

Revised syllabus  
2010 - 2011

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

**General Papers**

**Full Marks 400**

Part I – Paper I (100 Marks)

Part II – Paper II and Paper III (200 Marks)

Part III – Paper IV (100 marks)

Candidates are required to answer five objective questions covering the entire syllabus within two sentences each carrying two marks each. And two short questions covering the entire syllabus within one hundred words, each carrying five marks. They have to also answer two broad questions covering the entire syllabus within three hundred words each carrying fifteen marks.

**PART-I**

**PAPER-I**

**Epistemology and Metaphysics (Indian and Western)**

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**SAME PATTERN WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR ALL GROUPS OF ALL PAPERS.**

**Group A**

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**Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics**

**Cārvāka Epistemology:** Perception as the only source of knowledge, Refutation of Inference and Testimony as sources of knowledge.

**Cārvāka Metaphysics:** Causality- Svabhābavāda, Yadrīcchāvāda, Ākasmikatāvāda, Jagat, Bhutachaitanyavāda.

**B. Nyāya Epistemology:** Jñāna: Smṛiti, Anubhava - yathārtha and ayathārtha, Pramā, Apramā,

Perception: Nature of perception, classifications of Perception: Determinate (Savikalpaka) and Indeterminate (Nirvikalpaka)

**B. Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics:** Seven categories: Outlines of Dravya, Guṇa, Karma, Detailed Explanations of Sāmānya, Viśeṣa, Samavāya, and Abhāva.

**Advaita Metaphysics:** Nature of Brahman, Māyā, Jagat, Relation between Brahman and Jiva.

### Group B

GM

### Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

**Theories of the origin of knowledge:** Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical Theory.

**Realism and Idealism as theories of Reality.**

**Realism:** Naive Realism, Locke's Representationalism..

**Idealism:** Subjective Idealism (Berkeley)

⑥ **Substance:** Empiricist and Rationalist view of Substance.

**Causality:** Entailment theory, Regularity Theory.

**Mind-body Problem:** Interactionism, Parallelism, and Identity Theory.

### Recommended Text:

M.Hiriyana, Outlines of Indian Philosophy

F. Copleston, A History of Philosophy

### Suggested Readings:

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, Bharatiya Darsana (Pramana O Prameya)

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, Bhartiya O Paschatya (Jnanavidya – Adhividyā)

Samarendra Bhattacharya, Snatak Darsana – [ 3<sup>rd</sup> Part] (Text)

Karuna Bhattacharya, Nyaya – Vaisesika Darsana

Samarendra Bhattacharya, Paschatya Darsana

C.D. Sharma, A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy

D.M. Dutta and Chatterjee – An Introduction to Indian Philosophy

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## PART-II

### PAPER-II

#### Psychology and Ethics

##### Group A

SB

##### Psychology

Definition, Methods of Psychology: Subjective, objective and experimental (in brief).

Sensation: Nature, classification and attributes of sensation.

Perception: Nature of Perception and its relation to Sensation, the Gestalt theory of Perception.

Memory: Information Processing Theory

Consciousness: Levels of Consciousness – Conscious, Sub-Conscious, Un-Conscious, evidences of the three levels of consciousness, Freud's theory of dream.

Learning: Different Theories of Learning: The Gestalt Theory and Pavlov's Classical Conditioning Theory.

Intelligence: What is Intelligence? Mental age and Chronological Age, Determination of Intelligence Quotient (I.Q).

Measurement of Intelligence: Binet-Simon test.

##### Group B

GM

##### Ethics – Indian / Western

**Purusarthas:** General view and their Inter-Relations

**Karma:** Sakama and Niskama

**Carvaka Ethics**

**Buddhist Ethics:** The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Path

**Jaina Ethics:** Anuvratas and Mahavratas.

**Moral and Non-moral actions:** Concept and object of Moral Judgment.

**Standards of Morality:** (A) Teleological Ethics- Utilitarianism (Mill and Bentham) and (B) Deontological Ethics- Kant.

##### Recommended Text:

Morgan and King, Introduction to Psychology

S.K. Moitra, The Ethics of the Hindus

Dr. Dikshit Gupta, Nitividya O Monovidya

##### Suggested Readings:

Samarendra Bhattacharya, Monovidya

Dr. Sanjib Ghosh, Monovijnana O Nitavijnana

Pritibhusan Chattopadhyaya, Monovidya

Samarendra Bhattacharyaya, Nitividya

Ira Sengupta, Monovidya

Dipak Kr. Bagchi, Bharatiya Nitividya  
Woodworth Marquis, Psychology



## PART-II

## PAPER-III

Logic - (Indian / Western)

- (i)  $2 \times (5) = 10$   
 (ii)  $2 \times (15) = 30$   
 (iii)  $(5) \times 2 = 10$

Group A

(Indian Logic) Nyaya and Jaina

**Nyaya Logic :** Parāmarśa, Vyāpti, Vyāptigraha, Classification of Inference: Svārthānumiti, Parārthānumiti, Kevalāṇvayī, Kevalavyātirekī and Aṇvayavyatirekī.

**Jaina Logic :** Syādvāda, Saptabhaṅginaya. (Only Seven Nagas)

Group B

Western Logic

**Basic concepts:** Proposition, Categorical Proposition, Quality, Quantity of categorical Propositions, argument, truth, validity.

**Traditional Square of Oppositions:** Distribution of terms, conversion, obversion and contraposition.

**Categorical Proposition:** Existential Import of propositions, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical propositions

**Categorical syllogism:** Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Testing the validity of arguments by Venn diagram.

**Symbolic Logic:** The value of special symbols for conjunction, Negation, disjunction, implication, equivalence.

**Tautology, contradiction and contingency.**

**Truth Table:** Truth-table Method for testing arguments.

**Inductive Logic:** Mill's methods of experimental inquiry.

**Recommended Text:**

I.M.Copi, Introduction to Logic.

Annambhatta, - Tarkasamgraha with Dipika  
 Hiranyana : Outlines of Indian Philosophy

**Suggested Readings:**

Samir Kumar Chakraborti, Tarkasastra - Bharatiya O Paschatya.

Samarendra Bhattacharya, Snatak Darsana I.

Phalguni Mukhapadhyaya, Bharatiyananyaya O Paschatya Yuktivijnana.

## PART-III

## PAPER-IV

## Optional Paper

## Group A

SB

(Anyone of the following)

**1. SRIMAT BHAGAVAD GITA****Samkhyayoga (Second Adhyaya):** Introduction to Gita, Sakama-niskama karma, Karma-yoga, sthitaprajna.**Karma-yoga (Third Adhyaya):** Complete adhyaya included**Jñānayoga (Fourth Adhyaya):** Complete adhyaya included**2. PRACTICAL ETHICS****Practical Ethics:** Nature of Practical Ethics.**Human and Animal Rights:** Nature of Rights and Human Rights and Animal Rights.**Killing:** Suicide-Definition of suicide, Different types of suicide, whether we can call suicide a moral crime, Arguments for and against suicide Arguments for and against suicide.**Euthanasia -** Definition and Meaning of Euthanasia or Mercy-killing, Different types of Euthanasia. Arguments against and in favor of Euthanasia.**Feminist Ethics:** Nature and its meaning.**Environmental Ethics:** Nature and main concern of Environmental Ethics, necessity of it for human existence.**Crime and punishment:** Justification for punishment and different theories of punishment

## Group B

GM

(Anyone of the following)

**1. SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY****Social philosophy:** Nature and scope. ✕**Primary concepts:** Society, Community, Association and Institution, Social group and its different forms.**Religious and Moral codes.** ✕**Custom and Law.****Culture and civilization.****Class and caste:** Definition and difference between social class and caste, Class-attitudes and Class-consciousness. ✕**Political Ideals:** Democracy and its different forms, Socialism and its various forms. ✕**2. PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION****Philosophy of Religion:** Nature and scope.**Religion:** Definition.**Religion:** Origin of Religion in the Light of Anthropology.

**Grounds for the Belief in God:** Ontological argument, the First cause and Cosmological argument, and the Design or Teleological argument.

**Positivism and Agnosticism.**

**Evil and Suffering.**

**Recommended Text:**

Peter Singer, Practical Ethics.

Jagadish Chandra Ghosh, Sreemad Bhagavat Gita.

MacIver and Page, Society.

John Hick, Philosophy of Religion.

**Suggested Readings:**

Atul Chandra Sen, Sreemad Bhagavat Gita.

Swami Satyananda Dev, Sreemad Bhagavat Gita.

Peter Singer(ed), Applied Ethics.

Dikhit Gupta, Nitividya O Phalita Nitividya.

Shefali Moitra, Naitikata O Narivada.

Samarendra Bhattacharya, Vyavaharika Nitividya.

Sanjib Ghosh and Pijuskanti Ghosh, Nitividya : Tattva O Prayoga.

Samarendra Bhattacharya, Samajdarson O Rastradarson.

Sudarson Roychoudhary, Rastra.

Amal Kr. Mukhapadhyaya, Pascatya Rastracintar Dhara : Plato theke Marx

Rabindranath Das, Dharma Darson.

Dilip Kr. Mohanta, Dharmadarsaner Katipaya Samasya.