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Paper II

Total Marks: 100

Ph.D. Coursework Examination Syllabus (Philosophy)

Philosophical Theories and Concepts

1. Metaphysics

- i. Theories of mind and consciousness
- ii. Theories of meaning and truth
- iii. Realism and anti-realism
- iv. Freewill: Determinism, Indeterminism and Compatibilism
- v. Form and matter
- vi. Theories of Self
- vii. Theories of Causation
- viii. Problem of personal identity
- ix. Problem of other minds
- x. Problem of matter
- xi. Essentialism
- xii. Atomism
- xiii. Dualism
- xiv. Epiphenomenalism
- xv. Anomalous Monism
- xvi. Eliminative Materialism
- xvii. Behaviorism
- xviii. Substance Dualism
- xix. Nature of Relations
- xx. Critique of metaphysics

2. Epistemology

- i. Theories of perception
- ii. Theories of knowing
- iii. Theories of Justification: Internalize and Externalism
- iv. Gettier Problem
- v. Definition of knowledge (Pramā) in Classical Indian philosophy
- vi. Theories of Error in Classical Indian philosophy
- vii. Sources of knowledge Classical Indian philosophy
- viii. Theories of Justification in Classical Indian philosophy (pramānyavāda)

3. Ethics

- a. Normative Ethics
- i. Consequentialism
- ii. Kantian Deontology
- iii. Virtue Theoretical Ethics
- iv. Contractarianism and Contractualism
- v. Natural Rights Theory
- vi. Feminist Ethics





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Theories of Metaethics

- i. Cognitivism and Non-cognitivism
- ii. Moore's Non-naturalism
- iii. Error Theory
- iv. Prescriptivism
- v. Relativism
- vi. Moral Realism and anti-realism

1. Applied Ethics

- i. Bio-medical Ethics
- ii. Animal Ethics
- iii. Theories of Punishment
- iv. Environmental Ethics
- v. Business Ethics

2. Indian Ethical Tradition

- i. Mīmāmsā Theory of Dharma, itikartavyatābodha, artha and bhāvnā,
- ii. Buddhist Ethics
- iii. Jaina Ethics
- iv. Theory of Obligation in Bhagvad Gītā

Social and Political Philosophy

- a. Political Ideas: Equality, Justice, Liberty, Freedom, Rights
- b. Individual and State
- c. Democracy
- d. Socialism
- e. Marxism
- f. Secularism
- g. Sarvodaya
- h. Gender equality
- i. Contemporary theories and debates: Utilitarianism, Rawls's Justice as Fairness,
- j. Libertarianism, Communitarianism, Political liberalism, Multiculturalism, Feminism

Contemporary Indian Philosophy

- i. Gandhi, Ambedkar, Tagore, Aurobindo, Vivekananda
- ii. Gandhi Tagore Debate
- iii. Gandhi Ambedkar Debate
- iv. Radhakrishnan
- v. K. C. Bhattacharyya
- vi. Jyotiba Phule
- vii. Mohammad Iqbal
- viii. Amartya Sen