UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

Syllabus for B. A. General)
under revised new course structure
for Part - I, Part - II and Part - III

in

PHILOSOPHY

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B.A. Part – I (General)

Paper – I

(Indian Philosophy Part – A)

Full Marks – 50

1. Introduction :

   i. Nature of Indian Philosophy

   ii. Division of Indian Philosophy : Āstika and Nāstika Systems.

   iii. Nāstika Systems : Cārvāka, Bauddha, Jaina.

   Āstika Systems : Nyāya, Vaisesika, Samkhya, Yoga, Purva Mimāmsā, Uttar Mimāmsā or Vedānta.

2. The Cārvāka System :

   i. Positive teachings; Admission of four bhutas – Origin of consciousness.

   Atmā as embodied consciousness (Caitanyavisista deha eva atma)

   Admission of artha and kārna as Purusarthas – perception as only pramāna – Karya – Kāran – Vada.

   ii. Non-admission of byoma (ākāsa) – Rejection of Dehātirikta Atma-Rejection of Dharma and Moksa as purusarthas – Rejection of Inference and Testimony as sources of knowledge – Rejection of Vedapramanya – Rejection of Paraloka.

Conclusion :

The Importance of Carvaka philosophy.

3. The Buddha System :

   ii. Nairātmyavāda

   iii. Ksanikavada

   iv. Four Nobel Truths.

4. The Jaina System :

   i. Introduction

   ii. Syādvada and its relation to anekantavāda

   iii. Jaina categories and Moksa.

Reference Books :

1. Dutta and Chatterjee : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.*

2. Dr. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratiya Darsan*

3. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Bhāratiya Darsan.*

4. C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian philosophy.*

5. M. Hiriyanna : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy.*

Paper – II

(Western Metaphysics and Epistemology)

Full Marks – 50

1. Theories of the Origin of Knowledge : Rationalism, Empiricism & Kant's critical theory.

2. Realism and Idealism as theories of reality :

   i. Realism : Naïve Realism, Scientific Realism, New and Critical Realism.

   ii. Idealism : Subjective Idealism (Berkeley) Objective Idealism (Hegel).

3. Causality : Entailment Theory : Regularity Theory.

4. Mind-Body Problem : Inter-actianism, Parallelism and the Identity Theory.

Reference Books :

1. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Paschatya Darshaner Bhumika.*

2. Ramaprasad Das & Shiba Pada Chakraborty – *Pashatya Darshaner Ruprekha*.

3. Promod Bandhu Sengupta : *Paschatya Darsan*.

4. Jagadiswar Sanyal : *Paschatya Darsan*

5. John Hospers : *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*.

6. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Pāschātya Darsan*

7. S. P. Chakraborty : *Darsan Bhumia*.

8. Satyajyoti Chakraborty : *General Philosophy*

Paper – III
(Psychology)

Full Marks – 50

1. Definition & scope of Psychology, nature of Psychology as a science. Methods of psychology – subjective, objective and experimental.

2. Sensation : Nature, classification and attribute of sensation.

3. Perception : Nature of Perception and its relation to sensation. Gestalt theory of perception : perception of distance. Solidity and motion, illusion and hallucination.

4. Percept and Image : Memory - its factor and range, marks of good memory. Law of Association, Forgetfulness and its causes.

5. Attention : Its nature and types, conditions of attention.

6. Learning : The Trial and Error theory, the Gestalt theory, Pavlov's Conditioned Response theory.

7. Emotion : Nature of emotion, James Lange theory of emotion.

8. Consciousness : Conscious, Sub-conscious, Unconscious – Its evidence, Freud's theory of Dream.

9. Personality : Factors of Personality, Heredity and Environment.

10. Intelligence : Measurement of intelligence; Binet-simon test.

Reference Books :

1. P. N. Bhattacharya : *Text Books of Psychology*.
2. P. N. Bhattacharya : *Manovidya*.
3. Deviprasad Chottopadhyay : *Manovijnan*
4. J. Sanyal : *Manovidya*.
5. G. D. Boaz : *General Psychology*
6. P. B. Sengupta : *Monovidya*
7. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Monovidya*
8. Sengupta, Basu & Ghosh : *Manovidya Samaj – O Darsan O Rastradarsan*.
9. Dr. Pritibhusan Chattopadhyay & Sandeep Das : *Monovidya Samaj O Rastradarsan*.

B.A. Part – II (General)

Paper – I

(Indian Philosophy, Part – B)

Full Marks – 50

1. The Nyāya System :

   i. The Nature of Perception ordinary (Laukika) & extraordinary (Alaukika) perception. Determinate (Savikalpaka) & Indeterminate (Nirvikalpaka) perception.

   ii. Anumana : Sādhya, Paksa, Hetu, Vyāpti, Vyāptigraha, Svarthanumiti and parārthanumiti, Pañchavayava (five membered syllagism).

2. The vaisesika system :

   Vaisesika : Seven categories (Padārthas). Dravya, Guna, Karma, Sāmānya, Samavaya, Visesa, abhāva.

3. The Sāmkhya System :

   Causation, Purusa, Prakriti and its gunas, Evolution.

Reference Books :

1. Dutta and Chatterjee : *An-Introduction to Indian Philosophy*.
2. Dr. Niradbaran Chakraborty: *Bhāratiya Darsan.*
3. Dr. Karuna Bhattacharjee: *Nyāya Vaisesika Darsan.*
4. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Bhāratiya Darsan.*
5. C.D. Sharma: *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.*
6. M. Hiriyanna: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*.

Paper: II

(Western Logic)

Full Marks: 50

1. Proposition, Categorical Propositions and classes: Quality, quantity and distribution.
2. Traditional Square of Oppositions.
3. Further immediate Inference : Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition.
4. Existential Impart of propositions: Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Proposition. Translating categorical propositions into standard forms.
5. Categorical syllogism: Figure, Mood, Testing syllogism for validity, Testing arguments by Venn Diagram. Rules and Fallacies. Disjunctive and hypothetical syllogism. The Dilemma.
6. Symbolic Logic: The value of special symbols for conjunction, Negation and Disjunction, implications and material implications. Argument Forms and Argument statements. Truth-Table Method for testing arguments.
7. Inductive Logic: Analogy, Hypothesis- Nature and condition. Scientific Method- its different steps.

Reference Books:

1. I. M. Copi : *Introduction to Logic*.
2. Rama Prasad Das : *Paschatya Darsan* O Juktivijan
3. Jagadiswar Sanyal : *Juktivijan*.

Paper- III

(Social and Political Philosophy)

Full Marks: 50

1. Nature and scope of Social Philosophy.
2. Primary concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institutions.
3. Social groups: its different forms.
4. Social codes: Religious and Moral codes, Custom & Law, Culture and Civilization.
5. Social class and Caste; Principles of class and caste, Attitudes and class-consciousness.
6. Political Ideals: Equality, Justice and Liberty. Democracy and its different forms.
7. Socialism and Marxism.

Reference Books:

1. Dr. Sararendra Bhattacharyya : *Samaj Darsan O Rastra Darsan.*
2. Dr. Pritibhusan Chatttopadydday : *Monovidya, Samaj O Rastradarsan.*
3. MacIver and Page : *Society*
4. Parimal Bhusan Kar : *Samaj Tattwa.*
5. Sudarsan Roychowdhury : *Rastra*
6. Dilip Kr. Chattopaddhyay : *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika.*
7. Sengupta,j Basu and Ghosh : *Monovidya, Samaj O Darsan O Rastradarsan.*

Part – III
Paper – IV

100 marks

Theoretical and applied ethics

1. What is ethics?
2. Moral and non-moral actions.
3. Postulates of morality.
5. Utilitarianism – Bentham and Mill.
6. Kant's conception of good will, duty and categorical imperative.
7. Problem of the freedom of will.
8. Ethics of Niskāma Karma. (Gita)
9. Capital Punishment: Theories of Punishment.
10. Concepts of Applied Ethics.
11. Equality, Discrimination and preferential treatment.
12. Value of life: Suicide and Euthanasia.
13. Environmental Ethics: The environment and the human community, Future generations, Reverence for Life, Deep ecology.
14. Mahatma Gandhi's Conception of Ahimsa (non-violence) Satyagraha (zest for truth) and means-ends relationship.

Reference Books:

1. W. Lillie – Introduction to Ethics.
2. Samarendra Bhattacharya – Nitividya.
3. Peter Singer – Practical Ethics (Chaps. I and VII)
4. James Rachals (ed) – Moral Problems (Part-I, Part-III, Part-VI Relevant Portions).
5. Bernard Williams: – Morality-An Introduction to Ethics.
6. J. Rackels: – The End of life - Euthansia and Morality.
7. W. K. Frankena – Ethics.
8. Raghvan Aiyer – Moral and Political Thought of Mahatama Gandhi.
9. J. J. C. Smart and Bernard Williams – Utilitarianism: For and Against.
10. Peter Singer – Applied Ethics for Environment Ethics.
11. J. L. Mackie- Ethics – Inventing right and wrong.
12. Peter Singer (ed) – A Companion to Ethics.
13. J. Rachels – Elements of Moral Philosophy.
14. R.A. Duff – Trials and Punishments.

(In Bengali)

1. Nitividya O Tār prayog – Dr. Dikshit Gupta
2. Kathay O Karma Nitividya – Somnath Chakraborty
3. Vyavaharik Nitividya – Pradip Kumar Roy, Bangla Academy, Dacca.