

Maharaja Purna Chandra (Auto.) College

Takhatpur : Baripada

2010-12



COURSES OF STUDIES

Master Degree

in

Philosophy

M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

FIRST SEMESTER
PAPER-I (Western Philosophy)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Plato : Epistemology. Metaphysics. Ethics

Unit-II

Aristotle: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics

Unit-III

Acquinas: Theology

Kant : The problem of Knowledge, Copernican Revolution.

Books Recommended:

1. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy : W.T.Stace
2. A History of Philosophy : F.C.Copleston.
3. Aristotle : W.D.Ross
4. Republic : Plato
5. Kant's Critique of Pure Reason : N.K.Smith
6. Kant : S.Cornier
7. Kant's Critique of Pure Reason : R.B.Das

M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

FIRST SEMESTER
PAPER-II (Logic)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Chapter I of Patric Suppes- Section 1.1 to 1.7

Unit-II

Chapter II of Patric Suppes- Section 2.1 to 2.4

Unit-III

Chapter III of Patric Suppes- section 3.1 to 3.7

Chapter IV of Patric Suppes- Section 4.1

Books Recommended:

- Text:
1. Introduction to Logic : Patric Suppes
 2. An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method : Cohen and Nagel
 3. Introduction to Logic : I.M.Copi and C.Cohen.

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FIRST SEMESTER
PAPER-III (Indian Philosophy)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Distinctive features of Indian Philosophy; Development of Philosophical Thought in the Upanishads—Brahman, Atman and the doctrine of Karma.

Unit-II

Theory of Causation in Buddhism, Nyaya, Samkhya and Advaita Vedanta.

Unit-III

Pramanas in Charvaka, Buddhism, Nyaya-Vaisesika, Samkhya and Advaita Vedanta.

Books Recommended:

1. History of Indian Philosophy - Vol-I : S.N.Dasgupta.
2. A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy : C.D.Sarma.
3. Indian Philosophy : R.Puligaudla.
4. An Introduction to Indian Thought : A.L.Herman.
5. Indian Philosophy : Vol-I &II : Radhakrishnan

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FIRST SEMESTER
PAPER-IV (Post-Kantian & Contemporary Philosophy)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Hegel

Unit-II

Bradley

Unit-III

Pragmatism, Creative Evolution

Books Recommended:

1. Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy : D.M.Datta.
2. Philosophy of Hegel : W.T.Space.
3. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy : Y.Masih.
4. Appearance and Reality : F.M.Bradley.
5. Pragmatism : William James.
6. Creative Evolution : Henry Bergson.
7. Philosophy and Contemporary philosophy : Edited by D.M.Praharaj

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FIRST SEMESTER
PAPER-V (Modern Indian Thought)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Swami Vivekananda: Reality, Nature of the World, Nature of Man, Religion, Ethics

Unit-II

Sri Aurobindo: Reality as "Satchidananda", Nature of Creation, Nature of Man, The Super Mind, Integral Yoga.

Unit-III

Rabindranath Tagore: Man and God, Nature of Religion, Ethics, The problem of Evil.

Books Recommended:

1. Contemporary Indian Philosophy : B.K.Lal
 2. Contemporary Indian Philosophy : T.M.P.Mahadevan & C.V.Saroja
 3. Contemporary Indian Philosophy : Benay Gopal Ray
 4. Modern Indian Thought : V.S.Narvan
 5. Integral Yoga : Sri Aurobindo.
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SECOND SEMESTER
PAPER-VI (Western Philosophy)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Reconciliation of Rationalism and Empiricism, Analytic and Synthetic Statement, Validity of Judgment, Possibility of Synthetic a priori judgment.

Unit-II

Space and Time, Categories

Unit-III

Phenomena and Noumena, Impossibility of Metaphysics, Proof for the existence of God.

Books Recommended:

1. Kant's Critique of Pure Reason : N.K.Smith
 2. Kant : Scorer.
 3. Kant's Critique of Pure Reason : R.B.Das
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SECOND SEMESTER
PAPER-VII (Logic)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Chapter IV of Patric Suppes- Section 4.2 to 4.3

Unit-II

Chapter IX of Patric Suppes- Section 9.1 to 9.8

Unit-III

Chapter I of Cohen and Nagel -- Section 1,2,3,4 &6
Chapter II of Cohen and Nagel – Section 1,2 &3

Books Recommended:

- Text: 1. Introduction to Logic : Patric Suppes
2. An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method : Cohen and Nagel

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SECOND SEMESTER
PAPER-VIII (Indian Philosophy)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

The Concept of Reality in Jainism, Buddhism, Nyaya- Vaisesika, Samkhya, Sankara and Ramanuja

Unit-II

Theories of Error: Atmakhyati, Anyatha Khyati, Khyati, Viparitakhyati, Satkhyati and Anirvacaniyakhyati.

Unit-III

The concept of self and liberation in Buddhism, Nyaya- Vaisesika, Samkhya, Sankara and Ramanuja

Books Recommended:

1. History of Indian Philosophy : Vol-I- S.N.Dasgupta
2. Indian Philosophy : Vol-I &II : S.Radhakrishnan.
3. Outlines of Indian Philosophy : M.Hiriyanna
4. Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy : B.Kar.

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SECOND SEMESTER

PAPER-IX (Post-Kantian & Contemporary Philosophy)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Logical Positivism

Unit-II

Existentialism

Article: J.N.Mohanty: Philosophy as Reflection on Experience

Unit-III

Article: G.Misra : Metaphysical Models and Conflicting Cultural Patterns

Article: R.Prasad: God and Morality: A Conceptual Explanation.

Books Recommended:

1. Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy : D.M.Datta.
 2. Indian Philosophy Today : N.K.Devraj
 3. Language, Truth and Logic : A.J.Ayer(Introduction, Chapter 1,2,4,6&8)
 4. Existentialism & Humanism ; J.P.Satre.
 5. Philosophy, Philosopher and Philosophizing: B.K.Nayak(Ch-7)
 6. Philosophy & Contemporary Philosophy: Edited by D.M.Praharaj.
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SECOND SEMESTER

PAPER-X (Modern Indian Thought)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

S. Radhakrishnan: God and Absolute, Religion ,Ethics, Intellect and Intuition.

Unit-II

M.K.Gandhi: God and Truth, Non Violence, Religion ,End and Means, Ethics.

Unit-III

B.G.Tilak: Reality, Interpretation of the Gita

K.C.Bhattacharya: Concept of Philosophy, Subject as freedom.

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 2. Contemporary Indian Philosophy : T.M.P.Mahadevan & C.V.Saroja
 3. Contemporary Indian Philosophy : Benay Gopal Ray
 4. Modern Indian Thought : V.S.Narvane
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M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY
THIRD SEMESTER
PAPER-XI (Applied Philosophy)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

About Ethics, Equality(Ch. 1,2 &3 of Practical Ethics by P.Singer)

Unit-II

Moral Reasoning on life: Killing of animals , Killing of Humans, Euthanasia(Ch. 4.5 & 6 of Practical Ethics by P.Singer)

Unit-III

Ends and Means, Justification of Morality(Ch. 11 &12 of Practical Ethics by P.Singer)

Books Recommended:

1. Practical Ethics : P. Singer(CUP, 1979)
2. Applied Philosophy : Eds- Brenda Almond and David Hill(Routledge, London & New York,1991)
3. The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi: D.M.Datta(Univ. of Calcutta,1968)

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THIRD SEMESTER
PAPER-XII (Philosophy of Religion)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Nature of Religion , Religious Pluralism, Science , Philosophy and Religion

Unit-II

Theories of the origin of Religion, Origin of the ideas of God, The idead of God and the ideas of Gods, Concept of Iswara in Indian Philosophy.

Unit-III

Religious experience and religious consciousness, Arguments for the existence of God, Arguments against the existence of God.

Books Recommended:

1. Varieties of Religious Experience : W.James.
2. An Interpretation of Religion : J.Hick
3. The Religious experience of Mankind : N.Smart
4. A Modern Philosophy of Religion : A.Thompson
5. Language, Logic and God : F.Ferre.

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THIRD SEMESTER
PAPER-XIII (Philosophy of Wittgenstein)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Text: *Tratatus-Logico-Philosophicus-* L. Wittgenstein

Unit-I

The Nature of the World (Objects, Facts and picture of Facts, Logical Atomism)

Unit-II

Essence of Language (Analysis of Proposition, Names, Sense and Meaning, Elementary Propositions)

Unit-III

Picture theory of Meaning, Truth function, Tautology and Contradiction

Books Recommended:

1. *Tratatus-Logico-Philosophicus-* L. Wittgenstein
2. *Philosophy of Wittgenstein* : G.Pitcher.
3. *A Companion to Wittgenstein's Tractatus:* Max Black
4. *Wittgenstein (Origa)* : G. Mishra
5. *Wittgenstein* : K.P.Mishra

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THIRD SEMESTER
PAPER-XIV (Philosophical Investigation- L. Wittgenstein)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Rejection of Logical Atomism, Critique of the Tractus on propositions and their analysis. Proper Names.

Unit-II

Meaning and bearer of a name. Language game, Essence of Language, Logic, Philosophy

Unit-III

Nature of Philosophy, Pugglement and Philosophy, Craving of generality, Attack on essentialism.

Books Recommended:

1. *Philosophical Investigation* : Wittgenstein
2. *Blue and Brown Books-* L. Wittgenstein.
3. *Philosophy of Wittgenstein* : G.Pitcher
4. *Wittgenstein* : A.Kenny
5. *Wittgenstein* : K.P.Mishra
6. *Wittgenstein* : D.F.Pears
7. *Wittgenstein: Language, Meaning and Value-*B.K.Nayak
8. *Logical Status of the concept of Language Game in Wittgenstein's philosophy:* B.K.Nayak

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THIRD SEMESTER
PAPER-XV (Research Methodology)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Research Design- Identifying Research, Planning Research
Hypothesis- Meaning, Types, Sources, Functions and Formulation of Hypothesis

Unit-II

Tools and Techniques of Data collection, Observation, Questionnaire and Interviews
Survey Methods-Meaning, Types and Limitations: Sampling-Meaning, Size and Collection

Unit-III

Data Processing and Analysis; Statistical technique of data analysis and the use of computers,
Report writing and Thesis writing.

Books Recommended:

1. Research Methods on Social Sciences: B.A.V.Sharma
2. Social Survey and Research : S.R.Vajpayee
3. Research and Thesis Writing: John C Almac.

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FOURTH SEMESTER
PAPER-XVI (Applied Philosophy)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Environmental Ethics (Ch. 10 of P.Singer and Part-I, Essay 5 and 6 of Applied Philosophy-
Eds. Almond and Hill)

Unit-II

Gandhi on morality , society, politics and Moral Leadership of the World(Ch. 3 and 4 of the
Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi by D.M.Datta)

Unit-III

Gandhi: Ahimsa, Means and Ends, Truth and God, Swaraj, Sarvodaya(Philosophy of
Mahatma Gandhi by D.M.Datta)

Books Recommended:

1. Practical Ethics : P. Singer
2. Applied Philosophy : Eds- Brenda Almond and David Hill(Routledge, London & New
York,1991)
3. The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi: D.M.Datta.

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FOURTH SEMESTER
PAPER-XVII (Philosophy of Religion)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Problem of Evil and Suffering, Freedom of the will, Karma and Rebirth, Salvation

Unit-II

Transcendence and Immanence; God and the Absolute, Deism, Theism, Pantheism, Panentheism

Unit-III

Verification, Falsification and Religion; Incarnation, Avatara, Mysticism

Books Recommended:

1. Varieties of Religious Experience : W.James.
2. An Interpretation of Religion : J.Hick
3. The Religious experience of Mankind : N.Smart
4. A Modern Philosophy of Religion : A.Thompson
5. Language, Logic and God : F.Ferre

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FOURTH SEMESTER
PAPER-XVIII (Philosophy of Wittgenstein)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Text: Tractus-Logicio-Philosophicus: L.Wittgenstein

Unit-I

Generality, Limits of Language, Solipcism
Propositions and Proofs of Logic

Unit-II

Science, Philosophy, Natural Science
Logic and Mathematics. Values.

Unit-III

Ethics, Religion, Mysticism,
Influence of the Tractus.

Books Recommended:

1. Tractus-Logicio-Philosophicus- L. Wittgenstein
2. Philosophy of Wittgenstein : G.Pitcher.
3. A Companion to Wittgenstein's Tractatus: Max Black
4. Wittgenstein (Oriya) : G. Mishra

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FOURTH SEMESTER

PAPER-XIX (Philosophical Investigation- L.Wittgenstein)

Full Marks-50

Time-3 Hours

Unit-I

Philosophy of Language, Critique of Picture Thinking, Users of Words, Meanings of Language Games, Speech act and Speech activity, Ostensive Definition.

Unit-II

Mind and Language, Meaning and Understanding, Mental Activities, Knowing How to go on, Thinking images and imaging.

Unit-III

Language and experience, Sensation and talk of them, Private Language, The first person, the Inner and outer, Mental status and acts.

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 2. Blue and Brown Books- L. Wittgenstein.
 3. Philosophy of Wittgenstein : G.Pitcher
 4. Wittgenstein : A.Kenny
 5. Wittgenstein : K.P.Mishra
 6. Wittgenstein : D.F.Pears
 7. Wittgenstein: Language, Meaning and Value-B.K.Nayak
 8. Logical Status of the concept of Language Game in Wittgenstein's philosophy: B.K.Nayak
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FOURTH SEMESTER

PAPER-XX (Seminar – Project Work and Viva Voce)

Full Marks-50
