FIRST SEMESTER M.A DEGREE EXAMINATION
PHILOSOPHY
PY CO1 INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

Time; Three Hours

Part A (Short answer)
Answer all questions
Each question carries 1 weightage
Answer should not exceed 50 words

1. Bhutha chathustaya
2. Immediate perception in Jainism
3. Mati and Sruta
4. Samanya
5. Visesa
6. Abhava
7. Brahma parinamavada
8. Brahma vivartha vada
9. Triputhi prathyaksha vada
10. Akyathi
11. Anyatakhyathi
12. Jnata vada
13. Prag abava
14. Anirvachaniyakhya

Part B (Short essay)
Answer any 7 questions
Each question should not exceed 150 words
Each question carries 2 weightage

15. Write a short note on Indian materialism
16. Explain Carvaka rejection of Inference
17. Elucidate Syadvada
18. Explain intrinsic validity in Mimamsa
19. Write a short note on Dravya in Jainism
20. Discuss Satkarya vada
21. Describe Perception in Nyaya
22. Explain Vaisesika view of atomism
23. Give an account of Arthapatti in Mimamsa
24. Elucidate Sankara theory of error

Part C (Essay)
Answer any 2 questions
Each question should not exceed 450 words
Each question carries 4 weightage

25. Write an essay on Jaina epistemology
26. Critically examine the pramanas accepted by Nyaya Vaisesika
27. Expound the causation theory and its epistemological relation in Purvamimamsa
28. Write an essay on Sankara’s theory of knowledge
PYII C 05: WESTERN METAPHYSICS

6 Hrs/week.  
108 Contact Hrs.

Unit 1. The concept of Metaphysics  
Aristotle’s View; Metaphysics as the Science of Being, Qua Being; 
Descart’s View; Spinoza’s view, Kant’s view, Positivist view.

Unit II  Approaches to Metaphysics  
Metaphysics as a pseudo science (a body of non-sensical utterance 
Metaphysics as protoscience (pre-scientific thinking) 
Metaphysics as going beyond science 
Metaphysics as thrusting beyond the limits of language 
(Heidegger; Wittgenstein) 
Metaphysics as presuppositionlessness (Phenomenology)

Unit III Problems of Metaphysics  
Appearance and Reality 
Being, Essence and Existence 
Mind and Body 
Space and Time 
Part and Whole

Reference;
Walsh, W.H, Metaphysics,  
Russell, B, Problems of Philosophy, OUP  
A.E. Taylor, An Introduction to Metaphysics  
Taylor, Richard (ed) Introductory reading in Metaphysics  
Sclesinger, G.N, Metaphysics  
Bergson Introduction to Metaphysics  
Hiedegger, An Introduction to Metaphysics  
Bradley, Approach to Reality (Introduction)  
Aristotle, Metaphysics, relevant chapters from Book A and E
PYII C 06:INDIAN METAPHYSICS

6 Hrs/week. CREDIT 4
108 contact Hrs.

Unit 1. Upanisads- Metaphysics Hrs.18
Nature of reality-Brahman-Atman-Creation-Degrees of Reality.

Unit II. Jainism-Metaphysics Hrs.20
Reality and Existence,-Ontology-Jiva- Ajiva

Unit III Buddhism –Metaphysics Hrs.22
The four noble truths, eight fold path and
the Doctrine of Dependent Origination

Unit IV Sankyha yoga -Metaphysics Hrs.22
Reality – Prakrthi-Purusha- Theory of evolution

Unit V. Schools of Vedanta Hrs.22
Sankara’s Advaita System- VisistaAdvaita and Dvaita

Reference;

Dr. S. Radhakrishnan ; Indian Philosophy Vol I and II;
C.D Sharma ; A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy
Hiriyanna ; Essentials of Indian Philosophy ;
Datta and Chatterjee ; Indian Philosophy
S.N.Das Guptha ; Indian Philosophy
(relevant vols)
PYII C 07: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN WESTERN THOUGHT

6 Hrs/week. CREDIT 4
108 contact. Hrs.

Unit 1. Structuralism and Semiotics; Hrs.24
Concept of Sign – Generation of Meaning – Deep Structure
And Surface Structure – Media and Message – Truth and Meaning

Unit II. Ideology and Criticism; Hrs.24
Ideology as material force – Interpretation – Two features – Super structure
and Ideology

Unit III. Post Structuralism Hrs.25
Structure, Sign, play- The indeterminacy of meaning – Text and –
Difference – Philosophy of writing, reading and deconstruction

Unit IV Post Modernism Hrs.35
29. Modernism and the project of modernity – features of modern philosophy
– Renaissance and enlightenment – Descartes, Kant and Marx.
B) Post modernism; Incredulity narrative towards meta narrative, -
paralogical ways – post modernism and globalization – post modernism
and the concept of progress – commodification – Real and representation
revivalism.

Reference;
Jacques Derrida, Writing and Difference, Tran. Alan Bass

Jameson; Post-modernism or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism, Duke University Press
(Introduction and conclusion)

Lenin and Philosophy, Monthly Review, New York

Lyotard; The Post Modern Condition, Manchester

Terence Hawkers; Semiotics and Structuralism, Methuen.

Terence Hawkers; Cultural Materialism; Theory and Practice, Blackwell Publication