



The Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai invites pre-applications/statement of interest from prospective students interested in pursuing M.A. Part I Philosophy (2021-2022). Interested candidates can follow the link below and fill in their details: <https://forms.gle/EWVttdckjmCJxtSa9>

- Admissions will begin after the University announcement on the University portal (the same will be communicated on this website very soon)
- Candidates with T.Y.B.A and S.Y.B.A in philosophy can take direct admission without any entrance exam.
- Candidates without formal background in Philosophy with an undergraduate education (degree programme) in Arts, Science, Commerce, Engineering, Management etc., will be required to appear for the faculty change entrance examination. Such candidates are requested to indicate details on the link above.
- 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) (Please find details of both below)
- The entrance exam date will be announced in due course after scrutinizing the pre-applications.
- Notification regarding the online entrance exam will be sent to selected candidates after due scrutiny.
- Please note that the entrance exam does not automatically qualify for admission and further admission process will be as per University guidelines.
- The MA syllabus can be accessed at <https://mu.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/MA-MPhil-PhD-syllabus-2020-1.pdf>

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## **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 Darśanas (General features of the Darśanas)

#### **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)  
Glaserapp, 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, S Schmidtke 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

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## **TYBA Philosophy Classical Indian Philosophy Paper No. 4**

### **Semester 5 (UAPHI - 501)**

#### **Unit I: Nyaya & Vaisesika**

Sources of knowledge: perception, inference, comparison and verbal testimony, concept of god and liberation in Nyaya. Vaisesika –seven categories of reality, Vaisesika 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) a priori-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*

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