

**SYLLABUS FOR T.D.C. MAJOR COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY**  
**PROPOSED BY C.C.S. PHILOSOPHY IN ITS MEETING HELD ON 4.12.2009**

**NO. & NAME OF THE PAPER    TOPICS (UNIT WISE)    MARKS (UNITWISE)**

**FIRST YEAR**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

<b>M. 104.</b>	<b>LOGIC I</b>	<b>Full Marks 100</b>
	i. Nature of Logic: Argument and Argument Form, Truth and Validity	20
	ii. Logical Constants, Propositional Variables, Truth-function, Truth-table Method	30
	iii. Proposition, Modern Classification of Propositions	20
	iv. the concept of set, operations on sets – union, intersection and difference	30
<b>M. 105.</b>	<b>EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS I</b>	<b>Full Marks 100</b>
	i. Nature & Scope of Philosophy	20
	ii. Knowledge by Acquaintance & Knowledge by Description	20
	iii. Realism – Naïve and Scientific	30
	iv. Idealism – Subjective (Berkeley), Objective (Hegel)	30

## **SECOND SEMESTER**

### **M. 204. LOGIC II:**

**Full Marks 100**

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| i. Shorter Truth-table Method  | 20 |
| ii. Formal Proof of Validity   | 30 |
| iii. Standard Form of Categorical Syllogism, Venn-diagram<br>Technique of Testing Syllogisms | 30 |
| iv. Quantification, Symbolization of Universal and Existential<br>propositions               | 20 |

### **M. 205. EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS II**

**Full Marks 100**

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| i. Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence, Pragmatic | 30 |
| ii. Substance  | 20 |
| iii. Causality, Space and Time                             | 20 |
| iv. Freedom and Determinism                                | 20 |
| v. Rejection of Metaphysics (Ayer)                         | 10 |

## **SECOND YEAR**

## **THIRD SEMESTER**

### **M. 304. INDIAN PHILOSOPHY I**

**Full Marks 100**

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| i. The Astika-Nastika dichotomy in Indian Philosophy, the<br>Upanisadic Philosophy | 25 |
| ii. Carvaka: Theory of Knowledge, Materialism                                      | 25 |
| iii. Jainism: Syadvada and Anekantavada  | 20 |
| iv. Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, Pratitya Samutpada, Anatmavada,<br>Nirvana        | 30 |

**M. 305. HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I Full Marks 100**

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| i. Descartes: Method, Cogito ergo Sum, Mind-body relation | 40 |
| ii. Spinoza: Substance, Attributes and Modes              | 30 |
| iii. Leibniz: Theory of Monads, Pre-established Harmony   | 30 |

**FOURTH SEMESTER**

**M. 404. INDIAN PHILOSOPHY II Full Marks 100**

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| i. Nyaya: Perception and Inference                      | 20 |
| ii. Vaisheshika: Categories of Dravya and Abhava        | 20 |
| iii. Sankhya: Prakrti, Purusa, Evolution                | 25 |
| iv. Yoga: Psychology                                    | 10 |
| v. Samkhya: Brahman, Maya, Ramanuja's Criticism of Maya | 25 |

**M. 405. HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II Full Marks 100**

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| i. Locke: Empiricism  | 20 |
| ii. Hume: Impressions and Ideas, Causation, Self                                | 40 |
| iii. Kant: Possibility of Synthetic Apriori Judgments, Space & Time, Categories | 40 |

**FIFTH SEMESTER**

**M. 501. GREEK PHILOSOPHY I Full Marks 75**

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| i. Thales: Primary Stuff                 | 10 |
| ii. Pythagoras: Theory of Numbers        | 15 |
| iii. Heraclitus: Doctrine of Flux        | 15 |
| iv. The Eleatic School: Parmenides, Zeno | 20 |
| v. Democritus: Atomism                   | 15 |

**M. 502. CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY I Full Marks 75**

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| i. Vivekananda: Practical Vedanta          | 20 |
| ii. Aurobindo: Evolution                   | 20 |
| iii. Tagore: Humanism                      | 15 |
| iv. Radhakrishnan: Intellect and Intuition | 20 |

**M. 503. CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I** **Full Marks 75**

i. Nature of Analytic Philosophy – General Introduction	15
ii. Russell: Logical Atomism	15
iii. Moore: Refutation of Idealism	15
iv. Wittgenstein: Picture Theory, Language Games	15
v. Ryle: Refutation of Cartesianism	15

**M. 504. ETHICS I** **Full Marks 75**

i. Morality and Moral Philosophy	15
ii. Fact and Value	15
iii. Concepts of Normative Ethics, Meta-Ethics & Practical Ethics	25
iv. Teleological Theories: Hedonism and Utilitarianism	20

**M. 505. PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION I** **Full Marks 75**

i. Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion	15
ii. Animism, Totemism, Concept of Mana, Fetishism, Magic	20
iii. Freud's Theory of the Origin of Religion	15
iv. Foundations of Religious Beliefs: Reason, Revelation, Faith and Mysticism	25

**M. 506. SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY** **Full Marks 75**

i. Nature and Scope of Social Philosophy	15
ii. Society and Individual	15
iii. Terrorism, the Concept of Globalisation	15
iv. Feminism: General Characteristics	15
v. Marxism: Alienation, Class-struggle	15

**SIXTH SEMESTER**

**M.601. GREEK PHILOSOPHY II** **Full Marks 75**

i. Socrates: Virtue	15
ii. Plato: Knowledge & Opinion, Doctrine of Ideas	30
iii. Aristotle: Form and Matter, Causality	30

**M.602. CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY II** **Full Marks 75**  
**Philosophy of Gandhi**

i. God, Truth and Religion	25
ii. Non-violence, Satyagraha, Sarvodaya	25
iii. Swadeshi, Trusteeship, Critique of Industrialization	25

**M.603 CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II** **Full Marks 75**

- i. Common Features of Existentialism 15
- ii. Kierkegaard: Three Stages of Existential Transformation, Subjectivity and Truth 15
- iii. Nietzsche: Nihilism, Superman 15
- iv. Husserl: Phenomenology – General Introduction 15
- v. Sartre: Existence and Essence, Freedom 15

**M.604. ETHICS II** **Full Marks 75**

- i. Deontological Ethics: Kant’s Categorical Imperative, The Gita theory of Niskama Karma 20
- ii. Moore: Indefinability of Good 15
- iii. A. J. Ayer: Emotivism 15
- iv. Theories of Punishment 10
- v. The Law of Karma 15

**M.605. PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION II** **Full Marks 75**

- i. Otto’s Idea of the Holy 15
- ii. Symbolic Nature of Religious Language 15
- iii. Arguments for the Existence of God 25
- iv. Sankaradeva’s Vaishnavism: God, Bhakti 20

**M.606. PROJECT/ DISSERTATION** **Full Marks 75**

The Project will be in the form of a brief dissertation of the length between 10,000 – 12,000 words (typed or neatly hand-written). It may be either on a particular philosopher or on a particular topic relevant to the course. The same is to be carried out under the guidance of a teacher

**Given below are some topics as examples:**

- i. The Concept of Human Rights – A philosophical Analysis
- ii. Women’s Liberation
- iii. A Critical Account of Samkara’s Philosophy
- iv. Philosophical Ideas of Sankaradeva
- v. Cartesian Dualism – A Critical Account
- vi. Existentialism – A Critical Study

## **BOOKS RECOMMENDED:**

### **A. LOGIC (Paper 104 & 204)**

1. *Introduction to Logic*: I. M. Copi, Carl Cohen
2. *Symbolic Logic*: I.M. Copi
3. *Introduction to Logic*: P. Suppes

#### **For Reference:**

1. *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*: Basson & Connor
2. *Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*: Chhanda Chakrabarti

### **B. EPISTEMOLOGY & METAPHYSICS (Paper 105 & 205)**

1. *Introduction to Philosophy*: J.N.Sinha
2. *An Introduction to Philosophy*: S.P.Chakrabarti

#### **For Reference:**

1. *Problems of Philosophy*: Bertrand Russell (OUP)
2. *What Philosophy Is*: Anthony O'Hear (Penguin)
3. *Philosophy: A Guide Through the Subject*: (ed.) A.C.Grayling (OUP)
4. *Language, Truth and Logic*: A. J. Ayer (Penguin)

### **C. INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (Paper 304 & 404)**

1. *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*: Dutta and Chatterjee
2. *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*: M.Hiriyana
3. *Indian Philosophy – A Popular Introduction*: D. P. Chattopadhyaya (For Carvaka System)
4. *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*: C. D. Sarma
5. *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*: J. N.Sinha

#### **For Reference:**

1. *Indian Philosophy* (in two volumes): S. Radhakrishnan
2. *A History of Indian Philosophy*: S. N. Dasgupta

### **D. HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN PHILOSOPHY (Paper 305 & 405)**

1. *A History of Philosophy*: F. Thilly
2. *Critical History of Western Philosophy*: Barlingay and Kulkarni
3. *A Critical History of Modern Philosophy*: Y. Masih

#### **For Reference:**

1. *Routledge History of Philosophy* (in ten volumes)
2. *A New History of Philosophy*: Anthony Kenny (in four volumes)
3. *History of Philosophy*: F. Copleston (in nine volumes)
4. *A History of Western Philosophy*: D.W. Hamlyn (Penguin)

**E. GREEK PHILOSOPHY (Paper 501 & 601)**

1. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy: W. T. Stace
2. Early Greek Philosophy: J. Barnet
3. History of Greek Philosophy: B. A. G. Fuller

**For Reference:**

1. History of Philosophy: F. Copleston (Vol. 1)
2. Outlines of Greek Philosophy: Zeller
3. The Greek Thinkers: Gomperz
4. History of Greek Philosophy: W. K. C. Guthrie

**F. CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (Paper 502)**

1. Contemporary Indian Philosophy: B. K. Lal
2. An Idealist View of Life: S. Radhakrishnan (relevant chapters)
3. Creative Unity: R. Tagore (Ch. I)
4. Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda (Vol. II)
5. An Introduction to Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo: S. K. Maitra

**For Reference:**

1. Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy: D. M. Datta
2. Twentieth Century Indian Philosophy: Nilima Sharma

**G. CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (Paper 602)  
The Philosophy of Gandhi**

1. The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi: D. M. Datta
2. The Moral and the Political Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi: Raghavan N. Iyer (OUP)
3. Gandhi: Bhikhu Parekh (OUP)
4. Gandhism and Modern India: N. K. Bose

**H. ETHICS (Paper 504 & 604)**

1. Ethics: W. K. C. Frankenna
2. Introduction to Ethics: William Lillie
3. Problems of Analytical Ethics: D. K. Chakravarty
4. Ethics Since 1900: Mary Warnock
5. Manual of Ethics: J. N. Sinha
6. Concepts of Indian Philosophy: Saraswati Chennakeshavan
7. Contemporary Indian Ethics: Nilima Tandon
8. Ethics of the Hindus: S. K. Maitra

**For Reference:**

1. Principia Ethica: G. E. Moore (Ch. I)
2. Morality: Bernard Williams
3. Modern Moral Philosophy: W. D. Hudson
4. Traditional and Contemporary Ethics – Indian and Western: H. M. Joshi

**I. CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I (Paper 503)**

1. Logic and Language: B. Russell (ed. Marsh)
2. The Concept of Mind: G. Ryle (Ch. I)
3. Moore's article: "Refutation of Idealism"
4. Philosophy of Wittgenstein: G. Pitcher
5. Wittgenstein: A. C. Grayling
6. Ludwig Wittgenstein: A. J. Ayer

**For Reference:**

1. Classics of Analytic Philosophy: R. R. Ammerman
2. Tractatus Logico Philosophicus: L. Wittgenstein
3. Philosophical Investigations: L. Wittgenstein

**J. CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II (Paper 603)**

1. Six Existentialist Thinkers: H. J. Blackham
2. Existentialist Outlook: Margaret Chatterjee
3. Existentialism and Phenomenology: M. K. Bhadra
4. Existentialism: Mary Warnock
5. Existentialism: John Macquirre

**For Reference**

1. Existentialism and Humanism: J. P. Sartre
2. Logical Investigations: E. Husserl
3. Concluding Unscientific Postscript: Kierkegaard
4. Thus Spake Zarathustra: Nietzsche

**K. PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION I (Paper 505)**

1. Introduction to Religious Philosophy: Y. Masih
2. Philosophy of Religion: John Hick
3. Philosophy of Religion: D. M. Edward
4. Classical and Contemporary Readings in Philosophy of Religion: John Hick

**For Reference**

1. Reason and Religious Belief: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion: Petersen and others (OUP)

**L. PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION II (Paper 605)**

1. Religious Philosophy of Rudolf Otto: Sibnath Sarma
2. Philosophy of Sankaradeva: An Appraisal: (ed.) Nilima Sharma
3. The Unsung Colossus: Sivanath Barman

**For Reference**

1. Sankaradeva and His Times: Maheswar Neog

### **M. SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY (Paper 506)**

1. A Hand Book of Social Philosophy: P. B. Chatterjee
2. Feminism: Margaret Chatterjee (OUP)
3. Globalisation: N. B. Stegger (OUP)
4. Marx's Writings on Sociology and Social Philosophy (Penguin)
5. Society: McIver & Page

### **For Reference**

1. The Second Sex: Simone de Beauvoir
2. The Whole Woman: Germaine Greer (Transworld)

### **N. PROJECT/ DISSERTATION (Paper 606)**

For carrying out the project work the student is advised to consult various relevant books and journals available in the library. Collection of materials from the internet, from sources such as *Wikipedia*, *Stanford Encyclopedia*, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* that are freely available in the net is also encouraged.

Apart from these, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (ed. D. M. Brochert - second edition), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy* (ed. R. Audi), *Oxford Companion to Philosophy* (ed. Ted Honderich) etc. may be consulted for general interest.