



## 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 :** 21<sup>st</sup>, June, 2023 (Offline Lectures)  
Time : 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.  
22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:deptofphil2@hotmail.com)  
Mention your educational qualification, mobile no.
- 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, *Syadavada*, *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

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

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

#### **Unit I: Nyaya & Vaisheshika**

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

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