

Post Graduate Syllabus
SUB: Philosophy
NOWGONG COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
Total Marks: 100 (each paper)

SEMESTER-I

- PG-PHIL 1016. Core: Theory of Knowledge- Indian**
- PG-PHIL 1026. Core: Theory of Knowledge- Western**
- PG-PHIL 1036. Core: Logic- I**
- PG-PHIL 1046. Core: Analytic Philosophy**
- PG-PHIL 1054 V/A: Practical Ethics (Value Added)**

SEMESTER-II

- PG-PHIL 2016. Core: Theory of Reality-Indian**
- PG-PHIL 2026. Core: Theory of Reality-Western**
- PG-PHIL 2036. Core: Phenomenology and Existentialism**
- PG-PHIL 2046. Core: Comparative Religion**

SEMESTER-III

- PG-PHIL 3016 Core: Meta-Ethics**
- PG-PHIL 3026 Core: Logic-II**
- PG-PHIL 3036 Core: Philosophy of Religion**
- PG-PHIL 3046 Elective: Descartes**
- PG-PHIL 3056 Elective: Vedanta**
- PG-PHIL 3066 Elective/Open: Philosophy of Gandhi**

SEMESTER-IV

- PG-PHIL 4016 Core: Postmodernism**
- PG-PHIL 4026 Core: Contemporary Indian Thinkers**
- PG-PHIL 4036 Core: Philosophy of Mind**
- PG-PHIL 4046 Elective: Kant**
- PG-PHIL 4056 Elective: Buddhist Philosophy**
- PG-PHIL 4066 Elective/Open: Logical Reasoning**

PG-PHIL 1016 Theory of Knowledge- Indian (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Prama and Aprama **25**

Classification of Prama and Aprama

Prama and Pramana

Debate on Memory

Unit-II Pramana. A **25**

Pratyaksa: Different types of classification of Pratyaksa.

Anumana: Different types of classification of Anumana.

Sabda: Scriptural and Secular

Unit-III Pramana. B **25**

Upamana, Arthapatti, Anupalabdhi

Svatahpramanyavada

Paratahpramanyavada

Unit-IV Khyativada **25**

Anythakhyati or Viparitakhyati,

Satkhyati, Akhyati,

Atmakhyati, Anirvacaniyakhyati

Books Recommended:

Chatterjee, S.C.: *Nyaya Theory of Knowledge*

Datta, D.M.: *Six Ways of Knowing*

Cowell E.B. & Gough, A.E.: *The Sarvadarsanasamgraha or Review of Different Systems of Hindu Philosophy*,
by Madhvacharya, Motilal Benarsidass

Devaraja, N.K.: *Advaita Theory of Knowledge*

Kar, V.: *Indian Theories of Error*

Books of Reference:

Dasgupta, S.N.: *History of Indian Philosophy*

Annambhatta: *Tarkasamgraha* translated by G. N. Bhattacharya

Motilal, B.K.: *Epistemology, Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophy*

PG-PHIL 1026 Theory of Knowledge – Western (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit I Concept of Knowledge	30
Definition, Nature, Types of Knowledge; Knowledge and Belief JTB Account of Knowledge Gettier Problem	
Unit II Philosophical Scepticism	20
Nature and type of Philosophical Scepticism, Responses to Scepticism	
Unit III Truth	30
Meaning and Criteria of Truth Major theories of Truth - Correspondence, Coherence, Pragmatic, Performative theory of Truth-Strawson Semantic Theory of truth-Tarski Redundancy Theory of truth-Ramsey	
Unit IV Epistemic Justification	20
Meaning of Epistemic Justification, Foundationalism Coherentism and Reliabilism	

Books Recommended:

- Ayer, A.J.: *Problems of Knowledge*, Penguin Books, Print 1984
- BonJour, L. and Sosa, E.: *Epistemic Justification: Internalism vs. Externalism, Foundations vs. Virtues*, Malden: Wiley-Blackwell, 2003.
- Chisholm, R.: *Theory of Knowledge*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1966
- Chisholm, R.: "A Version of Foundationalism," in *The Foundations of Knowing*, ed. R. Chisholm, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1982.
- Griffith, A.P. (ed): *Analytic Philosophy*, Oxford university Press, London, Print 1976
- Hamlyn, D.W.: *The Theory of Knowledge*, Macmillan, 1970
- James, W.: *Pragmatism*, New York, 1907
- Lehrer K. *Knowledge*, Oxford: Clarendon Oxford Press, 1974.
- Lemos.N. *An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge*, Cambridge Press.
- Pitcher, G.: *Truth*, Prentice Hall, 1964
- Ramsey, F.P.: "Facts and Proposition", *Processing Aristotle Society Supp.* Vol.1927
- Tarski, A.: "The Semantic Conception of Truth", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. IV, 1943-44
- Woozley, A.D.: *Theory of Knowledge*, B.I. Publication, Delhi, Print 1982

Books of Reference:

- Chakravarty, D.K.: *Fundamental questions of Epistemology and Metaphysics*, Osmons Publication, New Delhi, 2000
- Sarkar, T.K.: *Knowledge, Belief and Justification*,

PG-PHIL 1036 Logic-I (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Truth-Function **25**

Logical Connectives and Truth tables

Valid and Invalid Arguments

Truth Trees

Unit-II Set **25**

Set, Set Membership, Null Set

Operation on Sets

Symbolization of Everyday Sentences by Set Notations

Unit-III Ven-Diagram **25**

Ven-Diagrammatic Representation of Propositions and Arguments

Idea of Existential Import

Testing Validity by Ven-diagram

Unit-IV Axiomatic System: **25**

Its nature, Construction, Conditions, Consistency, Completeness,

Independence, PM Axiomatic system

Recommended Books:

Basson and O'Connor: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*

Jeffery, R.: *Formal Logic its Scope and Limits*

Suppes, P.: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*

Books of Reference:

Ambrose and Lazerowitz: *Fundamentals of Symbolic Logic*

Copi, I.M.: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*

PG-PHIL 1046 Analytic Philosophy (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit- I Moore and Russell **30**

Moore : Defense of Commonsense

Russell: Theory of Description.

Unit-II Wittgenstein **20**

Picture Theory of Meaning and Language Game.

Unit- III Ryle and Austin **25**

Ryle: Disposition and Occurrences

Austin: Speech Act Theory

Unit-IV Quine and Strawson **25**

Two Dogmas of Empiricism

P.F. Strawson's Concept of Person

Books recommended:

Ammerman, R.R. (ed): *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*

Austin, J.L.: *How to Do Things with Words*

Gross, B.R.: *Analytic Philosophy*

Kenny, A.: *Wittgenstein*

Moore, G.E.: 'Defence of Common Sense'

Quine, W.V.O.: 'Two Dogmas of Empiricism'

Russell, B.: *Logical Atomism*

Russell, B.: 'On Denoting'

Ryle, G.: *Concept of Mind*

Schlipp, P.A.: *The Philosophy of G.E. Moore*

Searle, J.R.: *Philosophy of Language*

Strawson, P.F.: *Individuals*

Stroll, A.: *Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy*, MotilalBanarsidass

Urmson, J.O.: *Philosophical Analysis*

Goswami, S. *Persons A Strawsonian Study*

Bhattacharya, B., *Analytic Philosophy of Wittgenstein*, Eastern Book House, Panbazar

Books of Reference:

Banu, B.B.: *Gilbert Ryle: Philosophy of Mind*, Royal Book Publisher, New Delhi

Goswami, S.: *Persons*

Lenka, L.: *Quine's Philosophy*, Northern Book Centre

Pradhan, R.C.: *Recent Developments in Analytic Philosophy*

PG-PHIL 1054 Practical Ethics (Value Added Course)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Moral Philosophy and Moral Theories **50**

Morality and Moral Philosophy

Ethics and Practical Ethics

Utilitarianism

Kant's Moral Theory

Unit-II Moral Problems **50**

Abortion

Euthanasia

Ethics and Animals

Ethics and Environment

Books Recommended:

Cahn, S.N. Exploring Ethics, Oxford University Press

Frankena, W. Ethics, Prentice Hall of India, Pearson, 2nd Edition

Singer, P. Practical Ethics, Cambridge University Press

Singer, P. ed. Applied Ethics, Oxford University Press

PG-PHIL 2016 Theory of Reality- Indian (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Atman and Brahman	25
Brahman and God- Sankara, Ramanuja, Argument for existence for God- Nyaya-Vaisesika Self- Sankara, Ramanuja, Samkhya, Baudha	
Unit-II World	25
World- Advaita; Visistadvaita Prakriti, Gunas, Evolution- Samkhya Categories- Vaisesika;	
Unit-III Causality	25
Satkaryavada: Different theories Asatkaryavada: Different theories	
Unit-IV Universals	25
Nyaya-Vaisesika Advaita, Jaina	

Books Recommended:

- Cowell E.B. & Gough, A.E.: *The Sarvadarsanasamgraha or Review of Different Systems of Hindu Philosophy*, by Madhvacarya, MotilalBanarsidass
- Dravid, R.R.: *The Problem of Universals in Indian Philosophy*, MotilalBanarsidass
- Larson, G.J.: *Classical Samkhya*, MotilalBanarsidass
- Nikhilananda, Swami: *Vedanta-Sara*, by Sadananda, AdvaitaAsrama
- Phillips, S.H.: *Classical Indian Metaphysics*, MotilalBanarsidass
- Radhakrishnan, S.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol.I& II, Oxford University Press
- Shah, N.: *Jainism, The World of Conquerors*, Vol.II, MotilalBanarsidass
- Sinha, J.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol. I & II, MotilalBanarsidass, New Delhi
- Sinha, J.: *Indian Realism*, MotilalBanarsidass
- Smart, N.: *Doctrine and Argument in Indian Philosophy*,
- Nath, Nabaprasad: *Samkhya Philosophy of Prakrti: An Appraisal of Isvarakrsna's Samkhya Karika*, PorbanchalPrakash, Guwahati

Books of Reference:

- Frauwallner, E.: *History of Indian Philosophy*, MotilalBanarsidass
- Hiriyanna, M.: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, MotilalBanarsidass
- Potter, K.H.: *Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophy*, MotilalBanarsidass
- Sharma, C.D.: *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, MotilalBanarsidass
- Dasgupta, S.N.: *A History of Indian Philosophy*, MotilalBanarsidass

PG-PHIL 2026 Theory of Reality- Western (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit I Realist theory of reality **20**

Plato: Theory of Forms

Aristotle: Criticism of Platonic Theory of Forms, Form, actuality and potentiality

Unit II Idealist theory of reality **30**

Berkeley: Subjective Idealism

Kant: Transcendental Idealism

Hegel & Bradley: Absolute Idealism

Unit III Substance **30**

Descartes: God, Mind and Body

Spinoza: God, Nature, Modes and Attributes

Leibnitz: Monadology, Pre-Established Harmony

Causality **20**

Hume: Theory of Constant Conjunction

Criticisms of Hume's theory of Constant Conjunction

Books Recommended:

Aristotle: *Metaphysics*, Penguin, Revised Edition 1998

Bradley, F.H.: *Appearance and Reality*, Nabu Press, 2014

Descartes, R: *Meditations*, Cambridge University Press, Edition 2016

Hegel, G.W.F: *Phenomenology of Spirit*, OUP USA, Revised Edition, 1979

Hume, D.: *Treatise of Human Nature*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015

Hume, D: *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, OUP UK, Edition 2008

Kant, I.: *Critique of Pure Reason*, Dover Publications Inc., Edition 2004

Leibniz, G.W.: *Monadology*, Rarebooksclub.com, 2012

Mill, J.S.: *A System of Logic, Ratiocinative and Inductive*, Nabu Press, 2010

Plato: *Republic*, Penguin, Edition 2007

Reichnebach, H.:

Spinoza, B.: *Ethics*, Penguin, 1996

Sarma, R., *Theory of Universals*, N.L., Guwahati.

Books for Reference:

Copleston, F.C.: *History of Philosophy*, Continuum International Publishing Group Ltd., 2003

Edward, P. & Floridi, L (ed): *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Taylor & Francis, 1998

Hamlyn, D.W.: *Metaphysics*, Cambridge University Press; 1st Edition, 1984

Poidevin, R., Simons, P., McGonigal, A., Cameron, R.P. (ed): *The Routledge Companion To Metaphysics*

Sosa, E, Tooley, M. (ed): *Causation*, Oxford university Press, 1993

Walsh, W.H.: *Metaphysics*, Hutchinson, 1963

PG-PHIL 2036 Phenomenology and Existentialism (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit- I Husserl	25
Structure of Intentionality	
Phenomenological Reduction	
Life-World	
Unit-II Heidegger	25
Being and being	
<i>Dasein</i> ; being-in-the-world	
Unit-III Sartre	30
Being-for-itself, Being-in-itself, Being-for-others;	
Nothingness and Existence	
Freedom and Bad Faith	
Unit-IV MerleauPonty	20
Primacy of Perception	
Limits of Phenomenological Reduction	

Books Recommended:

Husserl. E.: *Ideas : A General Introduction to Pure Phenomenology*, translated by W.R.Boyce Gibson, George Allen and Unwin Ltd. London, 1931.

Heidegger, M.: *Being and Time*, trans. J. Macquarrie and E. Robinson, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1978.

Merleau-Ponty, M.: *The Phenomenology of Perception*, trans. C. Smith.

Sartre,J.P.: *Being and Nothingness*, trans. H. Barness, New York: Philosophical Library. 1956.

Books of Reference :

Dreyfus, H.L: *Being-in-the-world A Commentary on Heidegger's Being and Time*, Division I, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1991.

Kochelmas.J.J. (ed): *A Companion to Martin Heidegger's Being and Time*, Washington, DC. Catholic University of America Press,1994.

Moran, D.: *Introduction to Phenomenology*, London, Routledge, 2000

Bhardra, M.K.: *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, ICPR, New Delhi, 1990.

Smith, D.W.: 'Phenomenology' In the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Winter 2003 edition, Edward N.Zalta, ed. URL= [http:// plato](http://plato)

PG-PHIL 2046 Comparative Religion (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I The Problem	25
Nature, Scope, significance and need of Comparative Religion	
Religion and sustainability of Human Civilization	
Philosophical approach to Religion	
Unit-II Hinduism	25
Varnashrama Dharma and Purusarthas,	
Law of Karma and Liberation	
Bhakti – Ramanuja and Sankaradeva	
Unit-III Islam	25
Role of Muhammad	
Five Pillars of Islam	
Islamic Ethics	
Unit-IV Christianity	25
Original Sin, Atonement and Redemption	
Role of Jesus Christ	
Christian Ethics	

Books Recommended:

Bouquet, A.C.: *Comparative Religion*
Chatterjee, P.B.: *Studies in Comparative Philosophy*
James: *Comparative Religion*
Zachner, R.C.: *Comparative Religion*
Eliade, M.: *Comparative Religion*

Books of Reference:

Radhakrishnana, S.: *Eastern Religion and Western Thought*
Zachner, R.C.: *Concord and Discord*
Wach, J.: *Comparative Study of Religion*
Hastings (ed): *Encyclopaedia of Living Faith* (relevant Articles)

PG-PHIL 3016 Meta-Ethics (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Cognitivism: 25

Cognitivism and Moral Realism
Ethical Naturalism
Ethical non-naturalism- G.E. Moore's Indefinability of good

Unit- II Non-Cognitivism 30

Ayer: Emotivism
Stevenson: Emotivism
Hare: Prescriptivism

Unit- III Substantial Theory 25

Moral Universalism
Moral Relativism
Moral Absolutism

Unit- IV Psychology and Meta-Ethics 20

Motivation and Moral Reasons
Moral Emotions
Hume: Is and Ought Problem

Books Recommended:

Ayer. A.J.: *Language, Truth and Logic*
Hudson, W.T.: *Introduction to Modern Moral Philosophy*
Hudson, W.T.: *Is-Ought Question*
Moore, G.E.: *Principia Ethica*
Stevenson, C.L.: *Ethics and Language*
Hare, R.M.: *Language of Morals*
Hume, D.: *Treatise of Human Nature*
Edward, P.: *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
Chakravarty, D.K.: *Problems of Analytic Ethics*

PG-PHIL 3026 Logic-II (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I History of the Development of Logic **25**

Aristotelian logic
Development of Symbolic Logic: Leibniz, De Morgan, Boole,
Development of Symbolic Logic: Frege, Russell, Whitehead

Unit-II Argument and Argument Form **25**

Concepts of Argument and Argument Form
Truth and Validity, Justification and Implication
Formal Proofs of Validity

Unit-III Quantification **25**

Idea of Propositional Function
Singular and General Propositions
Quantifier- Universal and Existential.

Unit-IV Logic of Relations **25**

Symbolizing Relations
Arguments involving Relations
Attributes of Relation

Books Recommended:

Bochenski, I.M.: *Ancient Formal Logic*, North Holland Publishing Company, Amsterdam
Chakraborti, C.: *Logic: Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*, PHI, New Delhi, 2009
Copi, I.M.: *Symbolic Logic*
Dumitriu: *History of Logic*, Vol.I, translated by Z. Duiliu and others, Abacus Press, England, 1977
Kneale, W and Kneale, M: *The Development of Symbolic Logic*, Oxford University Press, London, 1968
Lukasiewicz, J.: *Aristotle's Syllogistic*, Oxford at the Clarendon Press

PG-PHIL 3036 Philosophy of Religion (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Religious Concepts	25
Faith and Revelation Idea of the Holy Soul and Immortality	
Unit-II Challenges to religious Belief	25
Problem of Evil Logical Positivism Marxist Criticism of Religion	
Unit- III Arguments for Existence of God	25
Ontological Cosmological Teleological; Moral	
Unit- IV Theories of Religion	25
Deism Monotheism Pantheism	

Recommended Books:

Edward, M.: *An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion*
Hick, J.: *Classical and Contemporary Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*
Lotze: *Philosophy of Religion*
Mitchell: *Philosophy of Religion*
Otto, R.: *The Idea of the Holy*

Books of Reference:

Hick, J.: *The Evil and the God of Love*
Smart: *Religion and Faith*
Sarma, S.: *Religious Philosophy of Rudolf Otto*
Tilich, P.: *Systematic Theology*
Galloway: *The Philosophy of Religion*
Hastings (ed): *Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics* (Relevant Articles)

PG-PHIL 3046 Descartes (Elective)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit I Cartesian Method	25
Methodological Skepticism	
Intuition and Deduction	
Criticism of Cartesian Method	
Unit II Cogito Ergo Sum –Interpretations	25
A.J. Ayer	
B. Williams	
J. Hintikka	
Unit III Substance	25
Cartesian Concept of Substance- Primary and Secondary	
Ontological argument	
Criticism: Plantinga	
Unit IV Mind body Dualism	25
Cartesian Interactionism	
Critical Evaluation: Ryle	
Critical Evaluation: Searle	

Books Recommended:

- Ayer, A.J.: *Problem of Philosophy*.
Descartes. R.: *Discourse on Method*, Oxford World's Classics.2009.
Descartes. R.: *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Oxford World's Classics, 2008.
Dimitriu: *History of Logic*, Vol.I, translated by Z. Duiliu and others, Abacus Press, England
Hintikka. J.: 'Cogito, Ergo Sum: Inference or Performance', *The Philosophical Review*, Vol 71., No.1. Jan.1962 pp. 3-32.retrived from <http://www.jstor.org/stable.2183678> doci:1
Malcolm. N.: 'Dreaming and Skepticism', *The Philosophical Review*, Vol.65. No. 1 Jan. 1956, pp.14-37.
Plantinga, A.: *Faith and Rationality: Reason and Belief in God*, University of Notre Dame Press, 1983.
Ryle, G.: *The Concept o Mind*, University of Chicago Press, 2000.
Searle, J. R.: *Mind: A Brief Introduction*, Oxford and New York, Oxford University Press, 2004
William, B.: *Descartes: The Project of Pure Inquiry*, Penguin, 1978.

Books of Reference :

- Cottingham.J.: *The Cambridge Companion to Descartes*, Cambridge University Press,1992.
Doney.W. (ed): *Descartes: A Collection of Critical Essays*, Macmillan, 1967.
Smith N.K.: *Descartes's Philosophical Writings*, Macmillan, 1952.

PG-PHIL 3056 Vedanta (Elective)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Advaita Vedanta (Sankara)	25
Brahman and Atman Maya and Avidya Liberation	
Unit-II Visistadvaita (Ramanuja)	25
Brahman/Isvara, Cit, Acit Arguments against Maya, Liberation	
Unit-III Bhedabheda (Bhaskara) and Dvaitadvaita (Nimbarka)	25
<i>Bhedabheda:</i> Brahman, God, Modification of Brahman into world, Self, <i>Bhedabheda:</i> Criticism of Sankara and Bauddha <i>Dvaitadvaita:</i> Brahman, Jiva, Acit	
Unit-IV Dvaita (Madva) and Suddhadvaita (Vallabha)	25
<i>Dvaita:</i> Visesa, Reality of Difference, Categories <i>Dvaita:</i> Brahman/God, Prakṛti, Jiva <i>Suddhadvaita:</i> Brahman, World, Jiva, Divine Grace	

Recommended Books:

Balasubramaniam, R.: *The Traditions of Advaita*, Munshiram Manoharlal
Mahadevan, T.M.P.: *Invitation to Indian Philosophy*,
Mahadevan, T.M.P.: *The Philosophy of Advaita*, Bharatiya Kala Prakashan
Mrudula, I.M.: *The Philosophy of Vallabhacarya*, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt Ltd
Nikhilananda, Swami: *Vedanta-Sara*, by Sadananda Yogindra, Advaita Asrama
Radhakrishnana, S.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol.II, Oxford India
Sinha, J.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol. II, III, Motilal Banarsidass
Srnivasachari, P.N.: *The Philosophy of Bhedabheda*, Nabu Press
Srnivasachari, P.N.: *The Philosophy of Visistadvaita*, Orient Book Distribution
Srnivasacari, S.M.: *Advaita and Visistadvaita*, Motilal Benarsidass
Tapasyananda, Swami.: *Bhakti Schools of Vedanta*, Ishi Press International
Thibault, G.: *Vedantasutras with Commentaries of Sankara and Ramanuja*

Books for Reference:

Cowell E.B. & Gough, A.E.: *The Sarvadarsanasamgraha* or Review of Different Systems of Hindu
Philosophy, by Madhvacharya, Motilal Benarsidass
Potter, K.H.: *Encyclopedia of Indian Phiosophy*, Motilala Benarsidass
Radhakrishnana, S.: *Brahmasutra*, George Allen and Unwin, London

PG-PHIL 3066 Philosophy of Gandhi (Elective/Open)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit I: Religion and Morality **30**

Gandhi's Concept of Religion,
God, Truth, Non Violence
Morality, Ends and Means

Unit II: Political Philosophy **20**

Swaraj, Satyagraha, Non-cooperation,
Gandhi's Concept of Democracy
World Peace

Unit III Economic Philosophy **25**

Concept of Equality, Bread labour
Decentralization, Cottage and Small-Scale Industry, Khadi, Critique of Industrialization
Trusteeship

Unit IV: Social Philosophy **25**

Sarvodaya and Swadeshi
Critique of Untouchability
Concept of Education

Books Recommended:

Bose N.K.: *Selections from Gandhi*
Gandhi: *Collected Works* (Relevant Articles)
Gandhi: *Hind Swaraj*(Textual Study)
Patil.V.T (ed): *Studies on Gandhi*

Books for Reference:

Barua, M.: *Religion and Gandhian Philosophy*
Bihar B.: *Gandhi's Economic philosophy.*
Gandhi M.K.: *My Religion*
Ganguly B.N.: *Gandhi's Social Philosophy*
Kher V.B (ed): *In Search of the Supreme*, Vol. I, II and III.
Mashrula K.G.: *Gandhi and Marx*
Parekh Bhikhu.: *Gandhi's Political Philosophy*
Singh R.: *Relevance of Gandhi's Philosophy*

PG-PHIL 4016 Postmodernism (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Introduction and Background **25**
Modernism- The Enlightenment Project
Postmodernism- Characteristics: Rejection of Meta-narratives, Foundationalism, Objectivism
Structuralism and Post-Structuralism

Unit-II Jurgen Habermas **25**
Theory of Communicative Action
Discourse Theory
Theory of Truth and Knowledge

Unit-III Foucault **25**
Concept of Archaeology of Knowledge
Idea of Power
Self

Unit-IV Derrida **25**
Idea of Grammatology
Critique of Metaphysics of Presence and Logocentrism
Idea of Deconstruction

Books Recommended:

0020Habermas, J. *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere*, 1962
Habermas, J. *The Theory of Communicative Action*, 1981
Merquior, J.G.: *Foucault*, Fontana Press
Murphy. J.: *Postmodernism*, Anu Books, Meerut, 1994.
Norris. C.: *Truth about Postmodernism*, Oxford, Blackwell. 1994.
Norris. C.: *Derrida*, Fontana Press
Patricia W.: *Postmodernism: A Reader*, Edward. A. London, 1992.
Turner,B.: *Theories of Modernity and Post-Modernity*, Sage publications, London, 1992

Books for Reference:

Bauman, Z.: *Postmodernity and its Discontents*, New York: New York University Press, 1997.
Bertens,H.: *The Idea of the Postmodern: A History*, London: Routledge, 1995.
Caputo, J.: *Deconstruction in a Nutshell*, New York: Fordham University Press, 1997
Malpas, S and Paul W. (eds): *The Postmodern*, Routledge, Abingdon: Routledge, 2004
Zalta, E. N. (ed): *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://plato.stanford.edu/> (relevant articles)

PG-PHIL 4026 Contemporary Indian Thinkers (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I K.C. Bhattacharyya	25
K.C. Bhattacharyya: The Absolute and Its alternative Forms	
K.C. Bhattacharyya: Concept of Philosophy	
Unit-II J.Krishnamurti	25
J.Krishnamurti: Self and Self-knowledge	
J.Krishnamurti: Freedom	
Unit-III Dayakrishna and J.N. Mohanty	25
Dayakrishna: New perspective	
J.N. Mohanty: Epistemology	
J.N. Mohanty: Metaphysics	
Unit-IV M.N. Roy and B.R. Ambedkar	25
M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism	
B.R. Ambedkar: Social Justice	

Books Recommended:

- Ambedkar, B.R.: *Writings and Speeches*
- Bhattacharyya, K.C.: *Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. II, Motilal Benarsidass
- Chattopadhyaya, D.P.: *Indian Philosophy A popular Introduction*
- Chattopadhyaya, D.P.: *Lokayata*
- Daya Krishna: *Indian Philosophy A Counter Perspective*
- Daya Krishna: *Indian Philosophy A New Perspective*
- Iqbal, M.: *The Secrets of Self*
- Iqbal, M.: *The Mysteries of Selflessness*
- Iqbal, M.: *Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam*
- Innaiah N. (ed.): *M.N. Roy: Radical Humanist: Selected Writings*, Prometheus Books
- Keer, D.: *Dr. Ambedkar, Life and Mission*
- Krishnamurti, J.: *Freedom from the Known*, KFI, Chennai
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- Krishnamurti, J.: *On Self-Knowledge*, KFI, Chennai
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- Lokhande, G.S.: *B.R. Ambedkar: A study in Social Democracy*
- Mohanty, J.N.: *Classical Indian Philosophy- An Introductory Text*
- Ramendra: *M. N. Roy's New Humanism and Materialism*, Patna: Buddhiwadi Foundation, 2001.

Books for Reference:

- Chandel, B. and Sharma, K.L.: *The Philosophy of Daya Krishna*, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 1996
- Shakuntala: *Rethinking Philosophy of J. Krishnamurti*, Aalibaat Publication, Guwahati

PG-PHIL 4036 Philosophy of Mind (Core)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Personal Identity	25
Problem of Personal Identity, Criteria, Puzzle Cases	
Physicalistic Theories of Personal Identity	
Psychological Theories Personal Identity	
Unit-II Problem of Other Minds	25
Understanding problem of other minds	
Argument from Analogy	
Wittgenstein, Strawson and Ayer.	
Unit-III Externalism and Internalism	25
Externalism: Hilary Putnam	
Internalism: Jerry Fodor	
Internalism: Brian Loar and David Chalmers	
Unit-IV Qualia	25
Arguments for Existence of Qualia	
Critics of Qualia	
Proponents of Qualia	

Books Recommended:

Vassey, G.: *Personal Identity*
Williams, B.: *Problems of the Self*
Hamlyn, D.W.: *Theory of Knowledge*
Gustufson: *Essays in Philosophical Psychology*
Fesser, E.: *Philosophy of Mind*
Cooney, B.: *The Place of Mind*

Books of Reference:

Chisholm, R.M.: *Person and Object*
Martin, R. and Barresi, J. (ed): *Personal Identity*, Oxford Blackwell, 2003
McGinn, C.: *The Character of Mind*, Oxford University Press, 1996
Searle, J.R.: *Mind- A Brief Introduction*, Oxford University Press, 2004
Shakuntala: *Enquiry into Nature of Self*, Jijnasa Publication, Guwahati

PG-PHIL 4046 Kant (Elective)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Transcendental Aesthetic	25
Problem: Possibility of Synthetic Apriori	
Theory of Space	
Theory of Time	
Unit-II Transcendental Analytic	25
Categories of Understanding	
Metaphysical Deduction of Categories	
Transcendental Deduction of Categories	
Unit-III Ontology. A	25
Rational Cosmology	
Self and Self-consciousness	
Freedom and Determinism	
Unit-IV Ontology. B	25
Noumena and Phenomena	
Transcendental Method of Kant	
Is existence a Predicate- Kantian Answer	

Books Recommended:

Alison, H.: *Kant's Transcendental Idealism*

Bennett, J.: *Kant's Analytic*, Cambridge University Press

Lindsay, A.D.: *Kant*

Kant, I.: *Critique of Pure Reason*

Smith, N.K.: *Immanuel Kant's Critique of Pure Reason* (Abridged Edition), London, Macmillan, 1952

Smith, N.K.: *A Commentary on Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, New York, Humanities Press, 1962

Strawson, P.F.: *Bounds of Sense*

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PG-PHIL 4056 Buddhist Philosophy (Elective)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit-I Basic Buddhist Doctrines

30

Three universal characteristics of existence: impermanence, suffering, and not-self
Suffering: kinds and causes of suffering, Four Noble Truths, doctrine of dependent arising (Pratityasamutpada), Middle Way
Nirvana: Nature and kinds— Sopadhisesa and Nirupadhisesa; attaining Nirvana: Eightfold path
Concept of Sangha

Unit-II Early Buddhist Schools

20

Theravada: Five aggregates (components of an individual); morality/immorality factors: wholesome roots (kusala mula) and unwholesome roots (akusala mula)
Vaibhasika: Natural dualism, knowledge as direct awareness of objects
Sautrantika: Representationalism

Unit-III Madhyamaka & Yogacara

25

Madhyamaka: Reality, sunya, nammatra view
Yogacara: Reality, alayavijnana, cittamatra view, three svabhava (parinispanna, paratantra, parikalpita)

Unit-IV Buddhism in Assam

25

Buddhist history of Assam: Traces of Buddhist Philosophy in the Caryagit of Kamrupi Siddhacaryas.
Buddhist followers of Assam: a brief study of the Tai Buddhist communities
Tai Buddhist rituals and Buddhist principles
Impact of Buddhism on the Tai material culture

Recommended Books:

Bhikkhu, Sasanavangsa, Gautam Buddha. Tripitak Prakashan Sangha. Sivasagar, India, 1988
Bhikkhu, Sasanavangsa Bouddha Darshan. Tripitak Prakashan Parishad, Sivasagar, India, 2004
Charyapad. Hazarika, P. Dalimi Prakashan. Guwahati, India 2007
Chatterjee, A.K.: *The Yogacara Idealism*, Motilala Banarsidass, New Delhi
Dhammadassi Bhikkhu, Naimbala & Gunatunge, K. B., *What is Reality*, Kandy, 2010
Dutt, N.: *Mahayana Buddhism*, Motilala Banarsidass
Frauwallner, E.: *The Philosophy of Buddhism*, Motilala Banarsidass, New Delhi
Murti, T.R.V.: *The Central Philosophy of Buddhism*, HarperCollins, New Delhi
Nakamura, H.: *Indian Buddhism*, Motilala Banarsidass New Delhi.
Potter, K.H.: *Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophy*, Vol. VII, VIII, IX, Motilala Banarsidass, New Delhi.
Radhakrishnan, S.: *Indian Philosophy*, Vol.I, Oxford University Press, New Delhi 1996
Rhys Davids, T. W. *Buddhism Its History and Literature*. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons , 1907
Sarma, R. *Buddhism in Tai Life of Assam*, Aayu Publications, New Delhi , 2021
Schumann: *Buddhism and Outlines of its teachings and Schools*, Reidel and Co., London
Varma, V.P.: *Early Buddhism and Its Origins*, Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi
Warder, A.K.: *Indian Buddhism*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi

PG-PHIL 4066 Logical Reasoning (Elective/Open)
(Internal: 20+External: 80) Total Marks: 100

Unit I Introduction to Logic **25**

Introduction to Logic and Reasoning
Reasoning in Everyday Life; Working out Exercises
Laws of Thought: Identity, Contradiction and excluded Middle

Unit II Informal Logic **25**

Arguments: Characteristics and Structure
Concepts of Validity and Truth
Deduction and Induction, Formal and Informal Arguments

Unit III Fallacies **25**

Fallacies in Informal Logic
Fallacies in Inductive Logic
Fallacies in Inductive Logic

Unit IV Symbolic Logic **25**

Propositional Logic- Simple and Compound Statements,
Truth-Function
Truth Table

Books Recommended:

Chakraborty, C.: *Logic, Informal, Symbolic and Inductive*
Copi, I.M.: *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*
Copi, and Cohen.: *Introduction to Logic*