

**University of Mumbai**  
**Sophia College for Women (Autonomous)**  
**Syllabus for SYBA PHILOSOPHY - PAPER 2**  
w.e.f. June 2019-20

**SEMESTER 3: Social Philosophy (Code: SBAPHI 301)**

**External Assessment Marks: 75**

**Internal Assessment: 25 marks**

**Unit 1: Exploitation: Class and race**

Hegel's notion of Recognition: significance of the Master-Slave dialectic. Frantz Fanon's post-colonial critique of racism: inadequacy of Hegelian master-slave dialectic; Fanon's justification of anti-colonial violence. Karl Marx: Historical Materialism account of history; Marx's analysis of capitalism and exploitation.

**Unit 2: Engaging diversity**

Liberalism and multiculturalism: the problem stated. Will Kymlicka: culture and freedom; Brian Barry's egalitarian critique of multiculturalism. The immigration debate: open versus closed borders.

**Unit 3: Toleration**

An analysis of the concept of toleration in liberalism; John Locke's justification of religious toleration; toleration as 'recognition'; case studies: should same-sex marriages be tolerated? The case of Islamic Veil in public schools in France.

**Unit 4: Philosophy of War (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)**

Just war theory and pacifism

**SEMESTER 4: Political Philosophy (Code: SBAPHI 401)**

**External Assessment Marks: 75**

**Internal Assessment: 25 marks**

**Unit 1: Liberty and domination**

Isaiah Berlin's Two Concepts of Liberty; dangers of positive liberty. Negative Liberty: J. S. Mill: freedom from non-interference - the Harm Principle. Positive Liberty: J.J. Rousseau: The notion of General Will. Third concept of freedom - the republican view: freedom from domination.

**Unit 2: Equality**

Formal equality and its limitations. Liberal versus Socialist conception of equality - equality of opportunity or equality of outcome? Equality of resources: Ronald Dworkin – meaning of equality, hypothetical auction and insurance markets.

**Unit 3: Justice**

Distributive justice: John Rawls: justice as fairness – original position, veil of ignorance, principles of justice. Robert Nozick: entitlement theory of justice – self-ownership argument; taxation is forced labour. Critical assessment of Rawls' and Nozick's view.

**Unit 4: Political Ideologies (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)**

Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism

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**SEMESTER 3: Greek Philosophy- I (Code: SBAPHI302)**

**External Assessment Marks: 75**

**Internal Assessment: 25 marks**

**Unit 1: Pre-Socratic Greek Philosophy**

Myth and philosophy. Cosmogogenesis: natural philosophers. Problem of change: Parmenides-Heraclites debate. Democritus' response to the problem of change: atomism

**Unit 2: Sophists and Socrates**

Nature (physis) versus Convention (nomos) debate. Sophists: morality is a matter of convention – Protagoras; Socrates: morality is absolute (Socratic *elenchus*); virtue is knowledge (*Protagoras*); the problem of akrasia (weakness of the will)

**Unit 3: Classical Greek Ethics**

Plato and Aristotle's response to the problem of akrasia. Plato's theory of justice (in Republic) and Aristotle (in Nicomachean ethics) on ethics of character

**Unit 4: Socrates trial and death (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)**

The trial of Socrates as presented by Plato in the dialogue *Apology* and the death of Socrates as presented in *Crito*.

**SEMESTER 4: Greek Philosophy- II (Code: SBAPHI402)**

**External Assessment Marks: 75**

**Internal Assessment: 25 marks**

### **Unit 1 Epistemology and Metaphysics**

Plato's approach to the problem of change: episteme (knowledge) and doxa (belief): justified true belief; universal and particulars, theory of Forms via allegory of Cave and Simile of divided line. Aristotle's account of change (natural and artificial): causation; form and matter, actuality and potentiality

### **Unit 2: Human Psychology and Art**

Plato's tripartite analysis of psyche; Aristotle's soul is the form of the body. Plato: censorship of poetic literature (Book 2-3 of Republic); critique of art (Book 10 of Republic); Aristotle's critique of Platonic mimesis (imitation). The cathartic function of mimesis in Aristotle.

### **Unit 3: Hellenistic Philosophy**

What is reality and meaning of life? : Stoicism and Epictetus; Epicurus and Epicureanism and Sceptics: Pyrrho and Sextus Empiricus

### **Unit 4 Love and Friendship (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)**

Plato and Aristotle's account of love and friendship

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