

# M.A. III<sup>rd</sup> Semester

## Paper I

### Contemporary Western Philosophy

#### Unit-I

##### **Realism**

Moore: Refutation of idealism, defence of commonsense, philosophy and analysis

#### Unit-II

**Russell:** Refutation of idealism, logic as the essence of philosophy, logical atomism

#### Unit-III

**Logical positivism and Analytical Philosophy:** Introduction and Characteristics

#### Unit-IV

**Wittgenstein:** Language and reality, facts and objects, names and propositions, the picture theory, philosophy and language, meaning and use, forms of life

#### Unit-V

**A.J. Ayar:** Logical Positivism: The verifiability theory of meaning, the verification principle, rejection of metaphysics, unity of science

#### **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

**Vivekananda:** Reality, World, Self, Moksha, Pratical Vedanta, Universal religion, Religious conflicts and Vivekananda

#### Unit-II

**Tagore:** God, Soul, Religion of man, Realization, Ideas on education

#### Unit-III

**Aurobindo:** Reality, Evaluation, Ignorance, Super mind, Devine life, Integral yoga

#### Unit-IV

**Radhakrishnan:** Religion, Reality, World, Intellect and Intuition, The idealist view of life, Soul

#### Unit-V

**D.P. Chattopadhyay:** Materialism of spiritualism

#### Recommended Books

1. बी.के. लाल : समकालीन भारतीय दर्शन
2. विश्वनाथ नरवणे : भारतीय दार्शनिक
3. विवेकानन्द साहित्य
4. डी.पी. चट्टोपाध्याय : लोकायत, भारतीय दर्शन कितना जीवंत कितना मृत
5. जे. कृष्णमूर्ति : ज्ञान से मुक्ति
6. अम्बेडकर साहित्य
7. एम.एन. रॉय : नवमानवतावाद

8. D.P. Chattopadhyaya : what is living and what is dead in Indian Philosophy

9. J. Krishnamurti : Salvation through knowledge

10. M.N. Ray : Radical Humanism

# M.A. III<sup>rd</sup> Semester

## Paper III (A)

### Existentialism

#### Unit-I

**Introduction:** General Characteristics of Existentialism: Historical background

#### Unit-II

**Kierkegaard:** Three Levels of Existence; Attack on Christianity; God; Subjectivity

#### Unit-III

**Jaspers:** Philosophy and Science, Communication, Transcendence

#### Unit-IV

**Nietzsche:** Superman, Atheism, Nihilism, Will to power, Eternal Recurrence, Critique of Western Culture

#### Unit-V

**Comparative Study:** Atheism, Theism, Nihilism

#### Recommended Books

1. दाधीच : अस्तित्ववाद
2. हृदयनारायण मिश्र एवं शुक्ला : अस्तित्ववाद
3. पॉलरुबिजेक : अस्तित्ववाद – पक्ष और विपक्ष
4. डॉ. निर्मल गर्ग : अस्तित्ववाद : एक पर्यावलोकन, प्रकाशक ; हिमांशु पब्लिकेशन, दरियागंज, नई दिल्ली एवं आर्या बुक स्टोर, उदयपुर (राज.)

5. Blackman : Six Existentialist Thinkers
6. Johnwild : The Challenge of Existentialism

# M.A. III<sup>rd</sup> Semester

Paper III (B)

Philosophy of mind

Unit-I

**Nature of mind and theories of Mind in Western Philosophy:**

Dualism, Functionalism, Materialism. Mind - body problem.

Unit-II

Philosophical theories on Mind: Descartes, Hume, Kant, Ryle.

Unit-III

Cartesian tradition and its critique, Ryle on Descartes' Myth. Artificial Intelligence and Brain-in-Vat.

Unit-IV

**Nature of Mind in Indian philosophy:**

Mind in Upanisads (Mandukya Karika on Consciousness), Sankhya,

Unit-V

Yoga (the concept of the *Chitta*, *chittvratti*, *chirtavritti-nirodha*), Vedanta (*vritti-chaitanya* and *sakshi-chaitanya*).

**Books Recommended:**

1) Rene Descartes: Meditation Chaps. I, II and VI

- 2) Harold Merrick : *Introduction of Philosophy and Mind*, U.S.A., 1970.
- 3) Feigl H.: *The Mental and the Physical: The Essay and a Postscript*, Minesota Press, 1957.
- 4) S. John. R.: *A Companion to the Philosophy of Mind* (ed.) by S. Gurtenplan, Oxford, 1994.
- 5) E.J. Lowe: *An Introduction of Philosophy of Mind*; Cambridge Publication, 2000
- 6) S.N. Dasgupta, History of Indian Philosophy. (Tr. Rajasthan Hindi Granth Academy)
- 7) N.N. Gupta: *Kriya Darshana*
- 8) R.N. Sharma: *Bharatiya Manovijnana*
- 9) N.S. Dravid: *Bharatiya Manovjnyana*

# M.A. III<sup>rd</sup> Semester

Paper – IV (A)

Philosophy of Science

## Unit-I

**Origins of scientific thought:** Samir Okasha, Geoffrey Gorham, Sunder Sarukkai

**Defining Science:** Samir Okasha, Geoffrey Gorham, Sunder Sarukkai

## Unit-II

**Probability and induction:** K. Popper, Russel

**Problems of Induction:** K. Popper, Russel

## Unit-III

**Nature of Causality:** Russel

**Problems of Causality:** Hanson

## Unit-IV

**The Nature and Function of Philosophy of Science:** Geoffrey Gorham, Sunder Sarukkai

**The Aims of Science:** Geoffrey Gorham

## Unit-V

**Science and Its Critics:** Samir Okasha

**Success and Limits of Science:** Sunder Sarukkai

## Recommended Books

1. देवीप्रसाद चट्टोपाध्याय : प्राचीन भारत में विज्ञान और समाज



2. डेविड आर्नोल्ड : औपनिवेशिक भारत में विज्ञान, प्रौद्योगिकी और आयुर्विज्ञान
3. Harold H. Titus : Living issues of philosophy
4. A. Rahman : Science and Society
5. Suman Gupta : Philosophy, Science and Social Progress
6. Howard Selsam : Socialism and Ethics
7. Karl Popper : Science and Scientific Revolution (Chapter 1, 2)
8. Thoms Kuhn : The Structure of Scientific Revolution (Chapter 1 and 3)
10. David Arnold : Science and Technology in Colonial India (Chapter 1 and 5)
11. Sunder Sarukkai : What is Science?
12. Samir Okasha : Philosophy of Science

# **M.A. III<sup>rd</sup> Semester**

**Paper – IV (B)**

## **Social Philosophy of Ambedkar: Caste, Liberty & Justice**

### **Unit-I**

Ambedkar as a philosopher  
Question of caste, Dalit and liberation

### **Unit-II**

Ambedkar's views on liberty  
Ambedkar's views on women's rights

### **Unit-III**

Ambedkar and the concept of justice  
Ambedkar on the relation of justice and social system

### **Unit-IV**

Ambedkar and 20<sup>th</sup> movement of liberty  
Ambedkar's philosophy of liberation and his refuge in buddism

## Unit-V

Ambedkar's views on religion

### Recommended Books

1. डॉ अम्बेडकर, सम्पूर्ण वाङ्मय, खण्ड 1—9
2. वेद प्रकाश : अंबेडकरवादी विचारधारा इतिहास और दर्शन

# **M.A. III<sup>rd</sup> Semester**

## **Paper – V (A)**

### **Social role of Philosophy**

#### **Unit-I**

1. What is philosophy and why?
2. The fundamental approaches of philosophy
3. Aims of Philosophical Inquiry

#### **Unit-II**

1. Dialects as a methodology
2. Social role of idealism
3. Social role of materialism

#### **Unit-III**

1. The philosophy of Bhakti movement and the quest for social emancipation
2. The philosophical foundations of renaissance and the quest for social emancipation

#### **Unit-IV**

1. Suffering in Indian philosophy
2. The place of religion in the age of science

## **Unit-V**

Philosophy of Humanism and Indian philosophical insight

### **Recommended Books**

- 1- सुधा चौधरी : दर्शन की सामाजिक भूमिका
- 2- डी. पी. चट्टोपाध्याय : प्राचीन भारत में विज्ञान और समाज
- 3- के. सच्चिदानंद : दर्शन की उत्पत्ति
- 4- Daya krishna : Indian philosophical trends in 21<sup>st</sup> century

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**Paper – V (B)**

## **Indian Philosophy of Language**

### **Unit-I**

Metaphysical basis of *Sabda-brahma*

### **Unit-II**

*Sabda Pramana: Word and its meaning: Abhidha; Laksana. Vyanjana, Vyakrivada. Jativada., Jativisistha- Vyaktivada Apohavada*

### **Unit-III**

Conditions for knowing sentence-meaning: *Sabda Bodha*

### **Unit-IV**

Comprehension of Sentence Meaning: *Anvitabhidhanavada* and *Abhihanavayavada*

### **Unit-V**

The Vedic Hermeneutics.. Mimamsa principles of text-interpretation, types of sentences, analysis of ought sentences

**Books Suggested:**

1. K.N. Chatterjee: *Word and its Meaning*; Varanasi, 1980.
2. G.N. Shastri: *The Philosophy of Word and Meaning*, Calcutta, 1959.
3. P.K. Mazumdar: *The philosophy of Language, An Indian Approach*, Calcutta, 1997.
4. *Sabdartha Pariksha* (tr.) R.C. Sharma, SAP philosophy, UoR
5. *Sobdabodha*. SAP Publication, Dept. of Philosophy, UoR

# **M.A. III<sup>rd</sup> Semester**

## **Paper VI (A)**

### **Social and Political Philosophy**

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

#### **Unit-I**

#### **Society: Its Rules and Their Validity**

- Nature and conventions
- Authority and other forms of social regulations

#### **Unit-II**

#### **Legal Theory**

- Law and conventional morality
- The obligation to obey the law

#### **Unit-III**

#### **Rights**

- Analysis of rights
- Types of rights
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#### **Unit-IV**

#### **Social Principles and their Implication**

- Analysis of equality
- Justice and the rule of law



## Unit-V

### Justice and the Distribution of Income

- Criteria of desert
- Criteria of need

### 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-duhering
6. Engles : Dialectics of Nature
7. Engles : Socialism – Scientific or Etopia

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**Paper – VI (B)**

**Dialectical materialism**

## **Unit-I**

**Dialectics as a methodology  
Dialectics and materialism**

## **Unit-II**

**Dialectics of human thinking  
Man, society and ideology**

## **Unit-III**

**Science as a discipline  
Science and socialism**

## **Unit-IV**

**Truth, necessity and freedom  
The roots & growth of knowledge**

## Unit-V

### Relation between philosophy, science and society

#### Recommended Books

1. मोरिस कानफोर्थ : द्वन्द्वात्मक भौतिकवाद
2. कार्लमार्क्स : जर्मन आइडियोलॉजी
- 3- lenin : dialectical materialism & emperio-criticism