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14th June, 2006

To,

The Principals of the affiliated colleges in Arts and Professor-cum Director,
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Modified Syllabus for the Philosophy –IV- Problems of Philosophy at the T.Y.B.A. examination

(With effect from the academic year 2006-2007)

T.Y.B.A. – Paper IV (Problems of Philosophy)
Modified syllabus from the commencement of academic year 2006-07

Unit I : Approaches to Philosophy

Chapter 1 (Foundational approach) – [Total lectures: 10]

A] **Metaphysical Approach (2)**

- i) Origin of the term 'metaphysics'.
- ii) Characteristic features of metaphysics.
- iii) Method of inquiry into metaphysics.

B] **Analytical Approach (4)**

- i) Features of analytic philosophy.
- ii) Formal and ordinary linguistic analysis.

C] **Existential Approach (4)**

- i) Meaning of Existentialism (atheistic and theistic existentialism).
- ii) Themes in existentialism :
 - a) Modes of existence (S. Kierkegaard)
 - b) Existence precedes essence (J.P. Sartre)
 - c) Freedom (Kierkegaard / Sartre)
 - d) Authentic existence (Sartre)

Chapter 2 (Contemporary Trends in Philosophy) - [Total lectures: 8]

A] **Phenomenological Approach (3)**

- i) Philosophy as a Rigorous Science
- ii) Method of Phenomenological reduction.

B] **Hermeneutics (3)**

C] **Post-modernism (2)**

Unit II: Issues in Epistemology

Chapter 3 (Knowledge and Scepticism) - [Total lectures : 10]

A] **Definition of Knowledge: Knowledge as justified true belief. (2)**

B] Scepticism - western standpoint: (3)

- i) Function of scepticism
- ii) Forms of scepticism:

- a) Pyrrho of Elis.
- b) Rene Descartes.
- c) David Hume.

C] Scepticism - Indian standpoint: (3)

- a) Nāgarjuna's dialectic
- b) Jayarāśi Bhatta's partial skepticism.
- c) Sri Harśa's *vitandā* method.

Chapter 4 (Theories of Perception) - [Total lectures: 12]

A] Western theories: - Realist Theories (4):
a) Naïve Realism (Commonsense).
b) Critical Realism (J. Locke)
- Idealist Theories (2) - Subjective idealism (G. Berkeley).

B] Indian (Buddhist) theories: - Realist theories (3):
i) Sautrāntika
ii) Vaibhāsika
- Idealist theories (3):
i) Śūnyavāda
ii) Vijnānavāda

Unit III : Issues in Metaphysics

Chapter 5 (Causation) - [Total lectures: 8]

- A] Significance of the concept of causation
- B] Aristotle's doctrine of four causes (2)
- C] D. Hume's view: No necessary relation between cause and effect (3)
- D] I. Kant's view : cause and effect are necessarily connected. (3)

Chapter 6 (Universals and Particulars) - [Total lectures: 8]

- A] The philosophical problem about universals and particulars. (1)
- B] Realism. (3):
 - a) Extreme Realism. (Plato)
 - b) Moderate Realism. (Aristotle)
- C] Nominalism (4):
 - a) Predicate nominalism.
 - b) Resemblance nominalism.

Unit IV: Issues in Philosophy of Mind

Chapter 7 (The Mind-Body problem) - [Total lectures: 10]

- A] The philosophical problem of the relation between mind and body (Descartes).
- B] Epiphenomenalism (T.H. Huxley).
- C] Identity theory (J.J.C. Smart).
- D] Biological Naturalism (John Searle).
- E] Anomalous Monism (Donald Davidson).

Chapter 8 (The concept of Self and Personal Identity [Total lectures: 8]

- A] Nature of self.
- B] Substance theory of self (Descartes, Locke and Berkeley). (2)
- C] Phenomenalist view of self (Hume). (2)
- D] Criteria of personal identity. (4) -
 - a) Memory criterion.
 - b) Bodily criterion.
 - c) Survival theory (Derek Parfit).

(The division of total number of lectures chapter/topic-wise is shown in bracket against each heading).

Topics deleted from the existing syllabus (academic year 2005-06):

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| Chapter 1 | - | Charvaka. |
| Chapter 3 | - | Apriori knowledge / aposteriori knowledge. |
| Chapter 5 | - | Plato's views on causation. |
| Chapter 7 | - | Substance and quality. |
| Chapter 8 | - | Emergentism / Double-aspect theory. |

The following topic-wise **reference list** is in addition to the list of books already circulated by the University alongwith the syllabus during the academic year 2005-06.

Chapter 1

[A] Metaphysical Approach

1. W.H. Walsh, *Metaphysics*; see Introduction.
2. A.E. Taylor, *Elements of Metaphysics*; Chapter 1.
3. *Encyclopedia Britannica*, Vol. 24, see entry on 'Metaphysics'.

[B] Analytical Approach

1. Robert Ammerman (ed.) *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*, pp. 1 - 12.
2. Robert Olson, *A Short Introduction to Philosophy*, pp.125 -129

[C] Existential Approach

1. Robert Olson, *An Introduction to Existentialism*, chapters 1, 4 & 5.

[B] Aristotle's The Four Causes

[C] D. Hume's View: No necessary relation between cause and effect .

1. Frederick Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, Vol. V; see Hume (1).
2. Paul Olscamp, *An Introduction to Philosophy*, pp.138 – 154
3. T.Z. Lavine, *From Socrates to Sartre*, pp.159 – 165.

[D] I. Kant's View – Cause and effect are necessarily connected.

1. Richard Falckenberg, *History of Modern Philosophy*, pp.359 – 364.
2. Paul Olscamp, *An Introduction to Philosophy*, pp.138 – 154
3. A.C. Grayling (ed.) *Philosophy 2*, pp. 593 – 596.

Chapter 6

[A] The philosophical problem about universals and particulars

[B] Realism

[C] Nominalism

For all three sections:

1. A.C. Ewing, *The Fundamental Questions of Philosophy*, pp. 211 – 220.
2. P. Olscamp, *An Introduction to Philosophy*, pp. 465 – 472.
3. A.C. Grayling (ed.) *Philosophy: A Guide through the Subject*, pp. 204 – 213.
4. P. Edwards (ed.) *Encyclopedia of philosophy* Vol. 8. [See entry on Universals]

Chapter 7

[A] The philosophical problem of the relation between the mind and body (Descartes)

1. Colin McGinn, *The Character of Mind*, chapter 2. (For what is the mind-body problem and Identity Theory)

[B] Epiphenomenalism (T.H. Huxley)

1. Jerome Shaffer, *The Philosophy of Mind*, chapter 4.
2. John Hospers, *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, pp. 391 – 399.
3. John Foster, *The Immaterial Self*, pp.186 – 196.
4. J. Fieser and N. Lillegard, *Philosophical Questions*, pp.282 – 290.

[C] Identity theory (J.J.C. Smart)

1. Jerome Shaffer, *The Philosophy of Mind*, chapter 3.
2. S. Guttenplan, *A Companion to the Philosophy of Mind*,

[D] Biological Naturalism (John Searle)

1. John Searle, "Mind Body Problem" in 2002 Refresher Course Manual.
2. John Searle, "Why I am not Property Dualist?" in *Journal of Consciousness*, vol. 9, 2002.

[E] Anomalous Monism (Donald Davidson)

1. D. Davidson, "Mental Events" (Refer to the manuals of 2002 Refresher course).

Chapter 8

[A] Nature of self

1. Jerome Shaffer, *The Philosophy of Mind*, chapter 1.

[B] The Substance theory of Self (Descartes, Locke and Berkeley)

1. Sydney Shoemaker, *Self-Knowledge and Self-Identity*, pp.
 2. Simon Blackburn, *Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy*, chpt 5
- [C] Phenomenalist view of self (Hume)

[D] Criteria of personal identity:

1. Paul Edwards (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* vol. 7 [See Personal Identity]
 2. GHR Parkinson, *An Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, chpt. 20.
 3. J. Fieser and N. Lillegard, *Philosophical Questions*, pp. 156 – 164.
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