

Syllabus for Three Years B.A. Honours and General
Recommended in the BOS (UG) Meeting on 11.2.2010

Honours Papers

PART-I

PAPER-I

History of Indian Philosophy

Candidates are required to answer ten short questions covering the entire syllabus within two sentences each carrying two marks and four short questions covering the entire syllabus within one fifty words, each carrying five marks. And they have to answer four broad questions covering the entire syllabus within six hundred words each carrying fifteen marks.

The Basic Philosophical concepts of the Vedas and Upanisads: The concept of the Rta, Ṛṇa, the concept of Ātman, Brahman in the Upanisads, Jiva, Śreya, Preya, Mokṣa (in brief).

Cārvāka System: Epistemology- Perception as the only source of knowledge, Refutation of Inference. Metaphysics – Causality -yadrīcchāvāda / svabhāvavāda / ākasmikatāvāda, Jagat and bhutacaitanyavāda.

Jaina philosophy : Anekāntavāda and Syadvāda.

Bauddha system : Four noble truths, Pratityasamutpādavāda, Kṣṇabhāṅgavāda or Momentariness, Nairātmanvāda, Basic tenets of four Bauddha schools- Vaibhāṣika and Sautrāntika (in brief), Yogācāra and Mādhyamika (in detail).

Nyaya System : Four Pramāṇa-s: Pratyakṣa- definition, classification into savikalpaka/nirvikalpaka and pratyabhiññā and laukika and alaukika. Anumāna: definition, pakṣa, sādhyā, hetu, vyāpti, vyāptigrahopāya, svārtha-parārthanumāna. Outlines of Upamāna and Śabda. Nature of self and liberation, Arguments for the existence of God.

Vaisesika System : Basic Outlines of Dravya, Guṇa, Karma and detailed analysis of Samānya, Viśeṣa, Samavāya and Abhāva, Paramānuvāda (in brief).

Samkya System: Satkāryavāda as opposed to Asatkāryavāda, Prakṛiti and its constituents, Arguments for its existence, Theory of Evolution, puruṣa, Arguments for its existence, plurality of puruṣa.

Yoga System : Citta, Cittavṛtti, Cittabhumi, Aṣṭāṅgayoga and Concept of God.

Mimāṃsā System: Pramāṇas with special reference to Arthāpatti and Anupalabdhi (Prabhakara and Bhatta's view).

Advaita Vedanta Philosophy of Sankara : Brahman, Jiva, Maya, The Relation of Brahman with Jiva and Jagat , Three grades of Sattā.

Visistadvaitavada of Ramanuja : Criticism of Sankara's doctrine of Māya.



TEXT BOOKS

Hiriyana, Outlines of Indian Philosophy.
Dipak Kumar Bagchi, Bharatiya Darsan.

Suggested Readings:

C.D. Sharma, A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.
D.M. Dutta, Six Ways of Knowing.
D.M. Dutta and Chatterjee, An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.
Debabrata Sen, Bharatiya Darsan.
Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya, Lokayata Darsan.
Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya Shastri, Sadadarsana: Yoga
J.N. Mohanty, Classical Indian Philosophy.
Kanak Prabha Bandyopadhyaya, Sankhya Patanjali Darsana
Karuna Bhattacharya, Nyaya Vaisesika Darsan.
Panchanan Shastri, Carvaka Darsan.
Prodyot Kumar Mondal, Bharatiya Darsan.
Roma Choudhury, Vedanta Darsan.
S.C. Chatterjee, Nyaya Theory of Knowledge.
S.N. Dasgupta, History of Indian Philosophy.
S. Radhakrishnan, Indian Philosophy. (Vol I and II)
Sadananda Bhaduri, Nyaya-Vaisesika Metaphysics.
Samarendra Bhattacharya, Bharatiya Darsan.
Sukhamoy Bhattacharya, Purvamimamsa Darsan.
Sukomal Choudhury, Goutam Buddha's Dharma Darsan.
T. R.V. Murti, Central Philosophy of Buddhism.

PAPER -II**Psychology and Social Political philosophy**

Candidates are required to answer five short questions covering the entire syllabus within one fifty words, each carrying five marks. And they have to answer five broad questions covering the entire syllabus within six hundred words each carrying fifteen marks.

Group A**Psychology**

Definition and Methods of Psychology: Subjective, Objective and experimental.

Sensation and Perception: Definition, nature, classification and attributes of sensation, Nature of perception and its relation with sensation, Gestalt theory of perception, Illusion and Hallucination.

Memory :Information-Processing Theory (Atkinson and Shiffrin's theory), Forgetting: Its types and causes.

Learning: Theories of Learning – Gestalt Theory or Insight Theory, Classical Conditioning Theory (Pavlov's Theory), Operant Conditioning Theory (Skinner's Theory).

Intelligence: Nature of Intelligence, Unifocal Theory, Multifocal Theory, Measurement of Intelligence, Binet-Simon test, and Weschler.

Consciousness: Levels of consciousness, Conscious, Sub-conscious and unconscious, Proof for unconscious and Freud's Theory of dreams.

GROUP – B**Social and Political Philosophy**

Definition: Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy and their interrelation.

Some Basic Concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Caste and class.

Social Change: The Marxist View and The Gandhian View.

Social Ideals: Plato's Theory of Justice and Rawl's Theory of Justice.

Concept of Political Philosophy: Scientific theory and Philosophical theory.

Political Ideals: Democracy and its different forms, Socialism and its varieties, Sarvodaya , Gandhiji's concept of Non-violence and Trusteeship.

Family: New Vision and Challenges – Marxist and Feminist approaches.

Text Books:

Morgan, King and others, Introduction to Psychology

Paresnath Bhattacharya, Monovidya

Pritibhusan Chattopadhyaya, Monovidya

MacIver and Page, Society

Pritibhusan Chattopadhyaya, Samaj Darsana Dipika

Frederick Engels, Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State

Frederick Engels, Parivar, Byaktigata Malikana O Rashtrer Utpatti (Bengali Translation)

Shefali Moitra, Naitikata O Naribad

August Babel, Women in the Past, Present and Future

August Babel, Nari: Atit, Bartaman Bhabishyat (Bengali Translation By Kanak Mukhopadhyaya)

Satyabrata Chakroborty, Bharater Rashtra Bhabana

Recommended Books:

Ira Sengupta, Manovidya

Amal Kr Mukhopadhyaya, (translated by Arun Kr Roy Choudhury) Paschatya Rastra cinta Dhara- Plato theke Marx.

Madhabendra Mitra & Pushpa Misra, Manasamikhsa

V I Lenin, The State: An Essay

Parimal Bhusan Kar, Samaj Tatva

Sudarshan Ray Chaudhury, Rashtra

Frederick Engels, Principles of Communism

Frederick Engels, Communism-er Mul Niti

Gurudas Bandhyopadhyay, Sarvodaya Andolonon Itihaas

Humayun Azad, Dvitiyo Lingo

Susan Moller Okin, Justice, Gender and the Family

PART -II

Paper – III

History of Western Philosophy

Candidates are required to answer five short questions covering the entire syllabus within one fifty words, each carrying five marks. And they have to answer five broad questions covering the entire syllabus within six hundred words each carrying fifteen marks.

Plato and Aristotle: Theory of knowledge (episteme) and Opinion (doxa) and its refutation by Aristotle, Plato's theory of idea.

Descartes: Method of Doubt, *Cogito* Principle, Different types of Ideas, Criterion of Truth, God and the External world.

Spinoza: Substance, attributes and modes, existence of God, Pantheism, Theory of Knowledge.

Leibnits: Monad, Truths of Reason, Truth of Fact, Pre-established Harmony, Innate Idea.

Locke: Ideas and their classification, Refutation of Innate Ideas, Substance, Locke's realism and theory of knowledge, Degrees of knowledge, Primary and Secondary qualities .

Berkeley: Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Rejection of the distinction between Primary and Secondary qualities, *Esse est percipi*; Place of God.

Hume : Impression and Ideas; Association of Ideas; Judgement Concerning relations of Ideas and matters of fact, Causality, Scepticism.

Kant: Conception of critical Philosophy, Copernician Revolution, distinction between apriori and aposteriori, distinction between analytic-synthetic judgement, possibility of synthetic-apriori judgement, space and time as apriori intuitions

Text Books:

F. Copleston, A History of Philosophy, vols . IV . V . VI . VII .

Suggested Readings :

P. Edwards, Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.

B. Russell, History of Western Philosophy.

R. Falckenberg, History of Modern Philosophy.

F. Thilly, A History of Philosophy.

W. K. Wright, History of Modern Philosophy.

Bernard Williams, Descartes.

S. Hampshire, Spinoza.

J. Locke, An Essay Concerning Human Understanding.

Locke, Berkeley and Hume, C. R. Morris

G. Pitcher, Berkeley.

N. Reacher, Leibniz: An Introduction to his Philosophy.

T. E. Jessop and A. R. Luce (ed.), The Works of George Berkeley.

D. M. Dutta, Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy.

David Hume, An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding.

D. Hume, A Treatise of Human Nature.

Immanuel Kant, N. K. Smith (tr. and ed), Critique of Pure Reason.
H. J. Paton, Kant's Metaphysics of Experience.
Rasvihari Das, A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason.
D. J. O. Conner, A Critical History of Western Philosophy.
R. Scruton, A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein.
N. B. Chakraborty, Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (Locke, Berkeley, Hume).
Chandrodaya Bhattacharya (Part- I & II), Paschatya Darsaner Itihas.
Ramaprasad Das, Hume-er enquiry.
Rasvihari Das, Kant-er Darsan.

PAPER-IV

Western Logic

Question 1 is compulsory. Candidates have to answer 5 short - type questions (each carrying two marks) covering the entire syllabus of this paper. Candidates are required to answer any six questions taking two from group A, B, and C.

Group – A

Propositional Logic

Truth functions and truth functional connections: Symbols for Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction, Conditional Statements and Material Implication and Material Equivalence.

Argument Forms and Arguments.

Validity Testing

Statement Forms and Statement.

Tautologous, Contradictory and Contingent Statement forms.

Truth-Tree Method.

Method of Deduction: Construction of Formal Proof of Validity by using Nineteen rules.

Proof of invalidity by assignment of Truth Values.

Proof by I.P. and C.P.

Group – B

Logic of Quantification and Multiple-General Quantification

Boolean interpretation of Categorical propositions: Review of the traditional laws of logic concerning immediate inference and syllogism. Venn Diagram technique for testing syllogisms.

Quantification Theory : Need for Quantification Theory , Singular Propositions , Quantification. Translating traditional subject - Predicate Proposition into the logical notation of Propositional Function and Quantifier . Quantification rules and Proving Validity, Proving invalidity for arguments involving Quantifiers and Multiple general propositions.

Group – C

Induction and Probability

Introduction to Induction: Causal Connections: Cause and effect, Meaning of Cause: Mill's Method of Experimental Enquiry: Method of Agreement; Method of Difference; Joint Method of Agreement and Difference; Method of Residues; Method of Concomitant Variation; Criticism of Mill's Method and Vindication of Mill's Method, Probability: Alternative Conceptions of Probability; the Probability Calculus; Joint Occurrences and Alternative Occurrences.

Science and Hypothesis: Explanations- Scientific and Unscientific, Evaluating scientific explanations, the Detective as Scientist, the problem, preliminary hypothesis, collecting additional facts, formulating

the hypothesis, deducing further consequences, testing the consequences, the application, the pattern of scientific investigation, crucial experiments and *ad hoc* hypothesis.

Text

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

I. M. Copi, *Symbolic Logic*

Jeffery, *Formal Logic*

Mill, *A System of Logic*

Suggested Readings

Ramaprasad Das, *Sanketik Yukti Vijnana*

Ramaprasad Das and Subir Ranjan Bhattacharya, *Samsad Yuktivijnana Abhidhan*

Samir Chakroborty, *Yukti Vijnaner Bhumika*

Sukla Chakroborty, *Tarka Vijnana*

PART -III

Paper – V

Indian Epistemology and Logic

It is a text-oriented paper and the recommended text is *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika* by Annambhatta (Selected portions)

Candidates are required to answer question 1 and any five from the rest each carrying 15 marks, within 600 words each.

Question 1: Candidates are required to answer five short questions, each carrying five marks within 150 words each.

Buddhi or Jñāna : Definition and classification .

Smṛiti : Definition and classification of smṛiti into yathārtha and ayathārtha .

Anubhava: Definition and its classification into yathārtha and ayathārtha .

Definition : Yathārtha anubhava or pramā and ayathārtha anubhava or apramā, Classification of ayathārtha anubhava.

Definition: Karana and kāraṇa and kārya , kinds of kāraṇa, concept of anyathāsiddhi and its varieties.

Pratyakṣa : Definition and its two fold division: Nirvikalpaka and Savikalpaka pratyakṣa, proof for the existence of Nirvikalpaka, Sannikarṣa and its varieties - Laukika and Alaukika sannikarṣa, problem of transmission of sound, solution of the problem of anupalabdhi as a distinct pramāna .

Anumana: Definition of anumiti , parāmarśa , pakṣatā, vyāpti and vyāptigraha, svārthanumiti and parār-thānumiti, Analysis of Pañcāvayava Nyāya, classification of Linga or hetu, classification of pakṣa , sapakṣa and vipakṣa, marks of saddhetu, hetvābhāsa : Definition and classification. Two types of definition . Five kinds of hetvābhāsa : Svavyabhicāra and and its three kinds defined and illustrated, Viruddha - definition and illustration, Satpratipakṣa - defined and illustrated, three kinds of Asiddhi - āśrayāsiddhi , svarupāsiddhi and vyapatāsiddhi . (Upādhi and its four kinds excluded).

Upamāna: Definition and illustration.

Śabda: As a Pramāna defined and analyzed, Śakti - as lśvara sanketa and as pada - padārtha sambandha, How sakti can be known? Analysis of lakṣaṇā - its three varieties. Gounivṛtti , and Vyanjanāvṛtti, Conditions of sābdabodha, Two kinds of vākya - Vaidika and Laukika.

Suggested Readings

Anamika Roy Chaudhory - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

Dipak Kumar Bagchi - *Tarkasamgraha* O *Dipika*.

Kanailal Podder - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

Narayan Chandra Goswami - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

Gopinath Bhattacharya - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

PAPER-VI

Ethics (Indian / Western) and Philosophy of Religion

Candidates will have to answer question 1 and any six carrying 15 marks each (within 600 words) from the rest taking two from group A, B, and C. Question 1 will consist of six short questions covering the entire syllabus, each carrying 5 marks out of which candidates have to answer any two questions (within 150 words).

Group - A

Indian Ethics

Introduction: Special features of Indian Ethics as opposed to western Ethics, Concept of Sthitaprajna, and Karma yoga - (From Srimad Bhagavat Gita 2nd and 3rd Adhyaya)

Purusartha- Concept of the four purusartha-s and their interrelations.

Dharma: Meaning of Dharma (Mimamsa and Nyaya view only), Sadharandharma and Visesa dharma (with special reference to Varna-asrama dharma and Svadharma),

Duties: Pancasila, Brahmavihara , Anubrata , Mahabrata and ahimsa (Baudha and Jaina view only).

Group - B

Western Ethics

Nature of ethics and Ethical Problems: Morality and Moral Problems, Moral-actions, Object of Moral judgment.

Theories of Morality: Naturalism, Emotivism (Ayers' view only) , Prescriptivism . (Brief conception only)

Standards of Morality: Hedonism: Ethical, Psychological. Utilitarianism: Act Utilitarianism and Rule utilitarianism, Deontological theory: Distinction between Act and Rule, Deontological theories: Kant's Moral theory.

Group - C

Philosophy of Religion

Origin of Religion: Different theories (A) Anthropological and (B) Psychological, Nature and scope of Philosophy of Religion, Magic and Religion, Sacred and Profane.

Proof for the existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral arguments.

Grounds for disbelief in God: Sociological theory and Freudian theory.

Comparative Religion: Concept (in brief).

Suggested Readings

- S. K. Moitra - The Ethics of the Hindus
- S. C. Chatterjee - Fundamentals of Hinduism
- W. Frankena - Ethics
- W. Lillie - An Introduction to Ethics
- John H. Hick - Philosophy of Religion

P. K. Mahapatra (ed.) Studies on the Purusarthas
Surama Dasgupta - Development of Moral Philosophies in India
J. N. Sinha - History of Indian Philosophy (vol. I)
Samarendra Bhattacharya- Nitividya
Somnath Chakraborty- Nitividya
Rabindranath Das - Dharmadarsan
Madhusudan Saraswati - Bhagavatgita (Bengali)
Atul Chandra Sen - Bhagavatgita (Bengali)
Amita Chatterjee (ed.) - Bharatiya Dharmaniti (Selected Portions)
Dikshit Gupta - Nitishastra
Dilip Kumar Mohanta - Dharmadarsaner Katipaya Samasya.
Pritibhusan Chatterjee- Studies in Comparative Religion
Shekh Abdul Wahab- Binsha Satabdir Nitidarsan
Fred Feldman – Introductory Ethics
Beauchamb – Philosophical Ehics
Mial Edwards- Philosophy of Religion

PAPER-VII

Question 1 is compulsory. The candidates are to answer five compulsory short questions (within two sentences) covering the entire syllabus and six broad questions carrying fifteen marks each (within 600 words) each taking three from each group.

Group- A

Analytical Philosophy

Recommended Text: John Hospers, An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

Meaning and Definition: Word-meaning, Definitions, Vagueness, and Sentence-meaning.

Knowledge: Concept, Truth, The Nature of Knowledge, and the Sources of Knowledge.

Our Knowledge of the Physical World: Realism, Idealism, and Phenomenalism.

Group – B

Problems of Philosophy

Recommended Text: Bertrand Russell – The Problems of Philosophy

Appearance and Reality

Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description

On Induction

The World of Universals

The Value of Philosophy

Suggested Readings

The Problem of Knowledge: A. J. Ayer

Language, Truth and Logic: A. J. Ayer

Readings in Philosophical Analysis: J. Hospers

The Central Questions of Philosophy: A. J. Ayer

Theory of Knowledge: A. J. Woozley

Darsanik Bishleshaner Ruprekha: Samarikanta Samanta .

Darsanik Bishleshaner Bhumika: Samarendra Bhattacharyya

Darsanik Jignasa (Bagarthatattva): Rama Prasad Das.

Darsanik Jignasa (Jnanatattva -2): Rama Prasad Das.

Darsanik Jignasa (Jnanatattva - 3) : Rama Prasad Das .

Paratattva O Bhanta Jagater Jnana: Rama Prasad Das.

Darsanik Bishleshaner Ruprekha: Rama Prasad Das and Shibapada Chakraborty.

Darsanik Bishleshaner Bhumika: Dikshit Gupta.

PAPER-VIII

Philosophical Classics

This Paper will consist of two groups Group A and Group B each consisting of 50 marks. Group A consists of some classical texts out of which students will have to choose any **one**. Group B is allotted for Essay Paper .

Group A

(Anyone from the following groups)

1. Sadananda Yogindra : Vedantasāra

2. Ryle -The Concept of Mind

Chapters Descartes' Myth
Knowing How And Knowing That
The Will
Disposition and Occurrences
Self Knowledge.

3. Logic

Group- I

Set Theory – Chapters 9, 10 and 11.

Introduction, Membership, Inclusion, the Empty Set, Operations on Sets, Intersection, Union and Difference, Domain Of Individuals, Translating sentences of everyday language into Set Notation, Venn diagram, Definition of Relations, Properties of Binary Relations, Definition of Functions and Operations on Functions.

Group-II

Truth-Tree for Quantification

Entailment –By P.K.Sen.

Suggested Reading:

R. Jeffery- Formal Logic - Its Scope And Limits (first ed)

P. Suppes – Introduction to Logic

P.K.Sen (ed.) Jadavpur Studies Vol. II

4. Practical Vedanta - Vivekananda

Topics : Man, Universal Religion, Practical Vedanta

Suggested Reading:

Vivekananda- Practical Vedanta

5. The Manifesto of the Communist Party – Karl Marx And Frederick Engels.

Suggested Readings:

Marx and Engels, Communist Manifesto, with notes By D. Riyazanov, edited by V.G.Kiernan. (Bengali Translation is also available) Translated by Ganendranath Bandyopadhyay, Pearl Publishers
 Maurice Cornforth, Dialectical Materialism, National Book Agency
 Shovanlal Duttgupta ,Marxiya Rastrachainta, West Bengal State Book Board.
 Sudarshan Roy Chowdhury ,Communist Istaharer Bhumika
 Sudhansu Dasgupta, Communist Manifesto Prasange, NBA
 Surabhi Bandyopadhyay, Samajbijnaner Sabda Parichaya , West Bengal State Book Board .
 Tarapada Lahiri , Marxiya Darsan O Samajbijnaner Bhumika , Lokayata Sahitya Chakra.

6. Dharma: Rabindranath Tagore

Manusyatva , Pracina Bharater Ekah , Prarthana , Dukhah, Utsaber Din , Tatah Kim

Suggested Reading:

Rabindranath Thakur- Dharma, Viswabharati Granthanvibhaga, Kolkata .

7. Practical and Environmental Ethics

Killing: Suicide, Euthanasia,
 Animal Killing
 Feminist Ethics: Radical and Liberal,
 Human Rights And Discrimination.
 War And Violence -Terrorism.
 Concept of Environmental Ethics: Anthropocentrism and Non- Anthropocentrism, Deep Ecology and
 Concepts of Management Ethics

Suggested Readings:

Peter Singer – Practical Ethics
 Peter Singer (ed.) Applied Ethics
 Rinita Majumder -A Short Introduction to Feminist Ethics .
 D.J.O. Byrne – Human Rights: An Introduction
 Peter Singer: Applied Ethics For Environmental Ethics
 G. Geetha- Gender.
 Dikshit Gupta-Nitividya O Phalita Nitividya
 Shefali Moitra- Naitikata O Narivada
 Samarendra Bhattacharya- Vyavaharika Nitivijnana (new edition)

Group: B

Group B is an essay paper. Candidates will have to write **two** essays out of twenty topics within of 1500 words, covering the entire syllabus of Philosophy Honours. Each essay carries 25 marks.