 5 units each consisting of one credit)
Course Offered in : Semester-IV	
Course content:	
Unit	Topic
I	<b>Conceptual Aspects of Human Rights</b> (a) Meaning and Concept of Human Rights (b) Human Rights, Natural Rights, Civil Rights, Political Rights and Legal Rights.
II	<b>Evolution of the Concept of Human Rights</b> (a) Magna Carta, The united state-declaration of Independence: The French Declaration of the Right of Man and the Citizen : United state Bill of Rights: Geneva Convention of 1864: Universal declaration of Human Rights, 1948. (b) International Bill of Rights, Significance of Universal Declaration of Human Rights International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and cultural Rights.
III	<b>Diversity, Multiculturalism and Human Rights</b> (a) Value of Diversity: Collective Cultural Rights and the Idea of Universal Human Rights. Multiculturalism and Minority Rights: Protection and promotion of Human Rights in Multicultural Societies. (b) Beyond Universal Human Rights: Universalism of human Rights. Nation-State and the Right to national Self-Determination: State Sovereignty and the politics of Universal Human Rights.
IV	<b>Theoretical aspects of Human Rights</b> (a) Theories of Human Rights- Liberal. Perspective Locke, Rousseau, J.S.Mill, Marxian Perspective-Marx, Gramsci

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	(b) Feminist Perspective of Human Rights
V	Assignment/Field Work based and Unit I, II, III and IV.

Unit-I:

Science and Human Values

Developmental Perspective

Save Earth

SUGGESTED BOOKS

Website Links

OR  
M.A. SEMESTER-IV  
DSE-I

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Time : 3 hours

Full marks : 70

The Students are required to attempt.

No. of Question & marks

Q.1.	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

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

Unit-I:

Man-nature relationship in Western thinkers Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Hegel, Gandhi

Unit-II:

Q.1. Man-nature relationship in different religions. Tribal Religion, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism

Unit-III:

Ecological Problems : Poverty and Environment, Population and Environment, Philosophy of Ecology

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