

CIRCULAR :-

A reference is invited to the Ordinances, Regulations and syllabi relating to the B.A. degree course vide this office Circular No.UG/179 of 2008, dated 2nd May, 2008 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 20th March, 2009 has been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 21st April, 2009 vide Item No.4.26 and that, in accordance therewith, the syllabus of S.Y.B.A. is modified by deletion of sub-topic from both the papers that is S.Y.B.A. Paper-II Social and Political Philosophy, Paper-III Indian and Western Philosophy, as per Appendix and that the same has been brought into force with effect from the academic year 2009-2010.

MUMBAI-400 032

11th June, 2009PRIN K VENKATARAMANI
REGISTRAR

To,

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

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Copy forwarded with compliments for information to: -

- 1) The Dean, Faculty of Arts
- 2) The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy.
- 3) The Controller of Examinations,
- 4) The Co-Ordinator, University Computerization Centre.

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The Director, Board of College and University Development, the Deputy Registrar (Eligibility and Migration Section), the Director of Students Welfare, the Executive Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and the Assistant Registrar, Administrative sub-center, Ratnagiri for information.

The Controller of Examinations (10 copies), the Finance and Accounts Officer (2 copies), Record Section (5 copies), Publications Section (5 copies), the Deputy Registrar, Enrolment, Eligibility and Migration Section (3 copies), the Deputy Registrar, Statistical Unit (2 copies), the Deputy Registrar (Accounts Section), Vidyanagari (2 copies), the Deputy Registrar, Affiliation Section (2 copies), the Director, Institute of Distance Education, (10 copies) the Director University Computer Center (IDE Building), Vidyanagari, (2 copies) the Deputy Registrar (Special Cell), the Deputy Registrar, (PRO) . the Assistant Registrar, Academic Authorities Unit (2 copies) and the Assistant Registrar, Executive Authorities Unit (2 copies) . They are requested to treat this as action taken report on the concerned resolution adopted by the Academic Council referred to in the above Circular and that, no further action is required.

21.4.2009

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI



Modified Syllabus
and
Pattern of Question Paper
At the
S.Y.B.A. examination
(Paper-II & III)
In the subject of
Philosophy

With effect from the academic year 2009-2010)

Modified syllabus in the subject of Philosophy at the S.Y.B.A. to be brought into force from the academic year 2009-10.

Introduction: the paper 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 the 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, section II in the second term. (Figures in bracket to the right indicate the number of lectures allotted 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

c) Contemporary feminist thought.

(8)

Unit II

4 Social violence and hate crimes:

a) Discrimination- Racial/religious/caste.

b) Crusade/Jihad/Dharmayudh

c) Importance of tolerance in 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

6 An appraisal of political ideologies:

a) Anarchism: Paul Wolf

b) Marxism: Marx

c) Democratic Socialism: Jawaharlal Nehru.

(8)

7 Justice as a value:

a) John Rawl's doctrine of fairness.

b) Dr. Ambedkar's doctrine of social justice

(7)

8 Civil disobedience- the views advocated by:

(i) Plato (absolute obedience).

(ii) Mr. Gandhi's influence on Martin Luther King.

(8)

Unit IV

9 Liberty as a value:

a) Right to liberty (Mill).

b) No right to liberty (Ronald Dworkin)

c) Two concepts- positive and negative (Isiah Berlin)

(9)

10 War, terrorism and peace:

a) Just and unjust war.

b) Terrorism.

c) Pacifism.

(8)

There is no change in the list of books mentioned in the previous syllabus.

Paper III – Indian and Western Philosophy

Section I

Unit I

- 1 Introduction to philosophy- a general outline of Indian and Western philosophy. (6)
2. Methods in philosophy: (i) Socrates (ii) Descartes (iii) Mimamsa. (9)
- 3 a) A brief analysis of pre-Socratic cosmology: Ionians/Heraclitus/Parmenides
- b) Vedantic philosophy: Tat twam asi'- Shankara and Madhava (10)

Unit II

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

Section II

Unit III

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

Unit IV

- 8 Life after death: Resurrection and transmigration of soul. (4)

9 Twentieth century philosophy: (i) Logical positivism (Alfred Ayer);

(ii) Radical Humanism (MN Roy) (6)

10 Value of Philosophy: Russell and Vivekananda (Practical Vedanta) (4)

There is no change in the list of books mentioned in the previous syllabus.

Question Paper:

Six questions will be set for each section and the students will have to 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 out of each unit.

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