

CIRCULAR :-

A reference is invited to the scheme of papers at the Bachelor of Arts degree course vide Pamphlet No.140 and to this office Circular No.UG/51 of 2005, dated 1st February, 2005 and the Principals of the affiliated colleges in Arts and the Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance Education are hereby informed that the recommendation made by the Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy at its meeting held on 28th January, 2008 has been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 27th February, 2008 vide Item No.4.14 and that, in accordance therewith, the syllabus in the subject of Philosophy of Paper II and Paper III at the S.Y.B.A. examination is revised as per Appendix and that the same will be brought into force with effect from the academic year 2008-2009.

MUMBAI-400 032

2nd May, 2008

for I/c. REGISTRAR

To,

The Principals of the affiliated colleges in Arts and Professor-cum-Director,
Institute of Distance Education.

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- 2) The Chairman Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy.
- 3) The Controller of Examinations,
- 4) The Co-Ordinator, University Computerization Centre,

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Revised Syllabus

in the subject of

Philosophy

(Paper II & III)

at the

S.Y.B.A. examination

(With effect from the academic year 2008-2009)

Revised syllabus at the S.Y.B.A. to be brought into force from the academic year 2008-09

Introduction: The papers seeks to inform the students about some of the important themes in Indian and western philosophy and the practical application of philosophy to certain contemporary issues in social and political philosophy. Some topics require a general introduction and a brief historical background and the academic approach should be analytical, presenting the issues in their contemporary setting. Section I will be taught in the first term, and section II in the second term. (Figures in bracket to the right indicate the number of lectures allotted to the chapter).

Paper II - (SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY)

Section I

Unit I

- 1 a) Social philosophy: its nature and scope – its relation to sociology, politics and ethics.
- b) Political philosophy: its nature and scope – its relation to politics, economics and ethics. (6)
- 2 Family and marriage as social institutions:
 - a) Traditional perspective of family and marriage - Sacredness / legal / heterosexual.
 - b) Contemporary trends - Secular / same sex / legal / live-in relationship / divorce.
 - c) Single-parent family through choice - (i) Adoption; (ii) Surrogacy. (10)
- 3 Views on gender: A critical perspective:
 - a) Classical: Manu and Aristotle.
 - b) Modern : J.S. Mill and Maharshi Karve.
 - c) Contemporary feminist thought. (8)

Unit II

- 4 Social violence and hate-crimes:
 - a) Discrimination - Racial / Religious / Caste.
 - b) Crusades / Jihad / Dharmayudh.
 - c) Importance of tolerance in a multicultural society. (9)
- 5 Obligations towards the marginalized:
 - a) Indian view: (i) Sarvodaya – its relevance to modern time;
(ii) Social equity (Ramchandra Guha).
 - b) Western view: The views of Peter Singer. (9)

Section II

Unit III

An appraisal of political ideologies:

- a) Anarchism: Paul Wolf.
 - b) Marxism: Marx.
 - c) Democratic socialism: Jawaharlal Nehru.
- (8)

Justice as a value:

- a) Mill's doctrine of social utility.
 - b) John Rawls' doctrine of fairness.
 - c) Dr. Ambedkar's doctrine of social justice.
- (8)

Civil disobedience – the views advocated by:

- (i) Plato (absolute obedience).
 - (ii) Gandhi.
 - (iii) Martin Luther King.
- (8)

Unit IV

Liberty as a value:

- a) Right to liberty (Mill).
 - b) No right to liberty (Ronald Dworkin).
 - c) Two concepts – positive and negative (Isiah Berlin).
- (8)

10 War, terrorism and peace:

- a) Just and unjust war.
 - b) Terrorism – can it be justified?
 - c) Pacifism.
- (8)

List of books:

- 1 Karen Armstrong : THE HOLY WAR
- 2 Burleigh Taylor Wilkins : TERRORISM AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY
[Routledge, 1992]
- 3 Joseph Losco and Leonard Williams : POLITICAL THEORY : CLASSICAL AND
CONTEMPORARY READINGS (Vols.1/2 - 2nd Edition, Roxbury Publishing Co,2003)
- 4 William Kymlicka : CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY - AN
INTRODUCTION [2nd Edition, Oxford, 2002]

Robert N. Beck : HANDBOOK OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY
 Rosemarie Tong : FEMINIST THOUGHT – A COMPREHENSIVE INTRODUCTION
 P.C. Joshi : SECULARISM AND DEVELOPMENT : THE INDIAN EXPERIMENT
 (Vikas Publication, N.Delhi, 1994).
 A.K.Sinha : OUTLINES OF SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY
 Bruno A. Ackerman : SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE LIBERAL STATE (Oyle University Press,
 1980)
 D.D.Raphael : PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.
 Vinay Lal : EMPIRE OF KNOWLEDGE - CULTURE AND PLURALITY IN THE
 GLOBAL ECONOMY [VISTAAR PUBLICATIONS, 2005]
 N.V.Joshi : SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
 Ben and Peters : SOCIAL PRINCIPLES AND DEMOCRATIC STATE
 Ed. Robert N Beck : PERSPECTIVES IN PHILOSOPHY – A Book of Readings (2nd
 Edition, Hold, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.)
 Robin Fox : KIN AND MARRIAGE (Penguin)

Selected reference list:

- a) Paul Wolf: *In Defense of Anarchism*
- b) Karl Marx: *Communist Manifesto*
- c) Martin L. King: *Letter from Birmingham Jail*
- d) M.K Gandhi: *Young India 1919-1922*
- e) Plato: *Crito*
- f) J.S. Mill: *Utilitarianism* [Chapter 5]
- g) John Rawls: *Justice as Fairness*
- h) R. Dworkin: *Taking Rights Seriously*
- j) Manu: *The Law of Manu* [Chapter 5 and 9]
- k) Aristotle: *On Politics* [Book I]
- l) J.S. Mill: *On the Subjection of Women*
- m) Isaiah Berlin: *Two Concepts of Liberty*
- n) J.S. Mill: *On Liberty* [Chapter 1 and 4]
- o) Ed. Raosaheb Kasbe : *Samata* (Articles on Manu and contemporary feminist thought, Lokvangmay, 1993).

PAPER III – (INDIAN AND WESTERN PHILOSOPHY)

Section I

Unit I

- Introduction to philosophy – a general outline of Indian and western philosophy. (6)
- Methods in philosophy: (i) Socrates (ii) Descartes (iii) Mimamsa. (9)
- a) A brief analysis of pre-Socratic cosmology: Ionians/Heraclitus/Parmenides/Sophists.
 - b) Vedantic philosophy: 'Tat twam asi' - Sankara, Ramanuja and Madhva. (10)

Unit II

- Sources of knowledge - Reason and experience: (a) Descartes and Locke; (10)
(b) Nyaya and Charvaka.
- God and evil: (a) The problem of evil. (7)
(b) The views of Sankara and St. Aquinas.

Section II

Unit III

- Basic constituents of reality: (a) Plato (Ideas) and Leibnitz (Monads);
(b) Vaisesika atomism and Samkhya theory of evolution. (9)
- (a) Theories of truth: (i) Coherence; (ii) Pragmatic.
(b) Theories of error: Akhyati, anyathakhyati, asatkhyati. (9)

Unit IV

- Life after death: Resurrection and transmigration of soul. (4)
- Twentieth century philosophy: (i) Logical positivism (Alfred Ayer);
(ii) Radical Humanism (MN Roy). (6)
- Value of philosophy: Russell and Vivekananda (Practical vedanta). (4)

List of books:

- J.N. Sinha : INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY [New Central Book Agency, Kolkata, 2004]
J.N. Sinha : OUTLINES OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY [-do-]
Basant Kumar Lal : CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY [Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi]
Dr. S. Radhakrishnan : INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
J.N. Sinha : A MANUAL OF ETHICS
A.R.Mohapatra : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION [Sterling Publishers, Jalandhar]
S.N. Dasgupta : HISTORY OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
M. Hiriyana : ESSENTIALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
M. Hiriyana : OUTLINES OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
BRAHMASUTRA SHANKARABHASHYA (II-i-34 TO 36 - The problem of evil)
V.H.Date : VEDANTA EXPLAINED (Vol I, MM Publishers)
Dr. S.D.Deshmukh : BRAHMASUTRA SHANKARABHASHYA, Vol.III (in Marathi - Prasad Prakashan, Pune)
S.V. Bhakale : RUSSELLCHE PROBLEMS (Vidya Prakashan, Nagpur)

Russell : HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY (Routledge, London)

Arvind Sharma : THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION (Topic: Life after death) – OUP, 1995

V.M. Tarkunde : RADICAL HUMANISM

Dr. B.R. Joshi : BHARTATIL SAMAJVAD – SHODH VA BODH (pp. 132-140 – Radical Humanism - Pushpa Prakashan, Pune)

R.N. Sharma : OUTLINES OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Nikunja Vihari Bannerjee : THE SPIRIT OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY (Arnold Heinemann Publ.)

Y. Masih : CRITICAL HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY (Motilal Banarsidas)

Rogers : Student's History of Philosophy

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan : HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY – EASTERN AND WESTERN

Question-paper:

Six questions will be set for each section and the students have to totally answer four as follows:

- 1) Question number 1 will be compulsory and will consist of 14 marks. This question will be 'write notes on any two' out of four options, covering chapter nos. 2 to 5 (Section I) and chapter nos. 6 to 10 (Section II).
- 2) From the rest, the students have to answer three questions, of 12 marks each, choosing at least one from each unit.

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