



Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur

## **SYLLABUS FOR POST- GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY**

**Batch: 2021-2022**

P.G. - 2018-19

PG CBCS SYLLABUS FOR PHILOSOPHY

2021-2022

SEMESTER- I

Paper- 101 INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

H.O.D. of Philosophy  
G.M. University  
Sambalpur

- Unit 1: Pramanas: Pratyaksa (Carvaka, Buddhism, Nyaya, Mimansa) Anumana (Nyaya)
- Unit 2: Pramanas: Upamana, Arthapatti, Sabda pramana, Anupalabdhi
- Unit 3: Pramanyavada: pramanya/apramanya (svatah & paratah)  
Critique of pramanyavada: Carvaka & Jayarasi Bhatt
- Unit 4: Khyativadas (Theories of Error)- Anyathakhyati, Viparitakhyati, Akhyati, Atrnakhyati, Asatkhyati, Anirvacchaniyakhyati, Satkhyati

Basic Study Materials

1. D.M. Dutta, The Six Ways of Knowing
2. S.C. Chatterjee, The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge
3. C.D. Sharma, A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
4. Jwala Prasad, History of Indian Epistemology
5. Swami Satprakashananda, Methods of Knowledge
6. H. Kar, Indian Theories of Error

Paper- 102- INDIAN METAPHYSICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit 1: Concept of Reality- Jainism (Anekantavada), Buddhism (Anityavada, Nairatnyavada), Vaisesika (Atomism)
- Unit 2: Concept of Reality- Sankhya (Purusa, Prakriti), Sankara (Bramhan, Atman, Maya), Ramanuja (Bramhan, Iiva, Maya)
- Unit 3: The Doctrines of Causality and Evolution- Satkaryavada, Asatkaryavada, Satkaranavada; Parinamavada & Vivartavada
- Unit 4: Concept of Self and Liberation- Buddhism, Sankhya, Sankara, Ramanuja

Basic Study Materials

1. S. Radhakrishnan, Indian Philosophy Vol. I & II
2. S.N. Dasgupta, History of Indian Philosophy Vol. I & II
3. T.R.V. Murty, Central Philosophy of Buddhism
4. P.T. Raju, Spirit, Being and Self
5. Mahesh Chandra Bharatiya, Causation in Indian Philosophy
6. Sarban Ganguli, A Critique of Causality

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**Paper- 103 - INDIAN ETHICS**

**Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)**

Unit 1: Purusarthas: Hierarchy of Values

Unit 2: Svadharma, Paradharma, Varnasrama Dharma, Nishkama karma

Unit 3: Ethics of Jainism & Buddhism

Unit 4: Gandhian Ethics: Truth, Ahimsa, Satyagraha, Means & End

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- ✓ 1. S.K. Maitra, Ethics of The Hindus
- ✓ 2. M. Hiriyana, The Indian Concept of Values
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- ✓ 4. I.C. Sharma, Ethical Philosophies of India
- ✓ 5. Rajendra Prasad, Varnadharmas, Nishkama karma and Practical Morality
- ✓ 6. P. De Silva, "Buddhist Ethics" in "A Companion to Ethics," ed. Peter Singer
- ✓ 7. H.S. Prasad, The Centrality of Ethics in Buddhism: Exploratory Essays
- ✓ 8. Srimad Bhagvadgita
- ✓ 9. R.N.Iyer, The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi, Oxford University Press, 1973

**Paper 104- LINGUISTIC AND CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS**

**Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)**

**Unit -1**

1. Word Meaning
2. Ambiguity,
3. Vagueness
4. Definition: Defining and Accompanying Characteristics

**Unit-2**

1. Sentence Meaning
2. Referential, Ideational, Behavioural, Use View of Meaning

**Unit-3**

1. Analytic and Synthetic
2. A priori and A posteriori: Synthetic- A priori
3. Logical possibility, Empirical possibility, Technical possibility

**Unit-4**

1. Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and What Works
2. Knowledge: Sources, What is Knowledge

**Basic study materials**

- ✓ 1) John Hospers An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
- ✓ 2) W.P. Alston, Philosophy of Language

## Paper- 105 -PHILOSOPHY OF KANT

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit 1: Kant- Critical Philosophy, Synthetic Apriori Judgement  
Unit 2: Kant- Reconciliation of Empiricism & Rationalism  
Unit 3: Kant- Categories of Understanding, Phenomena & Noumena  
Unit 4: Kant- Categorical Imperative, good will

### Basic Study Materials

1. F.C. Copleston, History of Philosophy — *sem 1*
2. R. Falkenberg, History of Modern Philosophy — *SL 10th*
3. Rasbihari Das, Kant's Critique of Pure Reason

## SEMESTER II

### Paper 201- SYMBOLIC LOGIC

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit 1: Introduction to Logic and Language (Ch- 1 & Ch- 2, I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic)  
Unit 2: The Method of Deduction (Ch- 3, I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic)  
Unit 3: Quantification Theory (Ch- 4, I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic)  
Unit 4: Set Theory (Ch- 7, I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic)

Prescribed Book: I.M. Copi, Symbolic Logic, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (Ch- 1, 2, 3, 4, 7), Pearson Prentice Hall, Delhi, 1979

### Books for Reference:

1. I.M. Copi and M. Cohen, An Introduction to Logic, Pearson, 2014
2. Patric Suppes, An Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Affiliated East- West Press, 1957



## Paper 202- WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit- 1: Problems of Knowledge: Plato's theory of knowledge,

Belief and Opinion: A.J.Ayer – skepticism, Gettier – "Is justified True Belief Knowledge?"

Unit- 2: Concepts of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence, Semantic

Unit- 3: Problems concerning Perceptual Knowledge and Memory

Unit- 4: Quine's Naturalised Epistemology

### Basic study materials

- ✓ 1) Noah Lemos, An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge.
- ✓ 2) D.M. Armstrong, Belief, Truth and Knowledge
- ✓ 3) Edmund Gettier, "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?"
- ✓ 4) A.J. Ayer, Foundation of Empirical Knowledge
- ✓ 5) Paul Newall, An Introduction to Epistemology

## Paper 203: WESTERN METAPHYSICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit -1: Concepts of Reality: Monism, Dualism, Pluralism

Unit- 2: Problem of Substance and Problem of Universals

Unit -3: Problems of Space and Time

Unit -4: Problems Concerning Body and Mind Relation

### Basic study materials

- ✓ 1. John Hospers (Ed.), Readings in Introductory Philosophical Analysis
- ✓ 2. G.W. Patrick, An Introduction to Philosophy
- ✓ 3. D.W. Hamlyn, Metaphysics
4. John Hospers, An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
- ✓ 5. C. Dennet and Hofstades, Mini's I

6) Manuel Velasquez -

7) C D Broad

Paper -204 - WESTERN ETHICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit- 1: Ethical theories :Consequentialism and Teleological Theories (Bentham and Mill)
- Unit -2: Ethical Theories : Deontology and Virtue Ethics (kant and Aristotle)
- Unit -3 Metaethical theories: Cognitivism and Non-Cogniticism (R.M.Hare and G.E.Moore)
- Unit-4: Emotivism: Ayer and Stevenson

Basic study materials

- 1) William K. Frankena, Ethics
- 2) J.S. Mill, Utilitarianism
- 3) Samuel Scheffler, Consequentialism and its Critics
- 4) I. Kant, Critique of Practical Reason
- 5) Rosaline Hursthouse, Virtue Ethics
- 6) R.M. Hare, Language of Morals
- 7) G.E. Moore, Principia Ethica
- 8) A.J. Ayer, "A Critique of Ethics", in Language, Truth and Logic

9) "Nicomachean Ethics", Aristotle

Paper-205 - POST KANTIAN PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20) more specific

- Unit-1: Hegel: Idealism, Dialectic Method
- Unit-2: ✓ Bradley: Idealism, Appearance and Reality *Refutation of the distinction between Primary & Secondary*
- Unit-3: ✓ Pragmatism: James' Pragmatic Theory of Truth and Theory of Reality *Spatiality, Relations, Idealism*
- Unit-4: Existentialism: Theistic Existentialism of Heidegger :- *The Essence of Truth*  
Atheistic Existentialism of Sartre: *Being & Nothing, Das sein - Time & Being.*  
*Existentialism & Humanism*

Basic Study materials

- 1. C.E.M. Joad, Introduction to Modern Philosophy
- 2. D. M. Dutta, CHIEF Currents of Contemporary Philosophy
- 3. W.T. Stace, Philosophy of Hegel
- 4. F.H. Bradley, Appearance and Reality
- 5. William James, Pragmatism
- 6. Jean Paul Sartre, Existentialism and Humanism
- 5. History of Western Philosophy - Bertrand Russell.

10) ICPR 'Existentialism & phenomenology'

**Paper- 206 DSE**  
**206 (A) PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**  
 Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit-1: Introduction (Chapter-I, John Hick, Philosophy of Religion)  
 Judaic- Christian Concept of God
- Unit-2 : Arguments for and against the existence of God.
- Unit-3: The Problem of Evil, Revelation and Faith
- Unit-4: Problems of Religious Language

**Prescribed Book**

1. John Hick, Philosophy of Religion
- ✓ 2. Keith E. Yandell , Philosophy of Religion: A Contemporary Introduction, Routledge, 2016

**Paper- 206 (B) - APPLIED ETHICS**  
 Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit-1: Introduction: Ethics and Applied Ethics
- Unit-2 : Bio-medical Ethics- Informed Consent, Abortion, Euthanasia
- Unit-3: Business Ethics- Corporate Social Responsibility, Rights of a worker, Business and environment
- Unit-4: Media Ethics- Obligation of the media to the Society , Media and women

**Basic Study Materials**

- ✓ 1. Peter Singer, Practical Ethics
- ✓ 2. Jayanti Jagdeb , Biomedical Ethics
- ✓ 3. William H. Shaw , Business Ethics , Thomson
- ✓ 4. Patrick Lee Plaisanka , Media Ethics: Key Principles for Responsible Practice

**Paper- 206 (C)- Argument Analysis**  
 Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

**Unit-I : Introduction:**

1. Arguments
2. Impediments to Good Reasoning
3. Some Problematic Sentences
4. Well-Formed Arguments
5. The Standard Form of Arguments
6. The Steps of Argument Analysis
7. The Ways in Which Arguments Go Wrong



**Unit-II: Well-Formed Arguments:**

1. Validity and Cogency
2. Deductive Soundness and Strength, Inductive Soundness and Strength
3. Argument Reconstruction and the Principle of Charity
4. Identifying Premises and Conclusions
5. General and Specific Premises
6. Adding Implicit Premises

**Unit-III: Details of Argument Reconstruction**

1. Common Problems in Reconstructing Arguments
2. Avoiding the Common Problems
3. Evaluations of Arguments
4. Basic Rules of Premise Evaluation
5. Evaluating Specific Types of Premise
6. Ambiguity and Arguments

**Unit-IV: Analysis of Moral Arguments**

1. Moral Arguments
2. Moral Statements
3. Morality, Rationality and Truth
4. Analysing Moral Arguments

**Prescribed Book:**

Richard Feldman, (1993) Reason and Argument, Prentice-Hall Inc. Englewood Cliff, New Jersey 07632

**SEMESTER- III**

**Paper – 301 CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit-1: Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda: God, Religion, man, Society and Concept of Yoga
- Unit-2: Philosophy of R.N.Tagore: Man, Nature, God
- Unit-3: Philosophy of S.Radhakrishnan: Intuition, Concept of man
- Unit-4: Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo: Involution, Evolution, Concept of Man, Karma and Rebirth, Integral Yoga

**Basic study Materials**

- 1) B.K.Lal, Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- 2) S.K.Maitra, An Introduction to Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo
- 3) Madhusudan Reddy, Sri Aurobinda Philosophy of Evolution
- 4) J.L.Shaw, Practical Vedanta: Swamy Vivekananda as a Philosopher
- 5) R.N.Tagore, Religion of Man
- 6) S.Radhakrishnan, Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore
- 7) M.K.Gandhi, The Story of My Experiments with Truth

① "Contemporary Indian Philosophy"  
- S K Narayana



## Paper-302-PRINCIPAL RELIGIONS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit-1: Hinduisim and Sikhism- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Suffering

Unit-2: Jainism and Buddhism- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Suffering

Unit-3: Zoroastrianism and Christianity- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Suffering

Unit-4: Islam and Sufism- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Suffering

### Basic Study Materials

- ① Y.Masih, A Comparative Study of Religions
- ✓ 2) John Westerdale Bowker, World Religions: The Great Faiths Explored and Explained
- ✓ 3) K.N.Tiwari, Principal Religions
- ✓ 4) Huston Smith, The World's Religions
- ✓ 5) Daniel L Pals, Eight Theories of Religion

## Paper- 303 - ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY-I

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit-1

Frege: Sense and Reference

Russell: Theory of Descriptions

Unit-2

Logical Positivism: Introduction, Elimination of Metaphysics, Verification Theory of Meaning

G.E. Moore: A Defense of Common sense

Unit-3

Gilbert Ryle: Descartes' Myth, Psychology

Unit-4

Wittgenstein: Picture theory of meaning, Use view of meaning

### Basic Study Materials

- ✓ ① Classics of Analytic Philosophy, Ed. By Robert R. Ammerman
- ✓ 2) Perspectives in Analytic Philosophy, Ed. By P.K. Mohapatra and S.C. Panigrahi
- 3) Indian Philosophy Today, Ed. By M.K. Devaraja

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Paper-304 - ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY- II

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit-1: G. Misra- Metaphysical Models and Conflicting Cultural Patterns

Unit-2: Rajendra Prasad- God and Morality: A Conceptual Exploration

Unit-3: J.N. Mohanty-Philosophy as Reflection-on-Experience <sup>G.C. Nayak</sup> *The Criterion of Personal Identity - MUST it be Physical?*

Unit-4: ~~S. Barlingay-Distinguishables and Separables~~ <sup>N.K. Devaraj</sup> *Notes Towards a Delimitation of Philosophy.*

Basic Study Materials

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3) ~~Indian Philosophy Today, Ed. By N.K. Devaraja~~

2. *Essays in Analytical Philosophy; G.C. Nayak, Santosh Publications, Cuttack.*

Paper 305- PRACTICAL ETHICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit -1: Chapter -2 - Equality and Its Implications

Unit -2: Equality for animals? (chapter-3)

Unit-3: Taking Life (Humans) (chapter -7)

Unit -4: The Environment (chapter -10)

Book Prescribed

Practical Ethics by Peter Singer, Cambridge Univ Press 1999 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Books for reference:

1. T.L. Beauchamp, Philosophical Ethics

2. Issues in Practical Ethics ed. By Tandra Pattnaik Department of Philosophy Utkal University

Paper- 306 IDSE

306 (A)- PRACTICAL ETHICS

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

Unit -1: Chapter -2 - Equality and Its Implications

Unit -2: Equality for animals? (chapter-3)

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**Paper 306 (B)- INDIAN ETHICS**

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7. H.S. Prasad, The Centrality of Ethics in Buddhism: Exploratory Essays

8. Srimad Bhagvadgita

9. R.N. Iyer, The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi, Oxford University Press, 1973

**Paper 306 (C) - PRINCIPAL RELIGIONS**

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Unit-1: Hinduism and Sikhism- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Suffering

Unit-2: Jainism and Buddhism- Concepts of God, Man, Creation, Suffering

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## SEMESTER IV

### Paper 401 : SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit 1: Secularism: Meaning, Definitions, Secularism in India  
Socialism: Meaning and Definitions  
Types of Socialism: Evolutionary and Revolutionary
- Unit 2: Humanism: Meaning and Definition  
Humanism of Vivekananda and M. N. Roy  
Sarvodaya: Gandhiji and Vinoba Bhave
- Unit 3: Feminism: Meaning, Definition, Principles of Feminism  
Types of Feminism: Liberal, Socialist and Radical Feminism
- Unit 4: Marxism: Classical and Neo- Marxism

#### Books Recommended:

1. O. P. Gauba, An Introduction to Political Theory
2. Andrew Heywood, Political Ideology, An Introduction
3. Anju Bindra, Feminism and Women's Rights
4. Andrew Heywood, Political Theory, An Introduction

<sup>②</sup> - Political Thought

<sup>⑤</sup> "Contemporary Indian Philosophy"  
Paper 402- POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND VALUES "TNP Maharashtra"  
Full Marks- 100 (80 + 20)

- Unit 1: Political Thoughts in the Mahabharata and Arthashastra of Kautilya
- Unit 2: Democracy: Classical & Modern versions; Authoritarianism: Meaning, Nature, Types
- Unit 3: Justice: Meaning of Justice  
Classical Theory of Justice (Plato and Aristotle)  
Modern Theory of Justice (Rawls)  
Liberty: Nature, Liberal Individualistic View, Marxist Concept of Justice
- Unit 4: Equality: Meaning, Relation between Liberty, Equality and Justice  
Liberalism: Classical, Welfare and Neo- Liberalism

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1. L.N. Rangarajan, Kautilya Arthashastra
2. Sukhbir Singh, History of Political Thought
3. G.Sabine, History of Political Theory
4. John Rawls, Political Liberalism Theory of Justice
5. Sushila Ramaswami, Political Theory: Ideas & Concepts
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7. Andrew Heywood, Key Concepts in Politics
8. J.P. Suda, Political Thought



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*② Political Thought*

*⑤ "To the temporary Indian philosophy"*

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7. Andrew Heywood, Key Concepts in Politics
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