

Syllabus MA Philosophy
Nov semester.

MA Philosophy-2000 Autumn Semester

PAPER - I CLASSICAL INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

- I. General characteristics of Indian Philosophy – The value of the study of Indian Philosophy – The different periods of Indian thought – Vedic, Epic, systematic and scholastic.
- II. The Philosophy of the Upanisads (pp. 137-259)
Introduction – The teaching of the Upanisads – The thinkers of the Upanisads – The problem discussed in the Upanisads. The nature of Reality – Brahman-Atman-Creations – Degrees of Reality – The Individual self – The Ethics of the Upanisads – Moksa-Karma- Psychology of the Upanisads.
- III. Carvaka System: Epistemology
- IV. The School of Buddhism – Madhyamika Dialectic
- V. Jainism – Introduction – is Jainism an off shoot of Buddhism – is Jainism Atheistic Epistemology – Darsana and Jnana – Kevalajnana – Inference Metaphysics – Reality and Existence – Ontology – Jiva Ajiva – Nayavada – Syadvada.
- VI. Nyaya – Vaisesika theory of knowledge and categories.
- VII. Sankhya – Yogo-Evolution-Yoga.
- VIII. Schools of Vedanta: Sankara's Advaita System – Visita Advaita and Dvaita Epistemology – Metaphysics and theory of Liberation.

Text Books

- Chapters I & II. S. Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy Vol.1. pp.21-60. 137-259
Chapter III – S.N. Dasgupta – A history of Indian Philosophy Vol.III.
Chap.6.pp.512-500
Chapter IV. C.D. Sharma – Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, Chap.6. pp.84
Chapter V. S. Gopalan – Outlines of Jainism. pp.47-48, pp121-156, pp159-189.
Chapter VI. B.K. Matilal - Perception
R.C. Mullatti – Nyaya Theory of Inference
(Relevant sections only)
Chapter VII. S. Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy Vol.II. Ch. IV & V pp.466-721
Chapter VIII. S.Radhakrishnan – Indian Philosophy Vol.II Ch.VIII, IX & X
pp. 737 – 751.

Reading List

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| 1. T.M.P. Mahadevan | - The Philosophy of Advaita |
| 2. R. Balasubramanian | - The Philosophy of Advaita |
| 3. N.K. Devaraj | - An introduction to Sankara's Theory of Knowledge |
| 4. K.D. Bhavadwaj | - The Philosophy of Ramanuja |
| 5. R.K. Sinari | - The Structure of Indian Thought |

PAPER - II THE PHILOSOPHY OF KANT

Text:

Norman Kemp Smith (Tr) : Immanuel Kants Critiques of Pure Reason

Original reading of the following pages of the text is required. Lectures are based on these portions.

I. Introduction to the Critique of Pure Reason (pp.41-58)

The distinction between the Pure empirical knowledge - The distinction between Analytic synthetic Judgement. The general problem of pure reason.

II. Transcendental Doctrines of Elements

Transcendental Aesthetic (pp. 65-74)

1. Introduction
2. Space
3. Time
4. General Observation on the Transcendental Aesthetic

III. Transcendental Logic (pp. 92-100)

Introduction - Idea of Transcendental Logic - Logic in general. The division of Transcendental Logic into Transcendental Analytic and Dialectic.

IV. Transcendental Analytic (pp. 102 - 129)

Analytic of Concepts - The clue to the discovery of all pure concepts of the understanding or categories - The deduction of the pure concepts of understanding.

V. Analytic of Principles (pp. 170-180, 194-275)

Introduction - Systematization of the pure concepts of understanding, systematic representation of all the synthetic principles of pure understanding - axioms of Intuition - Anticipations of perception - Analogies of experience - The postulates of Empirical Thought in general. The ground of the distinction of all objects in general into Phenomena and Noumena.

VI. Transcendental Dialectic (pp.297-305)

Introduction - Transcendental illusion - The logical employment of Reason - The Pure employment of Reason. The concepts of Pure Reason (pp.308-332) - The Dialectical inferences of pure reason (327-421). The Paralogisms of pure reason - The antinomies of Pure Reason.

VII. The ideal of Pure Reason (pp.485 - 527)

The ideal in general - The arguments of specialitive reason in proof of the existence of a Supreme Being - The Impossibility of an ontological proof of the existence of God - The impossibility of the physicotheological Proof. The Critique of all Theology based upon specialitive principles of Reason.

Reading List

1. S. Korner - Kant
2. Ralph C S Walker - Kant (Arguments of Philosophers series)
3. Kant's Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics (ed) Lewis White Beck.
4. Ernst Cassirer - Kant's Life and Thought (tr) by James Haden
5. England, P.E. Kant's Conception of God

