



ENTRANCE EXAM

June 27, 2023

(2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

The Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai will be conducting an Entrance Exam for prospective students (without formal background in philosophy) interested in pursuing M.A. Part I Philosophy (2023-24) as per the above date and time.

- The entrance exam is **only for candidates without formal background** in Philosophy, but with an undergraduate education (degree programme) in Arts, Science, Commerce, Engineering etc. Candidates with a minimum of S.Y.B.A Philosophy need not appear for the Entrance Exam.
- The entrance examination will be based on the history of Indian and Western Philosophy. It will broadly cover the history of Philosophy syllabus as per the **S.Y.B.A.** and **T.Y.B.A.** Philosophy syllabus at the University of Mumbai as follows:
(A)**S.Y.B.A.:** Paper 3 “Indian Philosophy” (Semester III) and Paper 3 “Western Philosophy” (Semester IV)
(B)**T.Y.B.A.:** Paper 4 “Classical Indian Philosophy” (Semester V) and Paper 4 “Western Philosophy” (Semester VI)
- The Entrance Exam will be on an offline written mode with subjective type questions. Further modalities will be communicated to the concerned candidates by email.
- **Workshop on ‘Key Concepts in Philosophy (Indian and Western). Workshop Dates are :** 21st, June, 2023 (Offline Lectures)
Time : 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
22nd & 23rd June, 2023 **Online Mode (Link will be provided)**
Time : 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
- **(Workshop registration fee is Rs.600/-)**
- **Those who wish to register for this Workshop may please do so at the following University portal by selecting the course “Key Concepts in Philosophy Indian & Western 2023-24” from the list of courses on the following portal:**
<https://parttimecourses.mu.ac.in>
- For appearing for Entrance Exam send an email to deptofphil2@hotmail.com
Mention your educational qualification, mobile no.
- Candidates are required to fill the entrance form on the following link to receive further communication regarding the entrance exam
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd32GDA-Q4vpSnPfxZoXrTxDRAFS2WKAbh43OIG249iiXVAqw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>
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- Details of the syllabus for Entrance Exam are listed below.

SYBA Paper No. 3

Semester 3: Indian Philosophy

Unit 1. Introduction to Indian Philosophy

Vedic Cosmology, Upanishadic philosophy (Brahman, atman and world), various classifications of schools of Indian Philosophy, Introduction to six Darsanas (General features of the Darsanas)

Unit 2 Carvaka Philosophy

Denial self, liberation and God, perception as the only valid source of knowledge, Rejection of inference and testimony, Hedonism

Unit 3. Jaina philosophy

Classification of reality, *Syadvada*, *anekantavada*, *Triratnas*; *Anuvrata* and *Mahavrata*

Unit 4. Buddhist philosophy

Four-Noble Truths, Theory of No-Self (*anatmavada*), *Kshanikavada*

References and reading list recommended for the course

Bishop, Donald (ed.)

Indian Thought: An Introduction (New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Private Ltd., 1975)

Chattopadhyay D.P., *Lokayata: A Study in Ancient Indian Materialism* (people's

Publishing House; Third edition (2006)

Deussen, Paul. *Outlines of Indian Philosophy* (New Delhi: Crest Publishing House,

1996) Gethin, Rupert .*The Foundations of Buddhism* (Oxford University Press, 1998)

Glaser, Helmuth Von. *Jainism: An Indian Religion of Salvation* (Delhi: Motilal

Banarasidas Publishers, 1998) Gokhale, Pradeep P *Lokayata/Carvaka* OUP, New

Delhi, 2015 Nagin shah. *Jaina philosophy and religion*, Motilal Banarsidass, (2001)

Hiriyanna, M. *Outlines of Indian Philosophy* (Delhi: Motilal Banarasidas, 1993)

Humphreys, Christmas. *The Buddhist Way of Life* (New Delhi: Indus Publishers, 1993)

Raju, T. *The Philosophical Traditions of India* (London: George Allen & Unwin Ltd.,

1971) Sangharakshita .*The Essential Teachings of the Buddha* (New Delhi: New Age

Books, 2000) Shah Nathubhai. *Jainism: The World of Conquerors* (Delhi: Motilal

Banarasidas Publishers, 1999) Srinivasachari, P.N. *Ethical Philosophy of the Gita*

(Madras: SriRamakrishna Matt, 2001)

Semester 4: Western Philosophy (UAPHI 402)

Unit- 1 Pre-Socratics and sophists

Natural philosophers (Thales, Anaximander and Anaximenes), the problem of change (Parmenides and Heraclites), Pluralists (Democritus), Sophists (Protagoras)

Unit- 2. Socrates and Plato

Characteristics of Socratic method, Plato's theory of knowledge (Simile of Divided Line and Allegory of cave), criticisms against sense perception, Characteristics of Forms/Ideas

Unit- 3 Aristotle and Post-Aristotle

Aristotle's theory of Causation (reference to the notion of teleology), Form and Matter; actuality and potentiality, Stoicism (Epictetus), Skepticism (Sextus Empiricus)

Unit- 4. Medieval Philosophy

Peter Abelard (Relationship between reason and faith), Characteristics of the Schools of Mu'tazilites and Asharites, Moses Maimonides (Philosophy and Theology)

References and reading list recommended for the course Annas, Julia. *Ancient Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2000) Barnes, Jonathan. *Early Greek Philosophy*, (Penguin; Revised edition 2002) Elrouayheb K, Schmidke S, Oxford handbook of Islamic Philosophy, Oxford University Press, 2017 G. S. Kirk and J. E. Raven. *The Pre-Socratic Philosophers*. (Cambridge University Press, 1957) Grube, G. M. *Plato's Thought* (London: Methuen, 1935) Guthrie, W. K. C. 1962, 1965, 1969, *A History of Greek Philosophy*, Vols. I, II, and III, IV, V, VI (Cambridge University Press. 1962, 1965, 1969) Jones, W.T. *A History of Western Philosophy: The Medieval Mind* (Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc. 1969) Michael Marmura, Etienne Gilson. *'Al Ghazali, The incoherence of the Philosophers'* (University of Chicago Press 1998) Osborne, Catherine. 2004 *Pre-Socratic Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press 2004) Stace, W.T. *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy* (Macmillan, 1985, 1992) Stumpf, S.E. & Fieser, J. *Philosophy: History and Problems* (McGraw-Hill, 1971) Walsh, Martin *A History of Philosophy* (London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1985) Frederick Copleston *A History of Philosophy* (volumes 1, 2, 3) Image 1993 D.J. O'Connor *Critical History of Western Philosophy* Free Press, 1985

TYBA Philosophy Classical Indian Philosophy Paper No. 4

Semester 5 (UAPHI - 501)

Unit I: Nyaya & Vaishesika

Sources of knowledge: perception, inference, comparison and verbal testimony, concept of god and liberation in Nyaya. Vaishesika –seven categories of reality, Vaishesika theory of atomism

Unit II: Samkhya and Yoga

Purusha and prakriti: characteristics and proofs of existence Satkaryavada (theory of causation) and prakritiparinamvada (theory of creation) Eight fold path of Yoga (to achieve kaivalya)

Unit III: Purva & Uttara Mimamsa

Mimamsa: Six Pramanas, svatah-pramanyavada (theory of truth), seven principles of interpreting text; Shankara: Advaita Vedanta concept of Brahman, mayavada, vivartavada (theory of causation) Ramanuja – Visistadvaita concept of Brahman, critique of maya

Unit IV: Some Vedanta thinkers

The concepts of Brahman, jagat (world) and jiva (self) according to Madhva (Dvaitavada), Nimbarka (Dvaitadvaitavada) and Vallabha (Suddhadvaitavada)

Books recommended for the course:

Indian Philosophy, Vol – II S Radhakrishnan (London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd., New York City: Humanities Press Inc.1923) *A History of Indian Philosophy, Vol- I and II*, JadunathSinha (JatindranathSen, Central Book Agency, Calcutta, 1952) *A History of Indian Philosophy, Vol –I and II* Surendranath Dasgupta (Motilal Banarsidass Indological Publishers and Booksellers, Delhi, 1975) *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, M. Hiriyanna, (Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, Delhi, 1993) *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Basant Kumar Lal (Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, Delhi, 1973) *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, T.M.P Mahadevan and G. V Saroja (Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd, Delhi, 1981) *Seven systems of Indian Philosophy*, Pandit Rajmani Tigunait(The Himalaya International Institute of yoga Science and Philosophy, Honesdale, Pennsylvania)

Semester 6 Paper Title: Western Philosophy Paper No. 4

Unit I: Rationalist Metaphysics

Rene Descartes: (i) Method of doubt (ii) nature of 'self' and not-self in terms of substance (substance dualism). Baruch Spinoza: (i) concept of substance monism.

G.W. Leibniz: (i) basic constituent of reality (monads)

Unit II: Empiricist Epistemology

John Locke: (i) Rejection of innate ideas (ii) Classification of Ideas (iii) representative theory of perception. George Berkeley: (i) critique of Locke's representative theory (ii) *esse est percipi* (to be is to perceive) David Hume: (i) Theory of knowledge (ii) rejection of self as substance and (iii) theory of causation.

Unit III: Critical Philosophy: Immanuel Kant

Immanuel Kant: (i) Copernican revolution (ii) distinctions (a) Analytic-Synthetic propositions (b) apriori-aposteriori propositions (iii) reconciliation of rationalism and empiricism: (a) role of the faculty of sensibility and (b) role of the faculty of understanding.

Unit IV: Later Philosophical Disciplines

F. H. Bradley: Absolute Idealism: the theory of Internal Relations. Pragmatism: C. S. Peirce: (i) four methods of establishing beliefs (ii) Meaning of 'pragmatism' as involving 'practical consequences'. Logical positivism: (i) A. J. Ayer- verification principle (ii) Rudolf Carnap- elimination of metaphysics through linguistic analysis (iii) critical appraisal.

Books recommended for the course: General: On the history of Western

Philosophy ----- Richard Schacht, *Classical Modern Philosophers*----- John Shand, *Philosophy and Philosophers*----- S. E. Stumpf, *Socrates to Sartre: A History of Philosophy* ----- Frederick Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, vol. 4, 5 and 6 ----- W.T. Jones, *A History of Western Philosophy*, vol. 3 and 4-----F.W. Garforth: *The Scope of Philosophy*----- W.K. Wright, *A History of Modern Philosophy*

Unit wise reading/reference list: Unit I: Rationalist Metaphysics Rene Descartes ----- Kurt Brandhorst, *Descartes' Meditations on First Philosophy* ----- Gary Hatfield, *The Routledge Guidebook to Descartes' Meditations*, chapters 3-5 Benedict Spinoza ----- Charles Jarrett, *Spinoza: A Guide for the Perplexed*, chapter 4 and 5-----Beth Lord, *Spinoza's Ethics*, pp.15-48 G.W. Leibniz-----Nicholas Jolley, *Leibniz* chapters 2

and 3----- Franklin Perkins, *Leibniz – A Guide for the Perplexed*, chapters 2 and 3

Unit II: Empiricist Epistemology John Locke -----D J O'Connor, *John Locke*, chapters 1 and 2 George Berkeley ----- G.J. Warnock, *Berkeley*, chapter 5 ----- T. M. Bettcher, *Berkeley: A Guide for the Perplexed*, pp.3-28 David Hume ----- Harold Noonan, *Routledge Guidebook to Hume on Knowledge*

Unit III: Critical Philosophy: Immanuel Kant ----- Justus Hartnack, *Kant's Theory of Knowledge* see chapter 1 (Introduction), chapter 2 (Transcendental aesthetic) and chapter 3 (transcendental analytic) ----- T K Seung, *Kant: A Guide for the Perplexed*, chapter 1----- Sebastian Gardner, *Kant and the Critique of Pure Reason*, chapter 4 (Transcendental aesthetic), chapter 5 (Transcendental idealism), chapter 6 (transcendental analytic)

Unit IV: 20th Century Philosophy F. H. Bradley: Absolute Idealism ----- D. M. Datta, *Current Trends in Contemporary Philosophy* ----- W. J. Mander, *British Idealism: A History* ----- James Allard, *The Logical Foundations of Bradley's Metaphysics* Pragmatism ----- Richard Gale, *The Philosophy of William James*, chapter 2 & 3 ----- Michael Bacon, *Pragmatism: An Introduction*, chapter 1 ----- Robert Talisse & Scott Aikin, *Pragmatism: A Guide for the Perplexed*, chapter 2 & 3 ----- Sami Pihlstrom (ed.) *The Continuum Companion to Pragmatism*, chapter 5 Logical Positivism ----- A.J. Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic*, chapter 1 ----- A.J. Ayer (ed.) *Logical Positivism* ----- Milton Munitz, *Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*
