



# **UNIVERSITY OF GOUR BANGA**

## **SYLLABUS FOR M.PHIL. IN PHILOSOPHY**

**(w.e.f. the Session: 2016-17)**

**(Approved by the Board of Research Studies in Philosophy)**

### **2-YEAR PROGRAMME**

**TOTAL MARKS : 500**

**PART – I (300 Marks)**

**Semester – I: 100 Marks**

**Semester – II: 200 Marks**

**PART – II (200 Marks)**

**Dissertation: 150**

**Viva-voce: 50**

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## PART – I

### SEMESTER – I

#### COURSE – I:

#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND COMPUTER APPLICATION (50 Marks)

#### A. Research Methodology (30 Marks)

- **Introduction**

- (i) What is research work?
- (ii) Purpose or objective of research work.
- (iii) Types of research work: Qualitative and Quantitative.

- **Choosing a Research Topic**

- **Execution of Research Work:**

- a) Finding Library sources.
- b) Putting sources to work.
- c) Latest Bibliography, Reference, Footnote formats; Paraphrasing sources, Quotation, Proof- reading and Diacritical marks.

#### B. Computer Application (Practical: 20 Marks)

**Internet:** Access to web resources; Downloading articles (Google Scholar, INFLIBNET etc.); Google Docs; E-mail communication; Use of E-resources.

- d) **Software Usage:** MS Word, PowerPoint, PDF.

#### Suggested Readings:

- Kothari, C.R: *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, New Age International, 2004.
- Misra, R.P: *Research Methodology: A Handbook*, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 1989.
- Ramachandran, T.P: *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*, University of Madras Press.
- Veit, Richard, Chistopher Gould, and John Clifford: *Writing, Reading and Research* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), Macmillan, New York, 1985.
- Watson, George: *Writing a Thesis: A Guide to Long Essays and Dissertations*, Longman, 1987.

#### COURSE – II: PHILOSOPHICAL METHODOLOGY (50 Marks)

#### A. Philosophical Methodology I (Indian)

1. Concept of philosophy in traditional Indian schools of thought.
2. Concept of philosophy in modern Indian thought (Kalidas Bhattacharya, Rasvihary Das, Daya Krishna).

3. Methods in philosophy (*Tarka, Saṁśaya, Vāda, Jalpa, Vitaṇḍā, Uddeśa, Lakṣaṇa, Parīkṣā, Śravaṇa, Manana, Nididhyāsana, Saṁvāda, Pariprasna*).

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Das, Rasvihar: *Katipay Darshanik Prabandha*, Bangiya Darshan Parishad, Kolkata.
- Ganeri, Jonardan: *Philosophy in Classical India: The Proper Work of Reason*, Routledge, 2001.
- Ghosh, Raghunath: *Knowledge, Meaning and Intuition*, New Bharatiya Book Corporation, Delhi.
- Matilal, B.K: “On the Concept of Philosophy in India”, in *Philosophy, Culture and Religion: Collected Essays*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2001.
- Matilal, B.K: *Epistemology, Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophical Analysis*, Oxford University Press, 2005.
- Tarkavagish, Phanibhusan: *Nyayadarshana* (Vol. 1), WBSBB, Kolkata.

### **B. Philosophical Methodology II (Western)**

1. Ancient Greek approaches to Philosophy: Socratic Method.
2. The Epistemic approach: Rationalism and Empiricism.
3. Linguistic analysis as a method.
4. Phenomenological Method.
5. Hermeneutics.

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Collingwood, R.G: *An Essay on Philosophical Method (New edition)*, with an Introduction and additional material edited by James Connelly, Giuseppina D'Oro. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2005.
- Gadamer, Hans-Georg: *Philosophical Hermeneutics*, University of California Press, 1977.
- Lazerowitz, M. & A. Ambrose: *Philosophical Theories*, The Hague, Netherlanda: Mouton, 1976.
- Moran, Dermot & Timothy Mooney (Eds.): *The Phenomenology Reader*, London: Routledge, 2002.
- Ricoeur, Paul: *Hermeneutics and Human Sciences*, Martinus Nijhoff Dordrecht, 1984.
- Rorty, Richard (Ed.): *The Linguistic Turn*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1992.

## SEMESTER – II

### **COURSE – III:**

#### **INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY**

**(50 Marks)**

Selections from:

1. *Dharmakīrti: Nyāyavindu*
2. *Gaṅgeśa on Pramāṇya* (Gaṅgeśa's Theory of Truth by J.N Mohanty), Visva Bharati

### **COURSE –IV:**

#### **WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY**

**(50 Marks)**

Selections from:

1. Wittgenstein: *On Certainty*
2. Quine: "Epistemology Naturalized" in *Ontological Relativity and Other Essays*, Columbia University Press, 1969

#### **Further Readings:**

- Rhees, Rush: *Wittgenstein's On Certainty: There – Like Our Life* (Ed. D.Z. Phillips), Oxford: Blackwell, 2003.
- Ghosh, Jhadeswar: *Naturalized Semantics: A Critical Analysis of Quine's Philosophy*, Lambert Academic Publishing, 2013.

### **COURSE – V:**

#### **INDIAN METAPHYSICS**

**(50 Marks)**

Selections from:

1. Udayana: *Nyāyakusumāñjali*
2. *Tarkapāda (Brahmasūtra Śārīrakabhāṣya)*

#### **Further Readings:**

- Chattopadhyay, K. (Ed.): *Praśastapādabhāṣya with Nyāyakandali*.
- Dandi Swami: *Praśastapādabhāṣya*, Damodar Ashrama.
- Das, Rashvihary: *Introduction to Saṅkara*.
- Srimohana Tarkatirtha: *Nyāyakusumāñjali* (Bengali Trans.).
- Viswarupananda, Swami: *Vedāntadarśan*, Vol. 1.

### **COURSE – VI:**

#### **WESTERN METAPHYSICS**

**(50 Marks)**

Selections from:

1. Heidegger: *Introduction to Metaphysics*
2. Strawson: *Individuals*

## **PART – II**

- **Dissertation** (150 Marks)
- **Viva-voce** (50 Marks)