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Paper I

Contemporary Western Philosophy

Unit-I

Pragmatism: Introduction and Characteristics

C.S. Pierce and William James: Pragmatic theories of meaning and truth

Unit-II

G. Ryle: Systematically misleading expressions, category mistake, concept of mind, critique of Cartesian dualism

Frege: Distinction between sense and reference, identity

Unit-III

Russell: The meaning and role of singular terms: (a) Proper names, (b) definite descriptions

Austin: Pragmatics: Meaning and use; speech acts

Unit-IV

Quine: Theory of meaning

Davidson: The relation between meaning and truth

Unit-V

Searle: Speech acts

Recommended Books

1. लक्ष्मी सक्सेना आदि (संपा.) : समकालीन पाश्चात्य दर्शन
2. बी.के. लाल : समकालीन पाश्चात्य दर्शन
3. D.M. Dutta : The Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy
4. Gilbert Ryle : The Concept of Mind

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Paper II

Contemporary Indian Philosophy

Unit-I

K.C. Bhattacharya: Concept of philosophy, Subject as freedom, the doctrine of maya

J. Krishnamurti: Freedom from the known, Analysis of self

Unit-II

M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism, Freedom, Ethics and Reason

Ambedkar: Varna and the caste system, Neo-Buddhism

Unit-III

K. Sachidanand Murti: Philosophy, Freedom

Dayakrishan: Intellectual Heritage of Indian Philosophy, Three Myths About Indian Philosophy

Unit-IV

Mahatma Gandhi: Conceptions of knowledge, truth and love and their relationship, language, understanding and culture, engagement with tradition, self, world and God, Moksha, Man, Concept of evil, Woman, Sexuality and Brahmacharya

Moral foundations of good life: Dharma, Swaraj, Satyagraha and Ahimsa, Community and fellowship

Unit-V

The Ideal Society: Statelessness, Trusteeship, Sarvodaya, Panchayati Raj, Religion, Tapasya, Service, Relationship between Means and Ends

Gandhi and the Gandhians: Break, Continuity and innovation

Recommended Books

1. बी.के. लाल : समकालीन भारतीय दर्शन
2. विश्वनाथ नरवणे : आधुनिक भारतीय चिंतक
3. रामजी सिंह : गांधी दर्शन
4. डी.पी. चट्टोपाध्याय : प्राचीन भारत में विज्ञान और समाज
5. जे. कृष्णमूर्ति : ज्ञान से मुक्ति
6. अम्बेडकर साहित्य, खण्ड 1-7
7. एम.एन. रॉय : नवमानवतावाद
8. तेजसिंह : अम्बेडकरवादी विचारधारा, इतिहास और दर्शन
9. J. Krishnamurti : Salvation through knowledge
10. M.N. Ray : Radical Humanism
11. B.K. Lal : Contemporary Indian Thinkers

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Paper III

Existentialism

Unit-I

Marcel: Ontological Mystery, to be and to have

Unit-II

Heidegger: Being death and nothingness, man as being in the world, critique of technological civilization

Unit-III

Husserl: The Husserlian method, Phenomenology as an approach to the understanding of the human condition, consciousness and intentionality, Phenomenology, Understanding and the Possibilities of agreement, Culture, Situations and Interpretation

Unit-IV

Dostovoskey: Dilemma of faith and unfaith, Problem of outside

Unit-V

Sartre: Freedom, Theory of Consciousness, Atheism, Nothingness

Recommended Books

1. दाधीच : अस्तित्ववाद
2. हृदयनारायण मिश्र एवं शुक्ला : अस्तित्ववाद

3. पॉलरुबिजेक : अस्तित्त्ववाद – पक्ष और विपक्ष
4. Blackhan : Six Existentialist Thinkers
5. Johnwild : The Challenge of Existentialism

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**Paper – IV (a) elective
Philosophy of Science**

Unit-I

**Routes of Normal Science : T. Kuhn
Nature of Normal Science : T. Kuhn**

Unit-II

**The Nature of Scientific Revolution and Their Historical Necessity : T. Kuhn
Transformation of Worldview by Scientific Revolutions : T. Kuhn**

Unit-III

Paradigm and Revolutions : T. Kuhn

Unit-IV

**Science in Ancient Society : D.P. Chattopadhyay
Man, Nature, Life, Experience, Science and Humanism**

Unit-V

**Social Role of Science : J.D. Bernal
What does Science do?**

Recommended Books

1. देवीप्रसाद चट्टोपाध्याय : प्राचीन भारत में विज्ञान और समाज
2. डेविड आर्नोल्ड : औपनिवेशिक भारत में विज्ञान, प्रौद्योगिकी और आयुर्विज्ञान
3. A. Rahman : Science and Society
4. Suman Gupta : Philosophy, Science and Social Progress
5. Howard Selsam : Socialism and Ethics
6. Karl Popper : Science and Scientific Revolution (Chapter 1, 2)
7. Thoms Kuhn : The Structure of Scientific Revolution (Chapter 1 and 3)
8. David Arnold : Science and Technology in Colonial India (Chapter 1 and 5)
9. A.B. Shah : Scientific Method
10. Harold H. Titus : Living issues of philosophy

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**Paper – IV(B) elective
Gender studies**

Unit-I

- 1.A note on the difference between gender & sex**
- 2. Philosophy and feminism : definition of gender, gender as a socioal/cultural construct; the need for gender studies**

Unit-II

- 1. Patriarchy: patriarchal voices of Manu, Aristotle etc. binary oppositions, views on patriarchy: the myth of matriarchy: theories of origin and nature of patriarchy; patriarchy and the gender question**
- 2. Waves & Types of feminism**

Unit-III

- 1. History of indian feminism**
- 2. Challenges before feminism**

Unit-IV

- 1. Capitalism, feminism and question of woman's liberty**
- 2. Religion, feminism and woman's right**

Unit-V

- 1. Family, marriage and quest for woman's liberty**
- 2. Feminism – a brief survey of major schools and thinkers**

Recommended Books

1. Nivedita Menon , feminism
2. Alien Wood, Feminism
3. Susie Tharu & V. Lalitha : women's writing in india , delhi : oxford university prees, 1991.
4. Sandra Harding : the science question in feminism, open university prees, 1986.

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Paper V (A) open elective

Social and Political Philosophy

The following topics are prescribed from the book “Social Principles and Democratic State” edited by Benn & Peters

Unit-I

Social Principles and their Implication

1. Punishment

- The justification of punishment
Determining the appropriate degree of punishment

Unit-II

2. Freedom as a political ideal

Freedom, power and authority

The philosophical problem of liberty

Unit-III

Principles of association and the democratic state

3. Individuals in Association

Two approaches to association

The acts and purposes of associations

Unit-IV

4. Sovereignty and the moral basis of state supremacy
 The state and sovereignty
 Authority and its justification

Unit-V

5. Democracy
 The meaning of democracy
 The moral justification of democracy

Recommended Books

1. S.I. Ben and R.S. Peters : Social Principles and The Democratic States
2. Amartya Sen : Development as Freedom
3. John Rawls : On Justice
4. J.S. Mill : On Liberty
5. Engles : Anti-duheraing
6. Engles : Dialectics of Nature
7. Engles : Socialism – Scientific or Etopia

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Paper – V (B) open elective

Applied ethics

Unit-I

Applied philosophy

Applied philosophy : nature and content

Unit-II

Towards Applied philosophy

Value in the context of learning

Unit-III

Theory karma & quest for liberation

Ethics in mahabharata

Unit-IV

Justice& equality as value

Philosophical perspective

Unit-V

Question of gender, caste & liberty in the context of Indian ethics

Recommended Books

1. P. P. Gokhale, S. E. Bhelke : Indian moral philosophy
2. Matilal : ethics and epics
3. G. N. Mohanty : classical Indian philosophy
4. राजवीर शंखावत, भारतीय नीतिशास्त्र