

University of Mumbai
Sophia College for Women (Autonomous)
Syllabus for TYBA PHILOSOPHY PAPER 4

Subject	Philosophy
Year of introduction	2020-21
Total Credits	04
External Assessment	75
Internal Assessment	25

Semester: 5

Paper Title: Indian Philosophy

Code: SBAPHI501

Unit 1 Introduction to Indian Philosophy

Classifications of Schools of Indian Philosophy.

General features and themes of the Indian Darśanas.

Vedic Cosmology: Principle of *Rta* and *Rna* and Cosmological Accounts in *Naasadiya Sukta* and *Purusha Sukta*.

Upanishadic Cosmology: Creation as Threefold (from Brahman through Cosmic Egg to the primary evolutes) Cosmogenesis as Sacrifice

Unit 2 Indian Epistemology (Pramanasastra)

Basic concepts: Pramana, Prameya, Pramiti (definition, meaning and types).

Perception: The Nyaya - Buddhist Debate.

Truth: Svatah and Paratah Pramanyavada.

Theories of Error: Satkhyati, Asatkhyati and Anirvacaniyakhyati.

Scepticism: Nagarjuna and Jayarasi's critique of pramanvada.

Unit 3 Indian Ethics

The concept of Purusharthas: its relevance and critique.

Dharma: varna dharma, ashrama Dharma, sadharana dharma and Vishesha dharma.

The notion of nishkamakarma yoga in Gita.

B.G.Tilak's interpretation of nishkamakarma yoga

B R Ambedkar's interpretation of Gita

Unit 4 Goal of Life (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Karma and rebirth: Vedic darśanas, Buddhism and Jainism.

Notion of self-realization: Vedic Darśanas, Buddhism and Jainism

Semester: 6

Paper Title: Indian Philosophy

Code: SBAPHI601

Unit 1 Perspectives on Self

Upanishadic perspective on self: Katha Upanishad: Self-Knowledge

Taittiriya Upanishad's Pancakosha theory of human existence.

Buddhist view of the self (Anatmavada and the Pancaskandha theory).

Jain Classification of Reality: their view on plurality of jivas.

Advaita view of self: the three planes of existence (sattatraya) and four levels consciousness.

Unit 2 Metaphysics

Causation I: Satkaryavada and Asatkaryavada.

Causation II: Vivartavada and Pratitya samutpada.

Perspectives on Reality I: Samkhya Dualism and Vaisesika Pluralism.

Perspectives on Reality II: Carvaka Materialism and Jaina theories of Syadavad and Anekantavad.

Unit 3: Vedanta Philosophy

Sankara's non-dualism: Mayavada; the relation between Atman, Brahman and the world.

Ramanuja's qualified non-dualism: the critique of Sankara's Mayavada; relation between Atman, Brahman and the world.

Madhva's dualism: the theory of Pancabhedas; relation between Jagat, Jiva, and Ishvara.

Unity 4 Philosophy in Praxis (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Yoga as Cittavrttinirodha; ashtanga yoga: God and Pranava.

Buddhism: Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold path & Vipassana.

Jainism: Triratnas, Mahavratas and Anuvratas

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Semester 5:

Paper Title: Western Philosophy

Code: SBAPHI502

Unit 1: Philosophical Scepticism

Traditional tripartite analysis of knowledge in terms of Justified True Belief (JTB). The Gettier challenge to JTB and responses to Gettier. Scepticism: Agrippan scepticism and Cartesian scepticism.

Unit 2 Foundations of Knowledge

Foundationalism: Cartesian foundationalism. *Cogito ergo sum*. Empirical foundations of knowledge: John Locke's account: 'the way of ideas. Analysis of 'perception'; indirect realism. George Berkeley's rejection of 'abstract' ideas; *Esse Est Percipi*: subjective idealism.

Unit 3: Philosophy of Mind

Descartes ‘mentalist’ account of mind. Substance dualism and critique. Analytical behaviourism: Gilbert Ryle. Functionalism: computational theory of mind.

Unit 4: Alternative Epistemologies (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Pragmatism: C S Pierce and William James

Feminist theory of knowledge: Sandra Harding and Helen Longino

Semester: 6

Paper Title: Western Philosophy

Code: SBAPHI602

Unit 1: Hume’s Empiricism

Impression and ideas, association of ideas; Hume’s analysis of ‘self’ and personal identity; causal relation and the problem of induction. Karl Popper’s response to the problem of induction.

Unit 2: Kant’s Constructivism

Kant’s relation to rationalism and empiricism; the problem of the possibility of synthetic-apriori knowledge; contribution of the faculty of sensibility and understanding to knowledge, Kant’s reply to Hume on causation.

Unit 3: Analytic philosophy

What is analytic philosophy. The New Logic – symbolic logic. Bertrand Russell’s theory of descriptions. Vienna Circle: logical positivism. A J Ayer’s version of the elimination of metaphysics; critical appraisal

Unit 4: Existentialism (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Soren Kierkegaard: Truth and subjectivity, stages of existence, faith and paradox

Jean Paul Sartre: Ontology, Existence precedes essence; authentic existence and bad faith.

Albert Camus: analysis of the *Myth of Sisyphus*

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Semester: 5

Paper Title: Philosophy of Religion

Code: SBAPHI503

Unit 1: Introducing Philosophy of Religion.

What is religion? Philosophy of religion: method and scope.

Does morality require religion? Divine Command Theory (Euthyphro's dilemma) and Natural law Theory (Thomas Aquinas).

Relation between religion and science: independent or confrontational or integrated?

The nature of God.

Unit 2: Does God exist? (traditional justifications)

Ontological argument: Anselm's view and criticisms; Descartes's version of the ontological argument, and criticisms; Kant's criticisms of the ontological argument.

Cosmological argument: Aquinas' version, Leibniz's version (Principle of Sufficient Reason), critical appraisal.

Teleological: Aquinas and William Paley's view; critical appraisal.

Unit 3: Faith and Reason (pragmatic justifications of religious belief)

Blaise Pascal's Wager argument, critical appraisal

William James' Will to Believe' argument, critical appraisal

W.K. Clifford's Evidentialist argument against faith, critical appraisal.

Unit 4: World Religions Part 1 (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

A comparative study of a sample of religions, viz. Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam based on the following selected themes: doctrines, ethics, human destiny, sacraments, scriptures, festivals, literature and art.

Semester 6**Paper Title: Philosophy of Religion****Code: SBAPHI603****Unit 1: The Existence of Evil**

The problem of evil: Logical problem and evidential problem. Augustine's response: evil is not real; Leibniz's response: best of all possible worlds, Alvin Plantinga's response: evil is a result of freewill

Unit 2: Death and Afterlife

Varieties of immortality (i) disembodied existence - Platonic conception of immortality in *Phaedo*; (ii) the problem of transmigration of souls (iii) the problem of resurrection of the dead.

Unit 3: Critique of religion

Frederick Nietzsche's critique: religion as resentment; Karl Marx's critique: religion the opium of the masses; Sigmund Freud's critique: religion is an illusion

Unit 4: World Religions Part 2 (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

A comparative study of a sample of religions, viz. Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism based on the following selected themes: doctrines, ethics, human destiny, sacraments, scriptures, festivals, literature and art.

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Semester 5

Title of Paper: Plato's *Republic*

Code: SBAPHI504

Unit 1: Debating Justice

Book 1 Conventional understanding of justice: Cephalus and Polemarchus (327-335)
Thrasymachus: Justice as the interest of the stronger (336-347) and is injustice more profitable than justice? (348-354)
Book 2: A pragmatic approach to the problem of justice: Glaucon and Adeimantus restate the case for injustice (357-367)

Unit 2 Social organization and philosophy of Education

Book 2 The principles of the emergence of society: city-soul analogy; two societies: primitive and luxurious (367-374)
Book 4: Plato's analysis of human psyche (435-441)
Book 2: Guardians: The temperament of guardians (375-376)
Book 2: Early Education of the guardians (376 to 412 of Book 3)
Book 10: Critique of poetry through art (595-608)

Unit 3: Construction of the ideal state

Book 3-4: Selection, lifestyle and duties of the guardians (412-427). The virtues of the state (427-434)
Book 4: The virtues in the individual (441-445)
Book 5: The Three Waves: the equality of women (449-457); abolition of family for the guardians (457-471); the paradox: philosophers must be rulers (472-474)

Unit 4: Background to the *Republic* (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

The intellectual, moral and political background to Plato's *Republic*

Semester 6

Title of Paper: Plato's *Republic*

Code: SBAPHI604

Unit 1: The Notion of Philosophy and Philosopher King

Book 5: philosophers and non-philosophers: episteme and doxa (474- 480)
Book 6: The philosophers' fitness to rule (484-487)
Prejudice against philosophy and philosophers in democratic society (487-497)
Optimism about the possibility of philosopher-ruler. (497-502)

Unit 2 Epistemology and metaphysics

Book 6: The Good as highest object of knowledge and simile of the Sun (502- 509) the simile of the Divided Line. (509- 511)

Book 7: Allegory of the Cave (514-521)

Book 7: The notion of 'dialectic (531-535)

Unit 3: Political Philosophy

Book 8-9. Decline of the ideal state: timarchy, oligarchy, democracy and tyranny (543-576). Comparison of justice and injustice (i.e. just and unjust person) and why justice is better off than injustice. (576-592)

Book 10: Vitue and immortality: Myth of Er. (608-613)

Unit 4: Critical Appraisal of Plato's *Republic* (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Aristotle's critique

Karl Popper's critique

Reading List

Main Text

Plato, *Republic* Translation by Desmond Lee with an Introduction by Melissa Lane
2nd edition.

Essential References:

Luke Purshouse, *Plato's Republic: A Reader*

Nicholas Pappas, *Routledge Guide to Plato's Republic*

R. C. Cross and A D Woozley, *Plato's Republic: A Philosophical Commentary*

Stanley Rosen, *Plato's Republic: A Study*

R. Nettleship, *Lectures on the Republic of Plato*

Julia Annas, *An Introduction to Plato's Republic*

D. J. Sheppard *Plato's Republic*.

Kenneth Dorter, *The Transformation of Plato's Republic*

Advanced References:

Gerasimos Santas, *Cambridge Companion to Plato's Republic*

C D Reeve, *Philosopher Kings: The Arguments of Plato's Republic*

Gail Fine (ed.) *Plato 1: Metaphysics and Epistemology*.

----- (ed.) *Plato 2: Ethics, Politics, Religion and the Soul*.

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Paper Number	8
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Semester: 5
Paper Title: Logic
Code: SBAPHI505

Unit 1: Basic Concepts in Logic

Defining of logic, propositions and sentences, argument: valid argument and sound argument , recognizing arguments (premise indicators and conclusion indicators); relation between truth and validity of an argument; inductive versus deductive arguments (theory and exercise).

Unit 2: Categorical Propositions

Traditional analysis of categorical propositions based on quality, copula and quantity (four fold classification); distribution of terms. Existential Import (Aristotelian and Boolean interpretation). Traditional (Aristotelian) Square of opposition: contradictories, contraries, subcontraries and subaltern (theory and exercises) Modern (Boolean) Square of Opposition (theory)

Unit 3: Categorical Syllogisms and Venn Diagrams

Structure of syllogism: major, minor and middle terms; mood and figure: special rules of the four Figures and valid Moods. Testing validity of syllogisms by rules of syllogistic reasoning; Venn diagram technique for testing syllogisms.

Unit 4: Logic and Language (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Semester: 6
Paper Title: Logic
Code: SBAPHI605

Unit 1: Propositional Logic

Simple and compound (formed through logical operators); truth functional compound propositions (truth conditions); testing validity of propositions and arguments by shorter truth table method.

Unit 2: Deductive Logic

Justification and construction of formal proofs as per both rules of inference and rules of replacement; methods of Conditional Proof (CP) and Indirect Proof (IP)

Unit 3: Predicate Logic

Basic Concepts in predicate logic: individual constant, individual variable, propositional function, existential quantifier, universal quantifier, instantiation, generalization. Symbolising/quantification of propositions (singular and general).

Unit 4: Informal Fallacies [INTERNAL ASSESSMENT]

What is a fallacy? Classification of fallacies: (A) Fallacies of relevance (B) Fallacies of defective Induction (C) Fallacies of presumption (D) Fallacies of ambiguity

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Semester: 5

Title of Paper: Living Ethical Issues

Code: SBAPHI506

Unit 1 Bioethics

The abortion debate: pro-choice versus pro-life

Surrogacy debate: empowerment or exploitation; redefining the notion of 'mother' – genetic, biological and social; advantages and critique of surrogate arrangements.

Unit 2 Sexual ethics

Pornography and Censorship: arguments for and against and critical appraisal.

Homosexuality: arguments for and against and critical appraisal.

Unit 3 Cloning and Euthanasia

Cloning: Ethics of human cloning: what is human cloning? Issues that make human cloning attractive; ethical dangers involved in human cloning.

Euthanasia: conflict between duty to prolong life versus duty to relieve pain; forms of euthanasia: voluntary/non-voluntary and active/passive; moral and legal justification of euthanasia: pros and cons.

Unit 4 Media & Medical ethics (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

Journalist ethics: principles of objectivity and truthfulness

Cyber ethics and case studies on issues under media ethics

Patient doctor relationship; Informed consent

Principles of medical ethics: autonomy, beneficence and Justice

Semester: 6:

Title of Paper: Living Ethical Issues

Code: SBAPHI606

Unit 1 Environmental Ethics

(a) Land ethics

(b) Deep Ecology

(c) Eco-feminism

Unit 2 Hunger and Poverty

(a) A Case in favour of assisting the needy: Peter Singer

(b) A case against assisting the needy: Garrett Hardin

(c) Human obligations to future generations

Unit 3: Corporate Ethics

- (a) Business ethics: can there be ethics in business? Models of business ethics.
- (b) Do business corporate houses have social responsibility: arguments for and against CSR.
- (c) Affirmative action: arguments for and against affirmative action.

Unit 4 Religious attitudes toward the environment (INTERNAL ASSESSMENT)

- (a) Vedic-Hindu perspective on the environment: reverence and sanctity of nature?
- (b) Judeo-Christian attitude towards the environment: dominion or stewardship?
- (c) Buddhist view on environmental ethics.
