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M.A. in Philosophy

Two Years (Four Semesters) Syllabus

Main Feature of the Syllabus

M.A. in Philosophy

Semester	Paper Code	Paper Name	Theory Marks	Time	Internal Assessment Marks	Time	Total Marks	Total Time	
I	Course - 1	INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 2	WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 3	INDIAN LOGIC	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 4	WESTERN LOGIC	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
Total							200		
II	Course - 5	INDIAN ETHICS	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 6	WESTERN ETHICS	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 7	INDIAN METAPHYSICS	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 8	WESTERN METAPHYSICS	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
Total							200		
III	Course - 9	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (INDIAN)	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 10	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (WESTERN)	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 11	MODERN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Course - 12	PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIALISM	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.	50	2.30 Hr.	
	Any two optional courses from Course - OPT.3.1 to Course - OPT.3.15							100	
	Course - OPT.3.1	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND I	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.2	PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION I	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.3	PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION II	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.4	VEDĀNTA I	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.5	PRĀCĪNA NYĀYA	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.6	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY I	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.7	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY II	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.8	ADVANCED WESTERN ETHICS I	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.9	ADVANCED WESTERN ETHICS II	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.10	ADVANCED WESTERN LOGIC I	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.11	ADVANCED WESTERN LOGIC II	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.12	AESTHETICS (INDIAN)	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
	Course - OPT.3.13	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE I	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.			
Course - OPT.3.14	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE II	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.				
Course - OPT.3.15	HERMENEUTICS	40	2.00 Hr.	10	30 Min.				
Total							300		
IV	Course - 13	CLASSICAL INDIAN TEXT	40	2.00 Hr.			40		
	Course - 14	CLASSICAL WESTERN TEXT I	40	2.00 Hr.			40		
	Course - 15	CLASSICAL WESTERN TEXT II	40	2.00 Hr.			40		
	Course - 16	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	40	2.00 Hr.			40		
	Any two optional courses from Course - OPT.4.1 to Course - OPT.4.15							80	
	Course - OPT.4.1	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND II	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.2	PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION III	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.3	PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION IV	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.4	VEDĀNTA II	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.5	NAVYA NYĀYA	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.6	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY III	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.7	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IV	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.8	ADVANCED WESTERN ETHICS III	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.9	ADVANCED WESTERN ETHICS IV	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.10	ADVANCED WESTERN LOGIC III	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.11	ADVANCED WESTERN LOGIC IV	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.12	AESTHETICS (WESTERN)	40	2.00 Hr.					
	Course - OPT.4.13	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE III	40	2.00 Hr.					
Course - OPT.4.14	PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE IV	40	2.00 Hr.						
Course - OPT.4.15	POSTMODERNISM	40	2.00 Hr.						
	SEMINAR PRESENTATION	30	1.30 Hr.				30		
	VIVA-VOCE	30	1.30 Hr.				30		
Total							300		
Grand Total							1000		

*1ST SEMESTER (200 MARKS): END SEM. EXAM.: 160 (4 COURSES X 40) & INTERNAL ASSESSMENT: 40 (10 MCQs IN EACH COURSE).

*2ND SEMESTER (200 MARKS): END SEM. EXAM.: 160 (4 COURSES X 40) & INTERNAL ASSESSMENT: 40 (10 MCQs IN EACH COURSE).

*3RD SEMESTER (300 MARKS): END SEM. EXAM.: 240 (6 COURSES X 40) & INTERNAL ASSESSMENT: 60 (10 MCQs IN EACH COURSE).

*4TH SEMESTER (300 MARKS): END SEM. EXAM.: 240 (6 COURSES X 40) &

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT: 60 (SEMINAR PRESENTATION : 30 & VIVA-VOCE :30)

Detailed Syllabus

FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE - 1

INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

1. Anubhava - Yathārtha & Ayathārtha
2. Pramāṇa - (a) Pratyakṣa, (b) Upamāna, (c) Arthāpatti, (d) Anupalabdhi
3. Prāmāṇyavāda - (a) Svataḥ Prāmāṇya, (b) Parataḥ Prāmāṇya, & (c) Svaprakāśatva
4. Khyātivāda - (a) Akhyāti, (b) Anyathākhyāti, & (c) Anirvacanīyakhyāti

TEXT: *Bhāṣāpariccheda with Siddhānta-Muktāvalī* by

Viśvanātha

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Yogendranath Bagchi : *Prācīna Nyāya O Mīmāṃsā-Sammata Prāmāṇyavāda*
2. Govardhan P. Bhatt : *Epistemology of the Bhaṭṭa School of Purva- Mīmāṃsā*, Varanasi, 1962
3. J.N. Mohanty : *Gaṅgeśa's Theory of Truth*
4. Karl Potter : *Encyclopaedia of Indian Philosophy* (vol. on Navya Nyāya)
5. Sukharanjan Saha : *Theories of Error*
6. Sukharanjan Saha : *Epistemology of Prācīna and Navya Nyāya*
7. Rupa Bandyopadhyay : *Indian Theories of Illusion*
8. Uma Chattopadhyay : *Dishonoured by Philosophers: Upamāna Pramāṇa in Indian Epistemology*
9. B.K. Matilal : *Perception*
10. B.K. Matilal : *Perceptual Error*
11. Swami Vidyāraṇya : *Vivaraṇa-prameya-saṅgraha* (Tr. Pramatha Nāth Tarkabhūṣaṇ)
12. K.N. Jayatilleke : *Early Buddhist Theory of Knowledge*
13. Pancānan Śāstrī : *Bauddha Darśana*
14. Swami Vidyāraṇya : *Bauddha Darśana*
15. S. Chakrabarti & S.S. Khan: *Sarvadarśanasāṅgraha* (in Bengali)
16. D.M. Datta : *Six Ways of Knowing*
17. S.C. Chatterjee : *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*

18. Debabrata Sen : *The Concept of Knowledge*
19. Srinivasa Rao : *Perceptual Error: The Indian Theories*
20. Nārāyaṇa Bhaṭṭa : *Mānameyodaya* (Tr. Dinanath Upadhyay)
21. Dharmarāja Adhvarindra : *Vedāntaparibhāṣā* (Tr. Pancānan Śāstrī)

COURSE - 2

WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY

1. Scepticism and the possibility of knowledge
2. Nature and definition of knowledge: Belief and Knowledge
3. Gettier problem and responses to it
4. Justification of knowledge : Foundationalism, Coherentism, Causal theory and Reliability theory
5. Theories of Truth : Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic
6. Knowledge of other minds

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Jonathan Dancy : *Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology*
2. Robert Audi : *Epistemology*
3. Sosa & Greco (Eds) : *Blackwell Guide to Epistemology*
4. Keith Lehrer : *Knowledge*
5. R. Chisholm : *Theory of Knowledge* (Editions: 1 & 2)
6. P.F. Strawson : *Scepticism and Naturalism: Some Varieties*
7. Wittgenstein : *On Certainty*
8. Norman Malcolm : *Knowledge and Certainty*
9. Sibjiban Bhattacharya : *Doubt, Belief and Knowledge*
10. A.J. Ayer : *The Problem of Knowledge*
11. P.K. Sen : *Gentle Naturalist Response to Scepticism*
12. Tushar Kanti Sarkar : *Knowledge, Truth and Justification*
13. A.P. Griffith : *Knowledge and Belief*
14. D.W. Hamlyn : *The Theory of Knowledge*

COURSE - 3
INDIAN LOGIC

Anumāna Pramāṇa (Nyāya)

Definition; Constituents; Types; Pakṣata; Parāmarśa; Vyāpti and Vyāptigraha; Hetvābhaṣa; Siddhānta-lakṣaṇā of Vyāpti

Anumāna Pramāṇa (Bauddha)

Definition; Constituents; Types of Anumāna; Types of Hetu; Definition of Vyāpti

TEXTS:

1. Viśvanātha : *Bhāṣāpariccheda with
Siddhānta-Muktāvalī* (Tr.

Pancānan Śāstrī

2. Dharmakīrti : *Nyāyabindu*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Satish Chandra Vidyabhusan: *History of Indian Logic*

2. B.K. Matilal : *Character of Indian Logic*

3. B.K. Matilal : *Logic, Language and Reality*

4. S.S. Barlingay : *A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic*

5. Nandita Bandyopadhyay: *The Concept of Logical Fallacies*

6. Dharmakīrti : *Pramāṇa Vārttikā*

7. Stcherbatsky : *Buddhist Logic* (2 vols.)

8. Raghunath Ghosh : *Relation as Real: A Critique of
Dharmakīrti*, New Delhi: Satguru

Publications

9. Mrinal Kanti Gangyopadhyay: *Nyāyabindu ṭīkā*

COURSE - 4
WESTERN LOGIC (50 Marks)

UNIT – I

Intuitive Set Theory:

Topics:

- (1) Basic concepts of Set Theory
- (2) Set Theoretical operators, Intersection, Union and Difference
- (3) Translating Everyday Language
- (4) Venn Diagrams, Testing Validity
- (5) Relations, Classification of Relations, etc.

Text Book: Patrick Suppes: *Introduction to Logic*

Propositional Logic:

1. The Rule of Conditional Proof(C.P.)
2. The Rule of Indirect Proof (I.P.)
3. Reductio Ad Absurdum Method of Testing Arguments
4. Truth –tree as Decision Procedure
5. Testing Validity of Arguments of Propositional Logic by Truth-tree Method.

Predicate Logic:

Topics:

1. Technique of Symbolizing Statements involving Quantifiers.
2. Preliminary Quantification Rules
3. Multiply General Propositions
4. Revised Quantification Rules
5. Formal Proof of Validity of Arguments involving Relations
6. Formal Proof of Validity of Arguments involving Identity and Definite Descriptions.
7. Testing Validity of Arguments involving Monadic Quantification by Truth-tree Method

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. P. Suppes : *Introduction to Logic* (Chapters: 9 to 11)
2. I.M. Copi : *Symbolic Logic* (5th ed.), (Chapters: 1 to 5)
3. Richard Jeffrey : *Formal Logic: It's Scope and Limits* (2nd Ed.)
(Chapter: 6)
4. S. Lipschutz : *Set Theory*
5. A. Singh & C. Goswami: *Fundamentals of Logic*
6. Chhanda Chakraborti : *Logic: Informal, Symbolic & Inductive* (2nd Ed.),
Prentice Hall of India, 2007
7. A.N. Prior : *Formal Logic*
8. V. Klenk : *Understanding Symbolic Logic*
9. Ramaprasad Das : *Sāṅketik Yuktivijñāna* (Vol. I ,II & III)

SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE – 5

INDIAN ETHICS

1. *Arthasaṅgraha* of Laugākṣi Bhāskara:

The concepts and doctrines to be taken up for study are as follows:

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| (a) Śabda (Veda Prāmāṇya) | (b) Apauruṣeyatva |
| (c) Puruṣārtha | (d) Dharma |
| (e) Apūrva | (f) Bhāvanā |
| (g) Sādhya-sāadhanā, itikartavyatā | (h) Iṣṭasāadhanatā |
| (i) Vidhi, niṣedha, arthavāda | (j) Rules of textual interpretation |

2. The law of karma: ethical implications
3. Sādhāraṇa dharma, Sva-dharma, Para-dharma, Āpad-dharma
4. Ṛta and satya
5. Ṛṇa and yajña
6. Yoga and kṣema
7. Karmayoga, Lokasaṅgraha of the Bhagavadgīta
8. Upāyakaūśala of Buddhism along with Brahmavihāras
9. Triratnas of Jainism along with Dharmavidhi and Caitrācāra
10. Yama and Niyama of Yoga

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. S.K. Maitra : *The Ethics of the Hindus*
2. R. Prasad : *Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality*
3. : *Varṇadharmā, Niṣkāma Karma and Practical
Morality*
4. N.K. Brahma : *Philosophy of the Hindu Sādhanā*
5. Sri Aurobindo : *Essays on the Gīta*
6. B.G. Tilak : *Śrīmadbhagavadgīta Rahasya*
7. M. Hiriyanna : *The Indian Conception of Values*
8. I.C. Sharma : *Ethical Philosophies of India*
9. Surama Dasgupta : *Development of Moral Philosophy in India*
10. Saral Jhingran : *Aspects of Hindu Morality*
11. Swami Bhargananda : *Arthasaṅgraha*
12. Daya Krishna : *A Myth of Puruṣārtha*
13. Amita Chatterjee (Eds): *Dharmanīti*
14. Indrani Sanyal : *Dharmanīti o Śruti*

COURSE – 6

WESTERN ETHICS

1. The moral philosophy of Hume and Kant
2. Virtue Ethics

TEXT:

Kant : *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Hume : *An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*
2. Onara O'Neill : *Acting on Principle: An Essay on Kantian Ethics*,
Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1975
3. Alan Donagan : *The Theory of Morality*, Chicago: University of Chicago
Press, 1977
4. Fred Feldman : *Introductory Ethics*, Prentice-Hall, 1978
5. C.E. Harris : *Applied Moral Theories*, Wadsworth, 1986
6. A. MacIntyre : *After Virtue*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1974
7. B. Williams : *Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*, London: Fontana,
1985
8. Fred Feldman : 'Kantian Ethics,' from Fred Feldman, *Introductory
Ethics*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1978
9. Philippa Foot : 'Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives,'
Reprinted from *Philosophical Review*, 84, 1972
10. Thomas Nagel : 'Moral Luck,' from Thomas Nagel, *Mortal Questions*,
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1979
11. H.J. Paton : *The Categorical Imperative: A Study in Kant's Moral
Philosophy*
12. Pojman : *Ethical Theory*

COURSE – 7

INDIAN METAPHYSICS

1. Introduction to sapta-padārtha in Vaiśeṣika metaphysics
 2. Concept of Prakṛti and Puruṣa in Sāṅkhya
 3. Nyāya theory of God
 4. Theories of Self
 5. Nyāya and Sāṅkhya theories of Causation
 6. Universals: the debate amongst the different schools
- Śāṅkara, Rāmānuja, Mādhva, Vallabha, Nimbārka

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Steven H. Phillips : *Classical Indian Metaphysics*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1997
2. Jadunath Sinha : *Indian Realism*, London: Kegan Paul, 1938
3. P.K. Mukhopadhyaya : *Indian Realism*, Calcutta: K.P. Bagchi, 1984
4. Harsh Narain : *Evolution of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Categoriology*, Varanasi: Bharati Prakashan, 1976
5. H. Ui : *Vaiśeṣika Philosophy*, Varanasi: Chowkhambha Sanskrit Series 22, Reprinted in 1962
6. Sadananda Bhaduri : *Nyāya Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics*
7. Nāgārjuna : *Mūlamadhyamakārikā*
8. Jayarāṣi Bhaṭṭa : *Tattvopaplavasimha* (tr. Elle Franco)
9. Śriharsa : *Khaṇḍanakhaṇḍakhādyā*
10. Narayan Chandra Goswami: *Sāṅkhya-kārikā (Tattva-kaumudi)*
11. Annambhaṭṭa : *Tarkasaṅgraha*
12. Pancānan Śāstrī : *Bhāṣāpariccheda*
13. Pūrṇa Chandra Vedānta Cancu: *Sāṅkhya-kārikā*
14. Yogendranath Bagchi : *Sāṅkhyamat Samīkṣā*
15. R.R. Dravid : *The Problem of Universals in Indian Philosophy*

COURSE – 8

WESTERN METAPHYSICS

1. Metaphysics : nature and scope
2. Appearance and reality
3. Being, non-being and becoming
4. Substance
5. Causation
6. Space and time
7. Universals and particulars
8. Mind and body : dualism and materialism; contemporary debates
9. The concept of person

TEXT:

Aristotle: *Metaphysics*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. F.H. Bradley : *Appearance and Reality* (Oxford)
2. Richard Taylor : *Metaphysics* (Prentice-Hall)
3. Sosa & Tooley (Eds) : *Causation* (Oxford)
4. Richard Swinburne : *Space and Time* (Methuen)
5. M. Macbeath & others (Eds) : *The Philosophy of Time* (Oxford)
6. David Wiggins : *Sameness and Substance* (Oxford)
7. P.M. Churchland : *Matter and Consciousness* (Cambridge, Mass)
8. D.C. Dennett : *Consciousness Explained* (Boston)
9. Rene Descartes : *Meditations* (Cambridge)
10. John Locke : *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (Everyman)
11. David Hume : *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (Oxford)
12. A.C. Grayling (Ed) : *Cambridge Companion to Metaphysics*
13. Elmer Sprague : *Metaphysical Thinking* (Oxford)
14. John Hospers : *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*

15. D.M. Armstrong : *Universals: An Opinionated Introduction*, CO: Westview Press,
1989
16. D.W. Hamlyn : *Metaphysics*
17. David Hales (Ed) : *Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings*
18. Bruce Aune : *Metaphysics*
19. Loux : *Metaphysics* (3rd Ed.)
20. A.C. Grayling : *Philosophy* (Vol. 2)
21. C.E.M. Joad : *Guide to Philosophy*
22. P.F. Strawson : *Individuals: An Essay in Descriptive Metaphysics*
23. Robin Le Poidevin *et al* (Ed.) : *The Routledge Companion to Metaphysics*

THIRD SEMESTER

COMPULSORY COURSES

COURSE – 9

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (INDIAN)

1. The problem of meaning : Ākāṅkṣā, yogyatā, sannidhi, tātparyajñāna; anvitābhīdhānavāda and abhihitānvayavāda
2. Lakṣaṇā: nature and classifications; vyañjanā; the theory of dhvani
3. Sphoṭa : Patañjali, Bhartṛhari and others; arguments against sphoṭa
4. Bhartṛhari's theory of śabdabrahman

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. K.N. Chatterjee : *Word and its Meaning: A New Perspective*, Varanasi, 1980
2. Gaurinath Sastri : *The Philosophy of Word and Meaning*, Calcutta, 1959
3. : *A Study of the Dialectics of Sphoṭa*, Delhi, 1980
4. K. Kunjunni Raja : *Indian Theories of Meaning*, Adyar, 1977
5. K.A. Subramaniam Iyer: *Bhartṛhari*, Poona, 1969
6. Tandra Patnaik : *Śabda: A Study of Bhartṛhari's Philosophy of Language*, Delhi, 1994
7. Hari Mohan Jha : *Trends of Linguistic Analysis in Indian Philosophy*, Varanasi, 1981
8. P.K. Mazumdar : *The Philosophy of Language: An Indian Approach*, Calcutta, 1977
9. Maṇḍana Miśra : *Sphoṭasiddhi*
10. Nāgeśa Bhaṭṭa : *Sphoṭavāda and Laghumañjūṣā* (Selections)
11. Prabhākara : *Bṛhati* (Selections)
12. Pārthasārathi Miśra: *Śāstradīpikā* (Selections)
13. Kumārila Bhaṭṭa : *Ślokavārttikaṃ* (Selections)
14. Śāntarakṣita : *Tattvasaṅgraha* (Selections)
15. Bhartṛhari : *Vākyapadiyam* (Selections)

16. Viśvanātha : *Bhāṣāparichheda* (Selections)
17. Bishnupada Bhattacharya (Tr. in Bengali): *Vākyapadiyam* (Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar)
18. D.N. Tiwari : *Bharṭhari's Philosophy* (ICPR)
19. Karunasindhu Das: *Vyākaraṇdarśane Bāgārtha Prasanga* (NBU Studies)
20.: 'Vākyārtha Vichār' in *Śabdārtha Vichār*,
Bhaswati Chakrabarti & Raghunath Ghosh (Eds)
21. B.K. Matilal : *The Word and the World*
22. K. Krishnamurthy : *Dhvanyāloka with Locanā ṭīka* (RBU)
23. Piyali Palit : *Basic Principles of Indian Philosophy of Language* (Jadavpur Studies in Philosophy)
24. Gangadhar Kar : *Sabdarthatatva*

COURSE – 10

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE (WESTERN)

1. The linguistic turn in philosophy
2. Verifiability; identity statements; proper names; definite descriptions;
Frege: sense and reference, concepts and objects; negative existentials;
facts and objects; picture theory; philosophy and language; meaning and use; forms of life
3. Speech acts : Austin; Searle

TEXT:

Wittgenstein : *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. W.V.O. Quine : 'On What There is' and Two Dogmas of Empiricism'
2. J.L. Austin : *How to do things with Words?*
3. Searle : *Speech Acts: An Essay in Philosophy of Language*
4. G. Frege : 'On Sense and Reference' in *Tr. From the Philosophical Writings of Gottlob Frege*, Geach & Black (Eds)
5. B. Russell : 'Descriptions' in Russell's *Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy*, also in *Meaning and Reference*, A.W. Moore (Ed)
6. Wittgenstein : *Philosophical Investigations*
7. Donald Davidson : *Inquiries into Meaning and Truth*, OUP, 1984
8. Michael Davitt & Kim Sterelney: *Language and Reality*, MIT Press, 1987
9. Michael Dummett : *The Seas of Language*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. 1993
10. Saul Kripke : *Naming and Necessity*
11. Frege : 'On Sense and Reference and 'On Concepts and Objects'
12. Anthony Kenny : *The Wittgenstein Reader*
13. Max Black : *A Companion to Wittgenstein's Tractatus*
14. Robert Fogelin : *Wittgenstein*
15. George Pitcher : *The Philosophy of Wittgenstein*, Prentice-Hall, 1964
16. A.P. Martinich : *The Philosophy of Language*, OUP, 1996
17. Quine : *Word and Object*, and Two Dogmas of Empiricism'
18. Russell : *Logic and Knowledge*
19. Ammerman (Ed) : *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*
20. Martin Munitz : *Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*
21. P.F. Strawson : *Logico-Linguistic Papers*
22. P.T. Geach & Max Black (Tr.): *Philosophical Writings of Gottlob Frege*
23. A. Miller : *Philosophy of Language*
24. Avrum Stroll : *Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy*
25. Luntley : *Wittgenstein: Meaning and Judgement*

26. R.C. Pradhan : *Recent Developments in Analytic Philosophy*, New Delhi: ICPR
27. Chandidas Bhattacharya: *Bearers of Meaning*
28. Manjulika Ghosh : *Performatives, Knowledge and Truth*
(New Delhi: Northern Book Centre)
29. Kantilal Das : *Philosophical Relevance of Language*
(New Delhi: Northern Book Centre)
30. Kantilal Das & Jyotish Ch. Basak (Eds): *Language and Reality* (New Delhi: Northern Book Centre)

COURSE – 11

MODERN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

1. Swami Vivekananda : Man; Universal Religion; Practical Vedānta
2. Sri Aurobindo : Three phases of reality-evolution; Integral Yogā
3. Rabindranath Tagore : Religion of Man
4. K.C. Bhattacharyya : Concept of philosophy; Subject as freedom; The Absolute and its alternative forms; Interpretation of Māyā
5. M.K. Gandhi : Truth; Non-violence; Swarāj; Sarvodaya; Critique of modern civilization
6. S. Radhakrishnan : God and the Absolute; intellect and intuition; the idealist view of life
7. B.R. Ambedkar : Critique of social evils; neo-Buddhism

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. T.M.P. Mahadevan & C.V. Saroja : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Madras, 1985
2. Basant Kumar Lal : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Delhi, 1999
3. Benay Gopal Ray : *Contemporary Indian Philosophers*, Allahabad, 1957
4. V. S. Naravane : *Modern Indian Thought*, Bombay, 1964
5. Swami Vivekananda : *Practical Vedanta*, Calcutta: Advaita Ashram, 1964
6. Sri Aurobindo : *Integral Yoga*, Pondicherry: Sri Aurobindo Ashram, 1972
7. R. Tagore : *The Religion of Man*, London: Unwin Books, 1961

8. K.C. Bhattacharyya : *Studies in Philosophy*, edited by Gopinath Bhattacharya, Motilal Banarsidass, 1983
9. Kalidas Bhattacharya : *The Fundamentals of K.C. Bhattacharya's Philosophy*, Saraswat Library, Kolkata, 1975
10. Margaret Chatterjee : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1998
11. Aurobindo Bose & Indrani Sanyal (Eds): *The Poet, Yogi and Philosopher*
12. D.M. Dutta : *Gandhi*
13. Nirmal Kr. Bose : *Selections from Gandhi*
14. Jayantanuja Bandopadhyay: *Social and Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*
15. B. Bhattacharya : *Evolution of the Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*
16. Sisir Kumar Maitra : *Studies in Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy*, Banaras, 1945
17. Paul Arthur Schilpp (Ed.): *The Philosophy of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1992

COURSE – 12

PHENOMENOLOGY AND EXISTENTIALISM

1. Edmund Husserl : A movement of thought; a radical method of investigation; a presuppositionless philosophy; a rigorous science; Development of his thought – (a) critique of psychologism, (b) intentionality of consciousness; the natural world thesis; essence and essential intuition; phenomenological reduction and its stages; pure consciousness and transcendental subjectivity; life-world
2. Merleau-Ponty : Phenomenology of perception
3. Heidegger : Being – Dasein: its distinctive characteristics; varieties: common ground as well as diversity among existentialists; essence and existence; Existence preceding essence; man's being; authentic and inauthentic existence
4. Sartre : Freedom; the concept of nothingness and its different forms; decision and choice; death; temporality

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Edmund Husserl : *Cartesian Meditations* (Introduction and First Meditation) Paul, 1973
2. : *Logical Investigations* (Vol. 1)
3. : *Ideas* (Vol. 1)
4. : *Experience and Judgment*, Trs. James Churchill & Karl Americks, London: Rout ledge & Kegan Paul, 1973
5. Herbert Spielberg : *The Phenomenological Movement*, Vols. I & II, The Hague; Martinus Nijhoff, 1971
6. Paul Ricoeur : *Husserl: An Analysis of his Phenomenology*, Trs. G. Ballard & Lester Embree, Evanston: North Western University Press, 1967
7. J.J. Kockelmans : *A First Introduction to Husserl's Phenomenology*, Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press, 1967
8. Marvin Farber : *The Aims of Phenomenology*, New York: Harper Row, 1966

9. M.K. Bhadra : *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, New Delhi: ICPR, 1990
10. Pierre Thévenaz : *What is Phenomenology?*, Quadrangle Books, 1962
11. Maurice Merleau-Ponty : *Phenomenology of Perception*, Tr. Colin Smith, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1962
12. : *The Primacy of Perception*, Tr. James E. Edie, Evanston: North-Western University Press, 1964
13. Jean-Paul Sartre : *The Transcendence of the Ego*, Trs. F. Williams & R. Kirkepatrick, New2 York; Noonday Press, 1957
14. : *The Psychology of Imagination*, Tr. B. Frechtman, London: Rider Press, 1949
15. : *Being and Nothingness*, Tr. Hazel Barness, New York: Philosophical Library, 1956
16. Martin Heidegger : *Being and Time*, Tr. John Macquarie & Edward Robinson, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1978
17. : *Introduction to Metaphysics*, Tr. R. Mannheim, New York: Doubleday Anchor, 1961
18. J.L. Mehta : *The Philosophy of Martin Heidegger*, Varanasi: Banaras Hindu University, 1967
19. J.N. Mohanty : *The Philosophy of Edmund Husserl*, Yale: 2008
20. Walter Kaufmann (Ed) : *Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre*, New York, 1956
21. H.J. Blackham : *Six Existentialist Thinkers*, (Second Edition) New York, 1959
22. John Macquarrie : *Existentialism*, Penguin Books, 1973
23. : *Studies in Christian Existentialism*, London, 1966
24. F. Kingston : *French Existentialism: A Christian Critique*, Toronto, 1961

25. E.L. Allen : *Existentialism from Within*, London, 1958
26. H.E. Barnes : *An Existentialist Ethics*, New York, 1967
27. A.B. Fallico : *Art and Existentialism*, Prentice- Hall, 1962
28. William A. Luitfen : *Existentialist Phenomenology*, (Revised Ed.),
Tr. Henry J. Koren, Pittsburg: Duquesne
Press, 1960
29. David E. Cooper : *Existentialism: A Reconstruction*, Oxford:
Blackwell, 1993
30. R. Solomon : *From Rationalism to Existentialism*, Rowman &
Littlefield Publishers, 2001
31. (Ed) : *Phenomenology and Existentialism*, Rowman &
Littlefield Publishers, 2001

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THIRD SEMESTER

OPTIONAL COURSES

COURSE – OPT. 3.1

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND I

1. Nature and scope of philosophy of mind: Mind in empirical psychology;
mind in *a priori* philosophy;

philosophical taxonomy of mental phenomena;
sensations and propositional attitudes

2. Philosophical theories of mind:

(a) Cartesian Dualism: The mind-body relation; problems of
causal interactionism; mind and science

(b) Behaviourism: Methodological and philosophical
behaviourism; explanatory
inadequacy; cognitivism in psychology

(c) Materialism: Mind-brain identity theory; problems of
materialism; the problem of phenomenal
consciousness

(d) Functionalism: Mind as a functional system; the
computational mind; problems of
inverted spectrum and absent qualia;

criticism of strong

AI

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. E.J. Lowe : *An Introduction to the Philosophy of
Mind*, Cambridge University Press, 2000

2. Sidney Hook (Ed) : *Dimensions of Mind: A Symposium*, New
York: Collier Books, 1961

3. David M. Armstrong : *A Materialist Theory of Mind*, London:
Routledge, 1968

4. John Heil : *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary
Introduction*, Cambridge University

Press, 2004

COURSE – OPT. 3.2

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION I

- **Meaning, scope and functions of Philosophy of Education**

1. What is knowledge and understanding?
2. What does it mean to learn?

3. What is the role of the teacher and the student?
4. What is the ultimate purpose of education?

COURSE – OPT. 3.3

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION II

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| 1. Idealism | : | Plato, Kant, Hegel |
| 2. Realism | : | Aristotle, Locke, Rousseau |
| 3. Pragmatism | : | Dewey, James, Rorty |
| 4. Analytic Philosophy | : | Russell, R.S. Peters |
| 5. Existentialism | : | Karl Jaspers, Martin Buber |
| 6. Postmodernism | : | Heidegger, Gadamer, Foucault |

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Blake, Smeyers *et al* (Ed.): *The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Education*, Oxford: Blackwell, 2003
2. Nel Noddings : *Philosophy of Education* (3rd Ed.), Westview Press, 2012
3. H. Siegel (Ed.) : *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Education*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2009
4. Richard Bailey *et al* (Eds.): *The SAGE Handbook of Philosophy of Education*, London: SAGE, 2010
5. Randall Curren (Ed.) : *A Companion to the Philosophy of Education*, Blackwell, 2003
6. Jerome A. Popp : *Naturalizing Philosophy of Education: John Dewey in the Postanalytic Period*, Southern Illinois University, 1998

COURSE – OPT. 3.4

VEDĀNTA I

- Adhyāsbhāṣya, Brahmasūtra Śāṅkarabhāṣya
- 1. Śāṅkara: Nirguṇa Brahman; adhyāsa; rejection of the (unconscious) Sāṅkhyan prakṛti as the source of the universe; cetana Brahma as the non-different material and efficient cause (abhinnanimittopādānakāraṇa) of the universe; theory of causation; nature of the jīva; jīvanmukti;
- 2. Post-Śāṅkara Advaita: the identification of avidyā with māyā; māyā as neither real nor unreal (sadasadvilakṣaṇa); avidyā as cosmic as well as individual;

TEXT:

Dharmarāja Adhvarindra : *Vedāntaparibhāṣā* (Selections)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. K.C. Bhattacharyya : 'Studies in Vedantism,' (from *Studies in Philosophy*)
2. Jadunath Sinha : *Problems of Post-Śaṅkara Advaita Vedānta*, Calcutta
3. Śaṅkara : Commentaries on the *Vedānta Sūtras*, *Chāndogya Upaniṣad* and *Br̥hadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad* (Selections)
4. Govind Chandra Pande : *Life and Thought of Śaṅkarācārya*, Delhi, 1994
5. T.M.P. Mahadevan : *The Philosophy of Advaita*, Madras, 1957

COURSE – OPT. 3.5

PRĀCĪNA NYĀYA

TEXT:

Gautama's *Nyāya Sūtra* with Vātsyāyana's *Bhāṣya*

COURSE – OPT. 3.6

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY I

1. Plato : Concept of ideal state and justice
2. Aristotle : Ideal state and the form of government
3. Hobbes : Social contract and sovereignty
4. Locke : Consent, political obligation and the ends of government
5. Rousseau : The origin of inequality

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Plato : *Republic*
2. Aristotle : *Politics*
3. Hobbes : *Leviathan*
4. Locke : *Two Treaties Of Government*
5. Rousseau : *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*
6. : *Social Contract*
7. J. Plamenatz : *Man and Society* (Vol. 1)

COURSE – OPT. 3.7

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY II

1. Hegel : Political rationalism, philosophy of right
2. Mill : Individualism and tolerance
3. Marx : Class struggle, opposition of capitalism
4. Popper : The critique of historicism and holism, concept of open society

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. T. M. Knox (Tr.) : *Hegel's Philosophy of Right*, Clarendon Press, 1952
2. Mill : *On Liberty*
3. Marx : *The Communist Manifesto*
4. Popper : *The Open Society and its Enemies* (2 Vols.)

COURSE – OPT. 3.8

ADVANCED WESTERN ETHICS I

- **Normative Ethics**

TEXTS:

1. J.S. Mill : *Utilitarianism*
2. G.E. Moore : *Principia Ethica*

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. B. Williams : *Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*, London: Fontana, 1985
2. Pojman, Fieser : *Ethical Theory: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, Wadsworth, Cengage Learning, 2010
3. Fred Feldman : *Introductory Ethics*, Prentice-Hall, 1978
4. Mary Warnock : *Ethics Since 1900*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1960
5. G.F. McLean : *Normative Ethics and Objective Reason*, Paideia Publishers, 1996
6. Shelly Kagan : *Normative Ethics*, Westview Press, 1998

COURSE – OPT. 3.9

ADVANCED WESTERN ETHICS II

- **Meta-Ethics**

1. Cognitivism : Naturalism, non-naturalism
2. Non-cognitivism : Emotivism, Prescriptivism

TEXTS:

1. G.E. Moore : 'Nature of Good', from G.E. Moore, *Principia Ethica*
2. A.J. Ayer : 'Emotivism,' from A.J. Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic*, Dover, 1946
3. C.L. Stevenson : 'The Emotive Meaning of Ethical Terms,' from *Mind*, 46, 1937
4. R.M. Hare : 'Prescriptivism: The Structure of Ethics and Morals,' from R.M. Hare, *Essays in Ethical Theory*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989

Oxford University

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Mary Warnock : *Ethics Since 1900*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1960
2. W.D. Hudson : *Modern Moral Philosophy*, Macmillan, 1983
3. R.M. Hare : *The Language of Morals*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1952
4. Philippa Foot : *Virtues and Vices*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1978
5. C.L. Stevenson : *Ethics and Language*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1944
6. Roger Hancock : *Twentieth Century Ethics*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1974
7. K.E. Goodpaster (Ed): *Perspectives on Morality: Essays by William Frankena*, University of Notre Dame Press, 1976

COURSE – OPT. 3.10

ADVANCED WESTERN LOGIC I

1. Truth-tree as a Decision Procedure
2. The method of Existential Conditionals
3. Axiomatic system : PM
4. (a) Axiomatised Syllogistic : AS system
(b) Metalogic of AS system

TEXTS:

1. Richard Jeffrey : *Formal Logic: It's Scope and Limits* (1st Ed.),
Chapters: 6, 7 & 9
2. Quine : *Methods of Logic*
3. Russell & Whitehead : *Principia Mathematica*
4. Hughes & Londey : *The Elements of Formal Logic*, Methuen,
1965

COURSE – OPT. 3.11**ADVANCED WESTERN LOGIC II**

- Meta-theory of Propositional Logic: Consistency, completeness,
independence and soundness

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Basson & O'Connor : *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, Oxford
University Press, 1976
2. Ramaprasad Das : *Sanketik Juktibigyan* (Vol. 1)

COURSE – OPT. 3.12**AESTHETICS (INDIAN)**

1. Kāvya-lakṣaṇa (definition of poetry); Kāvya-hetu: Pratibhā / Vyutpatti / Abhyāsa, their distinctive roles in poetic creation; Kāvya-prayojana (necessity or use of poetry)
2. Different schools of literary criticism (Kāvyaavicāra):

Rasa school (Bharata); Vakrokti school or the school of Alaṅkāra (Bhāmaha & Kuntaka); Rīti school or the school of 6 guṇas (Daṇḍin and Vāmana); Dhvani school (Ānandavardhana); Rasadhvani school (Abhinavagupta)

TEXT: The Dhvanyāloka of Ānandavardhana with its Locanā commentary by Abhinavagupta

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. P.V. Kane : *History of Sanskrit Poetics*, 1951
2. S.K. De : *History of Sanskrit Poetics* (3rd ed.), Calcutta,
1960
3. S.P. Bhattacharyya : *Studies in Indian Poetics*, Calcutta, 1964

4. Kuppaswami Sastri : *Highways and Byways of Literary Criticism in Sanskrit*
5. K. Krishna Murthy : *Dhvanyāloka and its Critics*, Mysore, 1963
6. : *Studies in Indian Aesthetics and Criticism*, Mysore, 1979
7. K.C. Pandey : *Comparative Aesthetics*, Vol. I, *Indian Aesthetics*, Chowkhamba, 1950
8. R. Gnoli : *The Aesthetic Experience According to Abhinavagupta*, Chowkhamba, 1968
9. Panchapagesha Sastri : *The Philosophy of Aesthetic Pleasure*, Annamalai, 1940
10. S.S. Barlingay : *A Modern Introduction to Indian Aesthetic Theory*
11. Viśwanātha : *Sāhityadarpaṇa*, Tr. J.R. Ballantyne & Premadas Mitra

COURSE – OPT. 3.13

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE I

- Theory of Meaning : Semantics

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. John Lyons : *Semantics* (Vol. 2), Cambridge University Press, 1977
2. Noam Chomsky : *Studies on Semantics in Generative Grammar*, The Hague, Netherlands: Mouton Publishers: 1972
3. Ruth M. Kempson: *Semantic Theory*, Cambridge: 1977
4. Nick Riemer : *Introducing Semantics*, Cambridge: 2010
5. J. Katz and J.A. Fodor: ‘The Structure of a Semantic Theory’, in *Language*: 39, 1963

COURSE – OPT. 3.14

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE II

- Theory of Meaning : Syntactics

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Noam Chomsky : *Aspects of the Theory of Syntax*, MIT Press, 1969

2. : *Syntactic Structures*
3. Charles W. Morris: *Writings on the General Theory of Signs*, 1971
4. John Lyons : *Chomsky*, Fontana Press, 2008

COURSE – OPT. 3.15

HERMENEUTICS

1. Scheleiermacher : Theory of interpretation of *The Bible*; universality of hermeneutics
2. Wilhelm Dilthey : Theory of meaning and interpretation; cultural products and the spirit of an age; the hermeneutic circle
3. Martin Heidegger : Phenomenology as hermeneutics; the defining capacity of *Dasein* as the interpretative understanding of its world; theoretical understanding and interpretation in an action
4. Hans-Georg Gadamer : Theory of fore-conceptions and prejudices; consciousness as effective-historical; lived acquaintance with developing tradition; fusion of horizons

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Wilhelm Dilthey : *Selected Writings*, Tr. H. Rickman, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1976
2. Martin Heidegger : *The Basic Problems of Phenomenology*, Tr. A. Hofstadter, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1982
3. : *Being and Time*, Trs, J. Macquarrie & E. Robinson, Oxford: Blackwell, 1980
4. : *Basic Writings*, Tr. D.F. Krell, London : Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1978
5. H.L. Dreyfus : *Being-in-the-World*, Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1991
6. Hans-Georg Gadamer: *Truth and Method*, Tr. W. Glen-Doepel, London: Sheed & Ward, 1979
7. J. Bleicher : *Contemporary Hermeneutics*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1980
8. Andrew Bowie (Ed.): *Schleiermacher: Hermeneutics and Criticism – And Other Writings*, Cambridge University Press, 1998
9. Richard Rorty : *Essays on Heidegger and Others*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991
10. Krishna Roy : *Hermeneutics: East and West*, Allied Publishers in collaboration with Jadavpur University, 1993
11. Manjulika Ghosh & R.N. Ghosh (Eds): *Language and Interpretation*, Northern Book Centre (NBU Studies in Philosophy – 11), 2007

FOURTH SEMESTER

COMPULSORY COURSES

COURSE – 13

CLASSICAL INDIAN TEXT

- Praśastapāda : *Padārthadharmasaṅgraha*

COURSE – 14

CLASSICAL WESTERN TEXT I

- Kant : *Critique of Pure Reason*

COURSE – 15

CLASSICAL WESTERN TEXT II

- Wittgenstein : *Philosophical Investigations*

COURSE – 16

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

1. Philosophy of religion : its nature and relationship with science and theology
2. Arguments for and against the existence of god
3. Nature of religious language : verification and falsification
4. Transcendence and immanence: God and the Absolute; deism, theism, pantheism, panentheism
5. God, Man and the world : Brahman, jīva, jagat in Vedānta
6. The existence of God and the problem of evil
7. Concept of Bhakti
8. Religious pluralism and inter-religious dialogue

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. N. Smart : *The Religious Experience of Mankind*
2. R.C. Zaehner (Ed) : *The Concise Encyclopaedia of Living Faiths*
3. : *Mysticism, Sacred and Profane*
4. J. Hick : *An Interpretation of Religion*
5. : *Philosophy of Religion*
6. W. James : *Varieties of Religious Experience*
7. R. Otto : *The Idea of the Holy*
8. R. Swinburne : *Faith and Reason*
9. S. Radhakrishnan : *An Idealist View of Life*
10. Flew & McIntyre : *New Essays in Philosophical Theology*
11. Hume : *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*
12. Kant : *Religion within the Limits of Pure Reason*
13. Swami Vivekananda : *Complete Works* (relevant chapters)
14. N.K. Brahma : *Philosophy of Hindu Sādhanā*
15. J.C. Plot : *Philosophy of Devotion*
16. F. Ferre : *Language, Logic and God*
17. A. Thompson : *A Modern Philosophy of Religion*
18. M. Hiriyanna : *Quest for Perfection*
19. Baman Das Basu : *Bhaktisutras of Narada*, Tr. Nandalal

Sinha, New Delhi: Cosmo Publications,

2008

FOURTH SEMESTER

OPTIONAL COURSES

COURSE – OPT. 4.1

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND II

1. Consciousness,
Cognitive science and Philosophy: The mystery of consciousness and
the explanatory gap; naturalism about
phenomenal consciousness
2. Problem of other minds
3. Mind and language

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. T.E. Wilkerson : *Minds Brain and People*, Oxford:
Clarendon Press, 1974
2. Paul M. Churchland : *Matter and Consciousness*, Mass: MIT
Press, 1988
3. Daniel C. Dennett : *Consciousness Explained*: Penguin, 1993
4. David Chalmers : *The Conscious Mind*, Oxford University
Press, 1996
5. Flanagan Block & Guzeldere (Eds): *The Nature of Consciousness*,
MIT Press, 1997
6. Noam Chomsky : *Language and Mind* (3rd Ed.),
Cambridge University Press, 2006
7. John R. Searle : *Mind, Language and Society: Philosophy
in the Real World*, Basic Books, 1998
8. Anita Avramides : *Other Minds*, Routledge, 2001
9. Maxwell Bennett *et al* : *Neuroscience and Philosophy: Brain,
Mind, and Language*, Columbia University
Press

COURSE – OPT. 4.2

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION III

• **Indian thinkers:**

1. Rabindranath Tagore
2. Swami Vivekananda
3. M.K. Gandhi
4. Sri Aurobindo
5. S. Radhakrishnan

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. G.R. Sharma : *Trends in Contemporary Indian Philosophy of Education: A Critical Evaluation*, Atlantic
2. S.S. Chandra & R.K. Sharma: *Philosophy of Education*, Atlantic
3. S.P. Chaube : *Recent Philosophies of Education in India*, Concept Publishing Company, 2005

COURSE – OPT. 4.3

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION IV

• **Value Education:**

1. Concepts of education and value
2. Development of individual as well as social virtues; pursuit of excellence
3. Concept of good life and the role of education: Indian and Western traditions
4. The general notion of value: instrumental and intrinsic

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Risieri Frondizi : *What is Value?* Tr. Solomon Lipp, La Salle, Illinois, 1963
2. Ray Lepley (Ed.) : *The Language of Value*, New York, 1957
3. Ralph B. Perry : *General Theory of Value*, New York, 1926
4. : *Realms of Value*, Cambridge: Mass, 1954
5. M. Hiriyanna : *The Indian Conception of Value*, Mysore, 1972

COURSE – OPT. 4.4

VEDĀNTA II

- **Advaita Epistemology:**

Svataḥprāmāṇyavāda; pramāṇas: pratyakṣa, anumāna, śabda, upamāna, arthāpatti, anupalabdhi; theories of mithyātva and mithyātvamithyātva; anirvacanīyakhyāti

TEXT:

- Dharmarāja Adhvarindra : *Vedāntaparibhāṣā* (Selections)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. T.M.P. Mahadevan : *The Philosophy of Advaita*, Bharatiya Kala Prakashan, 2006 (Revised Edition)
2. P.K. Sundaram : *Advaita Epistemology*, Madras, 1968
3. Swami Satprakashananda: *Methods of knowledge*, London, 1965
4. K.C. Bhattacharyya : ‘Studies in Vedantism,’ (from *Studies in Philosophy*)
5. Bina Gupta : *Perceiving in Advaita Vedanta*

COURSE – OPT. 4.5

NAVYA NYĀYA

- Intensive study of Gaṅgeśa’s Tattvacintāmaṇi with Dīdhitī of Raghunātha (Selections)

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Mathurānātha : *Vyaptipañcaka*, Rajendra Nath Ghosh (Tr.), Pashchimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad
2. D.H.H. Ingalls : *Materials for the Study of Navya-Nyāya Logic*, South Asia Books
3. Toshihiro Wada : *Invariable Concomitance in Navya-Nyāya*, Sri Garib Dass Oriental Series
4. M.K. Chakraborti *et al* (Eds): *Logic, Navya-Nyāya and Applications: Homage to Bimal Krishna Matilal*
5. Raghunath Ghosh : *The Justification of Inference: A Navya-Nyāya Approach*, Delhi: Bharatiya Vidya Prakashan, 1990

COURSE – OPT. 4.6

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY III

• Theories of Justice:

1. John Rawls : 'A Liberal Theory of Justice,' from John Rawls, *Theory of Justice*, Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1971
2. Robert Nozick : 'Distributive Justice,' from Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State and Utopia*, Chapter 7, Basic Books, 1974

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. J. Waldron(Ed) : *Theories of Rights*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1984
2. L.W. Sumner : *Moral Foundations of Rights*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1987
3. Norman Daniels (Ed.): *Reading Rawls*, New York: Basic Books, 1975
4. Thomas Nagel : *Equality and Partiality*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991
5. John Rawls : *A Theory of Justice* (Revised Edition), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999

COURSE – OPT. 4.7

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IV

1. Jurgen Habermas : Cosmopolitan democracy
2. Amartya Sen : Social choice and justice
3. Martha Nussbaum : Capabilities approach

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Habermas : *Toward a Rational Society*, J. J. Shapiro (Tr.). Boston: Beacon, 1970

2. C. Cronin and P. DeGreiff (Eds.): *Inclusion of the Other: Studies in Political Theory*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1998
3. M. Rosenfeld and A. Arato (Eds.): *Habermas on Law and Democracy*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998
4. Amartya Sen : *The Idea of Justice*, Harvard: 2009
5. Amartya Sen & Martha Nussbaum: *The Quality of Life*. Oxford: 1993
6. Martha Nussbaum : *Creating Capabilities: The Human Development Approach*, Cambridge: Massachusetts, 2011

COURSE – OPT. 4.8

ADVANCED WESTERN ETHICS III

1. Nature and scope of applied ethics
2. Fundamentals of medical ethics: doctor-patient relationship; euthanasia; abortion
3. Applied ethics and ecology
4. Applied ethics and politics
5. Professional ethics : profession and business; morals and laws in profession
6. Animal rights
7. Capital Punishment
8. Sexual morality
9. Terrorism
10. Limits of applied ethics

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Peter Singer (Ed) : *Applied Ethics*, in the Oxford Readings in Philosophy Series
2. Peter Singer : *Practical Ethics* (Cambridge)
3. W.K. Frankena : *Ethics*, Prentice-Hall, 1973
4. T.L. Beauchamp & Walters (Eds): *Contemporary Issues in Bioethics*
5. David Lamb : *Down the Slippery Slope: Arguing in Applied Ethics*, 1998

6. Winkler E.R. & Coombs, J.R. (Eds): *Applied Ethics: A Reader*, Blackwell, 1993
7. Almond, Brenda & Hill, Donald: *Applied Philosophy: Morals and Metaphysics in Contemporary Debates*, London : Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1991
8. Chidrese J.F. & Beauchamp T.L.: *Principles of Bio-medical Ethics*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1989
9. Graber G.C. & Thomasma, D.C.: *Theory and Practice in Medical Ethics*, New York : The Continuum Co., 1989
10. Springge, T.I.S. : *The National Foundation of Ethics*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1997
11. Hanfling, Oswald : *The Quest for Meaning*, Oxford: Basil & Blackwell, 1999
12. Cahn & Markie (Eds) : *Ethics: History, Theory and Contemporary Issues*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1998
13. Louis P. Pojman (Ed) : *Ethical Theory : Classical and Contemporary Readings*, Belmont: Wadsworth, 1998
14. J. Olen & V. Barry (Eds) : *Applying Ethics*, Wadsworth, 2010
15. Corlett, J. Angelo : *Terrorism: A Philosophical Analysis*, Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2003

COURSE – OPT. 4.9

ADVANCED WESTERN ETHICS IV

- **Feminist Ethics:**

1. Historical background
2. Care-focused feminist approaches to ethics:
 - a. Feminist care ethics: The different voice
 - b. Paradigmatic moral relationships
3. Status-oriented feminist approaches to ethics:
 - a. Liberal, multicultural and ecological approaches
 - b. Existentialist, psychoanalytic and postmodern approaches

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Marilyn Friedman : 'Feminism in Ethics: Conceptions of Autonomy' in *The Cambridge Companion to Philosophy*, Cambridge: 2000 *Feminism in*
2. Elizabeth Kiss : 'Justice' in *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, Wiley Blackwell, 2000
3. Vandana Shiva : *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Development*, Zed Books Ltd, 1989
4. Daryl Koehn : *Rethinking Feminist Ethics: Care, Trust and Empathy*, London: Routledge, 1998
5. Carol Gilligan *et al* (Eds.): *Mapping the Moral Domain*, President and Fellows of Harvard College, 1988

COURSE – OPT. 4.10

ADVANCED WESTERN LOGIC III

- Propositional Modal System : T, S4 and S5

TEXT:

Hughes and Cresswell : *A New Introduction to Modal Logic*,
Routledge, 1996

COURSE – OPT. 4.11

ADVANCED WESTERN LOGIC IV

- Philosophical Logic

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Quine : 'On what there is' in *From a Logical Point of View*
2. D.F. Pears : 'Is Existence a Predicate?' in P.F. Strawson (Ed.),
Philosophical Logic, Oxford: 1967
3. P.K. Sen : 'Quantifiers and Variables' in *Logic, Induction and
Ontology: Essays in Philosophical Analysis*, Macmillan, 1980

- Meaning of Logical Constants

SUGGESTED READINGS:

P.F. Strawson (Ed.): *Philosophical Logic*, Oxford: 1967 (Prior and Belnap's articles)

COURSE – OPT. 4.12

AESTHETICS (WESTERN)

1. Art and its Definition : Art as representation; art as expression; art as significant form
2. Art and Emotion : The concept of emotion; the concept of fiction; fiction and emotion
3. Literary Aesthetics : The concept of literature; metaphor; truth; meaning and interpretation

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. O’Hear, Anthony : *The Elements of Fire: Science, Art and the Human World*, London: Routledge, 1988
2. Peter Lamarque : *Philosophy and Fiction: Essays in Literary Aesthetics*, Aberdeen University Press, 1983
3. Anne Sheppard : *Aesthetics: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Art*, Oxford University Press, 1987
4. Olsen & Lamarque (Eds): *Truth, Fiction and Literature*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997
5. Benedetto Croce : *Guide to Aesthetics* (Tr. Patrick Romanell), 2nd Revised Ed., Hackett Publishing Company, 1995
6. Susanne Langer : *Feeling and Form*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1953
7. G.L. Hagberg : *Art As Language: Wittgenstein, Meaning, and Aesthetic Theory*, Cornell University Press, 1995
8. Curt Ducasse : *The Philosophy of Art*, Kessinger Publishing, 2010
9. R.G. Collingwood : *The Principles of Art*, Oxford, 1958
10. Richard Wollheim : *Art and its Objects* (2nd Ed.), Cambridge, 1980
11. Wittgenstein : *Lectures and Conversations on Aesthetics, Psychology, and Religious Belief*, ed. Cyril Barrett, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1966
12. Prabas Jivan Chaudhury: *A Guide to Aesthetics*, Jijnasa, 1977

COURSE – OPT. 4.13

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE III

- Theory of Meaning : Pragmatics

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. J.L. Austin : *How to Do Things with Words*, Oxford: Clarendon, 1962
2. J. Searle : *Speech Acts: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1969
3. H.P. Grice : *Studies in the Way of Words*, Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1989
4. Asa Kasher (Ed.) : *Pragmatics: Critical Concepts*, (6 vols.) London: Routledge, 1998
5. Steven Davis : *Pragmatics. A Reader*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991
6. S. Levinson : *Pragmatics*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1983

COURSE – OPT. 4.14

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE IV

- Theory of Meaning : Hermeneutics

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. K. Mueller-Vollmer (Ed.): *The Hermeneutics Reader*, Continuum: 1985
2. R.E. Palmer : *Hermeneutics*, Northwestern University Press, 1969
3. E. Johnson : *Expository Hermeneutics: An Introduction*, Academic Books, 1990
4. B.R. Wachterhauser : *Hermeneutics and Truth*, Northwestern University Press, 1994

COURSE – OPT. 4.15

POSTMODERNISM

1. The connection between postmodernism and wider cultural movements
2. Modernism and postmodernism
3. Hostility to depth
4. The death of the author
5. Rejection of metaphysics as the ground for our basic practices, discourses and beliefs
6. Rejection of the Enlightenment appeal to reason; incredulity towards meta-narratives
7. The fall of the self as the rational subject
8. Michael Foucault : relation between power and knowledge
9. Derrida : rejection of the metaphysics of presence;
logocentrism; language: a species of writing;
the ethics of deconstruction: liberation and
alienation

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. H. Dreyfus & P. Rabinow: *Michael Foucault: Beyond Structuralism and Hermeneutics*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982
2. Jaques Derrida : *Writing and Differance*, Tr. A. Bass, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1978
3. : *Of Grammatology*, Tr. Gayatri Spivak, Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1976
4. Christopher Norris : *Derrida*, London: Harper Collins, 1987
5. Foucault : *The Archaeology of Knowledge*, Routledge, 1989
6. K. O'Donnell : *Postmodernism*, Lion Publishing, 2003
7. M. McQuillan : *Deconstruction: A Reader*, New York: Routledge, 2001