

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

Time; Three Hours

Weightage; 36

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. Jnatata vada
  13. Prag abava
  14. Anirvachaniyakhyathi
- 14 x 1=14 Weightage

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
- 7 x 2 = 14 weightage

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

2 x 4 =8 weightage

## PYII C 05:WESTERN METAPHYSICS

6 Hrs/week.  
108 Contact Hrs.

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Unit 1. The concept of Metaphysics Hrs.30

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 Hrs.40

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;Wittegenstein)  
Metaphysics as presuppositionlessness (Phenomenology)

Unit III Problems of Metaphysics Hrs.38

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)*

Camap. R, *Elimination of Metaphysics in Ayer.*

Aristotle, *Metaphysics* , relevant chapters from Book A and E

## PYII C 06:INDIAN METAPHYSICS

6Hrs/week.

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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.  
108 contact. Hrs.

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- Unit 1. Structuralism and Semiotics ; Hrs.24  
Concept of Sign – Genration 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, NewYork

Lyotard ;*The Post Modern Condition* , , Manchester

Terence Hawkers ; *Semiotics and Structuralism*, Methuen.

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