

M.A. Philosophy
First Semester
(w.e.f. 2014-15 in phased manner)

Maximum Marks: 100
Theory: 80 Marks
Assessment: 20 Marks
Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Paper-I: Indian Logic

Instructions: The Paper-setter is requested to set Nine questions in all i.e., One Compulsory Objective Type Question without any choice, equitably distributed over the whole syllabi and Two Questions from Each Unit, spread over all the concerned units, will also be set. Examinees will have to attempt Five questions in all, selecting One Question from each unit. Objective Type Question is compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

Unit-1: Nature, Scope and Utility of Logic with special reference to Indian Logic: Definition and Constituents of Anumāna in Nyāya and Buddhism; Nature of Vyāpti in Nyāya, Vedānta, Buddhism and Jainism.

Unit-2: Types of Anumāna in Nyāya, Sāṅkhya, Buddhism and Jainism; Hetvābhāsa (fallacies of Anumāna); Navya -Nyāya's Concept of Anumāna; Buddhist Doctrine of Apoha.

Unit-3: Inductive Elements in Indian Logic; the Concepts of Vyāptigrahopāya, Sāmānya Lakṣaṇa Pratyāsatti, Tarka, Upādhi-Nirāsa.

Unit-4: Anekāntavāda (The theory of relative pluralism or manifoldness); Syādvāda (The theory of conditional predication); Nayavāda (The theory of partial standpoints).

Suggested Books:

B.N. Singh	: <i>Indian Logic.</i>
B.K. Matilal	: <i>The Navya- Nyaya Doctrine of Negation.</i>
B.K. Matilal	: <i>Logic, Language and Reality.</i>
D.C. Guha	: <i>Navya - Nyaya's System of Logic.</i>
F.Th. Stcherbatsky	: <i>Buddhist Logic, Vols. I & II.</i>
Nandita Bandyopadhyaya	: <i>The Concept of Logical Fallacies.</i>
S. Barlingay	: <i>A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic.</i>
S.R.Bhatt (Tr)	: <i>Buddhist Epistemology.</i>

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Unit-1: Nature of Knowledge, Pramā & Apramā in Indian Philosophy; Epistemological Problems from the Indian point of view; Relation of Epistemology with Metaphysics and Logic.

Unit-2: Debate about the Nature, Origin (Utpatti) and Ascertainment (Jñapti) of Validity: Svataḥpramāṇyavāda and Parataḥpramāṇyavāda.

Unit-3: Theories about Invalid Perceptual Cognitions (Khyātivāda): Akhyāti, Anyathākhyāti, Viparītakhyāti, Ātmakhyāti, Asatkhyāti, Anirvacanīyakhyāti, Satkhyāti.

Unit-4: A Brief Survey of Six Sources of Knowledge (Pramāna): Pratyakṣa, Anumāna, Upamāna, Śabda, Arthāpatti, Anupalbdhi; Parmāṇa Vyavasthā and Pramāṇa Samplava.

Suggested Books:

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| B.K. Matilal | : <i>Perception</i> , Oxford University Press, 1986. |
| Debabrata Sen | : <i>The Concept of Knowledge</i> , Calcutta, 1984. |
| D.M. Datta | : <i>The Six Ways of Knowing</i> , Calcutta, 1960. |
| Dharmakirti | : <i>Nyayabindu</i> (Tr. in Stecherbatsky's <i>Buddhist Logic</i> , Vol.II). |
| Govardhan P. Bhatt | : <i>Epistemology of the Bhatta School of Purva Mimamsa</i> , Varanasi, 1962. |
| J.N. Mohanty | : <i>Gangesa's Theory of Truth</i> , Visva Bharati, 1966. |
| K.N. Jayatilleke | : <i>Early Buddhist Theory of Knowledge</i> , London, 1963. |
| P.S. Sastri | : <i>Indian Idealism</i> , Vols.I & II, Delhi, 1975-76. |
| Swami Satprakashananda | : <i>Method of Knowledge</i> , London, 1965. |
| Satishchandra Chatterjee | : <i>The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge</i> , Calcutta, 1965. |
| Srinivasa Rao | : <i>Perceptual Error: The Indian Theories</i> , University Press of Hawaii, Honolulu, 1998. |
| Visvanatha | : <i>Siddhantamuktavali</i> (Tr. Svami Madhavananda). |
| Nilima Sinha | : <i>Bhartiya Gyana Mimansa</i> , MLBD 2010 |

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Paper-III: Western Epistemology

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Unit-1: Sophists: Skepticism; Socrates: Method of Knowledge; Plato: Distinction between Knowledge and Opinion. Aristotle: Theory of Knowledge.

Unit-2: Francis Bacon: Inductive Method; Rene Descartes: Method and Criterion of Knowledge; Benedict Spinoza: Theory of Knowledge; Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz: Theory of Knowledge.

Unit-3: John Locke: Origin of Knowledge; Nature and Validity of Knowledge; Limits of Knowledge; George Berkeley: *esset esse percipi*; David Hume: Origin and Nature of Knowledge; Validity of Knowledge.

Unit-4: Immanuel Kant: The Critical Philosophy; Copernican Revolution; Classification of Judgments; George Wilhelm Hegel: Dialectical Method.

Suggested Books:

A.J. Ayer	: <i>The Problem of Knowledge.</i>
A.C. Danto	: <i>Analytical Philosophy of Knowledge.</i>
B. Russell	: <i>Problems of Philosophy.</i>
Daya Krishna	: <i>Pashchatya Darsan ka Itihasa .</i>
Francis Bacon	: <i>Inductive Method.</i>
F. Copleston	: <i>A History of Philosophy.</i>
Jagdish Sahay Srivastava	: <i>Adhunik Darshana Ka Vaigyanika Itihasa.</i>
J. Hintikka	: <i>Knowledge and Belief.</i>
John Hospers	: <i>An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis.</i>
K. Lehrer	: <i>Knowledge.</i>
Frank Thilly	: <i>A History of Philosophy.</i>
D.J.O'Conner	: <i>A Critical History of Western Philosophy.</i>
R.M.Chisholm	: <i>Theory of Knowledge, (3 rd Ed.)</i>
Roger Scruton	: <i>A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein.</i>
W.K. Wright	: <i>A History of Modern Philosophy.</i>
W.T. Stace	: <i>Critical History of Greek Philosophy</i>

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Paper-IV: Indian Ethics

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Unit-1: Nature, Scope and Importance of Indian Ethics; Its relation with Religion, Social Philosophy, Political Science and Philosophy; Yama and Niyama of Pātañjala Aṣṭāṅga Yoga.

Unit -2: Doctrine of Karma and Rebirth; Sādhāraṇa Dharma; Concept of Rna.

Unit-3: Brahma-Vihāras; Astāṅgika Mārga (Eight-fold Noble Path); The Ideals of Arhat and Bodhisathava; Triratnas of Jainism; Ārya Puruṣa in Vedas.

Unit-4: Element of Ethics in Gītā; Gītā's Notion of Svadharma and Paradharma; Trigūṇa-Sattva, Rajas, Tamas; Daivi Prakṛiti and Āsurī Prakṛiti; Karam Yoga; Jñāna Yoga; Bhakti Yoga; Ideal of Sthitaprajña.

Suggested Books:

B.G. Tilak	: <i>Gita Rahasya.</i>
I.C. Sharma	: <i>Ethical Philosophies of India.</i>
N.K.Brahma	: <i>Philosophy of the Hindu Sadhana.</i>
M.Hiriyanna	: <i>The Indian Conception of Values.</i>
R. Prasad	: <i>Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality.</i>
R. Prasad	: <i>Varnadharmā, Niskama Karma and Practical Morality.</i>
Sri Aurobindo	: <i>Essays on the Gita.</i>
S.K. Maitra	: <i>The Ethics of the Hindus.</i>
V.P.Verma	: <i>Dharma Darshan ki Mul Samsyaen.</i>

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Paper-V: Modern Indian Thought (Part-I)

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Unit-1: Swami Dayananda: Traitavāda; Brahma, Jīva and Jagat; Thought on Education; Rājdharmā and Swedeshi; Criticism of Advaitvāda of Shankrachārya.

Unit 2: Swami Vivekananda: Nature of Man -- Physical Nature and Spiritual Nature; Nature of the Liberated Soul; Ways of Realization: The Way of Knowledge, The Way of Devotion, The Way of Action; Origin of Religion; Nature of Religion; Universal Religion.

Unit-3: Sri Aurobindo: Nature of Reality: Saccidānanada (Existence, Pure Consciousness, Bliss); The World Process: Involution and Evolution; Supermind: the Triple Status of Supermind, Gnostic Being and Divine life; Integral Yoga.

Unit-4: B.G.Tilak: Interpretation of the Gītā with special reference to Jñāna Yoga, Karma Yoga and Bhakti Yoga; Svadharma; Lokasaṅgraha; Niṣkāmakarma.

Suggested Books:

Swami Dayanand	: <i>Satyarthprakash.</i>
Swami Dayanand	: <i>Updesh Manjri</i>
B.G. Tilak	: <i>Gita Rahasaya .</i>
B.K. Lal	: <i>Contemporary Indian Philosophy.</i> (Hindi version also available).
K. C. Bhattacharya	: <i>Studies in Philosophy.</i>
Swami Vivekananda	: <i>Complete Works.</i> (Hindi version also available).
Sri Aurobindo	: <i>Life Divine.</i> (Hindi version also available).
Sri Aurobindo	: <i>Integral Yoga.</i> (Hindi version also available).
T.M.P. Mahadevan & C.V. Saroja	: <i>Contemporary Indian Philosophy.</i>
V.S. Naravana	: <i>Modern Indian Thought</i> (Hindi version also available).

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Paper-VI: Western Logic

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Unit-I: Nature and Definition of Logic, The Difference between Induction and Deduction
Logic: Uses of Language: Three main functions of language; Connotation & Denotation; Relation between Connotation and Denotation.

Unit-2: Nature of Categorical Proposition, its Four-fold Classification; Quality, Quantity and Distribution of Terms; Nature of Categorical Syllogism; Basic Rules for determining Validity of Syllogism; Immediate Inferences: Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition; Square of Opposition.

Unit-3: Elementary Notions and Principles of Truth-Functional Logic; Techniques of Symbolization; Testing Validity/Invalidity of an Argument by Truth-table Method; Statement Forms: Tautologies, Contradictory and Contingent; Proof Construction for Validity of an Argument Form.

Unit-4: Definition and Nature of Induction; Importance of Induction; Problem of Induction; Hypothesis: Nature and Conditions of Scientific Hypothesis; Types of Hypothesis.

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| I.M. Copi | : <i>Introduction to Logic</i> . (Hindi Version also available) |
| I.M. Copi | : <i>Symbolic Logic</i> (6 th Edition), Chapters 4 and 5. |
| Richard Jeffrey | : <i>Formal Logic: It's Scope and Limits</i> (2 nd Edition), Chapters 1 to 5. |
| A.N. Prior | : <i>Formal Logic</i> . |
| Patrick Suppes | : <i>Introduction to Logic</i> . |
| A. Singh & C. Goswami | : <i>Fundamentals of Logic</i> . |
| B.L. Sharma | : <i>Tarka Shastra Pravesh</i> . |
| Ramnath Shrama | : <i>Tarkashastra</i> . |

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Paper-VII: Indian Metaphysics

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Unit -1: Concept of Ísvara/Brahma in Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika, Yoga & Advaita Vedānta; the New and Central role of Ísvara/Brahma in the Bhakti school with special reference to Rāmānuja.

Unit-2: Concept of Self (Ātman) in Jainism, Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika, Sāṅkhya and Advaita Vedānta.

Unit-3: Concept of Substance in Jainism; Seven Categories of Vaiśeṣika (Dravya, Guna, Karma, Sāmānya, Viśheṣa, Samavāya and Abhāva) of Vaisesika; Causation: the Debate between Satkāryavāda (Sāṅkhya) and Asatkāryavāda (Nyāya).

Unit-4: Concept of Nirvāṇa in Buddhism. Notions of Bondage and Liberation in Jainism, Sāṅkhya and Advaita Vedānta.

Suggested Books:

Stephen H. Phillips	: <i>Classical Indian Metaphysics.</i>
M. Hiriyana	: <i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy.</i>
C.D.Sharma	: <i>A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.</i>
S.N. Dasgupta	: <i>A History of Indian Philosophy, Vols. I to V.</i>
S. Radhakrishnan	: <i>Indian Philosophy, Vols. I to II.</i>
D.M. Datta & S.C. Chatterjee	: <i>Introduction to Indian Philosophy.</i> (Hindi Version also available)
H.P. Sinha	: <i>Bhartiya Darshan ke Rooprekha.</i>
Dr. Jagdish Chandra Mishra	: <i>Bhartiya Darshan</i>
Dr. R.P.Sharma	: <i>Bhartiya Darshan</i>

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Unit-1: Doctrine of Substance: Thales, Anaximander and Anaximenes), Problem of Change and Permanence: Parmenides and Heraclitus; Democritus: Atomism.

Unit-2: Plato: Theory of Ideas; Aristotle: Matter and Form; Theory of Causation - Four Causes (Material, Efficient, Formal and Final); Criticism of Plato's Theory of Ideas by Aristotle.

Unit-3: Descartes' Dualism of Mind and Body; Concept of Substance in Spinoza; Leibniz's Doctrine of Monads; Mind-body problem in Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz.

Unit-4: Locke's doctrine of Matter and its rejection by Berkeley; Hume's rejection of Self, Matter and God; Hume's view on Causality; Hegel's Absolute Idealism.

Suggested Books:

John Hospers	: <i>An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis.</i>
W.T. Stace	: <i>Critical History of Greek Philosophy</i>
Frank Thilly and Ledger Wood	: <i>A History of Philosophy.</i>
D.J. O'Conner	: <i>A Critical History of Western Philosophy.</i>
Hamlyn	: <i>Metaphysics.</i>
Daya Krishna	: <i>Pashchatya Darsan ka Itihasa Vol.1& 2</i>
Jagdish Sahay Srivastava	: <i>Adhunik Darshana Ka Vaigyanika Itihasa.</i>
F. Copleston	: <i>A History of Philosophy.</i>
W.K. Wright	: <i>A History of Modern Philosophy.</i>
Roger Scruton	: <i>A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein.</i>

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Paper-IX: Western Ethics

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Unit-I: Nature and scope of Ethics; Relation with other Sciences (Natural Science, Political Science, Sociology and Commerce); Concepts of Right, Good and Duty; Presuppositions of Morality; Freedom, Determinism and Responsibility.

Unit-2:Theories of Punishment: Deterrent, Retributive and Reformative theories; Concept of Capital Punishment; Theories of Relation between Individual and Society; Moral Skepticism (with special reference to Sophists and Emotivists); Fact-Value Distinction.

Unit-3: Normative Ethics: Brief outlines of the Ethical Theories of Aristotle (Theory of Golden Mean), J.Bentham (Quantitative Utilitarianism) J.S. Mill (Qualitative Utilitarianism) Kant (Categorical Imperative) and F.H. Bradley (Theory of My Station and its Duties)

Unit-4: Applied Ethics: Problems of Female Foeticide, Child Marriage and Dowry Death; Non-Anthropocentrism; Importance of Ethical Values for Contemporary World.

Suggested Books:

W.Lillie	: <i>Manual of Ethics.</i>
J.N.Sinha	: <i>Manual of Ethics</i> (Hindi Version also Available).
V.P.Verma	: <i>Nitishastra Ke Mool Sidhanta.</i>
V.P. Verma	: <i>Adhinitishastra Ke Mool Sidhant.</i>
Dr.H.N.Mishra	: <i>Nitishastra ki Bhumika.</i>
Dr. R.P.Mishra	: <i>Nitishastra</i>
Dr. Ramnath Sharma	: <i>Nitishastra ki Ruprekha.</i>
Aristotle	: <i>Nichomachean Ethics.</i>
J.Benthem	: <i>Principles of Morals and Legislation.</i>
J.S.Mill	: <i>Utilitarianism.</i>
Immanuel Kant	: <i>Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals.</i>
Immanuel Kant	: <i>Critique of Practical Reason.</i>

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Paper- X: Modern Indian Thought (Part-II)

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Unit-I: M.K. Gandhi: God is Truth and Truth is God; Non-Violence; Satyagraha; Sarvodya; Concept of Religion and Morality; Swaraj and the Ideal State.

Unit 2: Rabindra Nath Tagore: Reality and God; Proofs for the Existence of God; Nature of Man: Finite and Infinite, Nature of Religion; Ways of Realisation.

Unit-3: J.Krishnamurti: Analysis of Self; Freedom from the Known; Dhyana; Views on Violence; Views on Education; Views on Liberation.

Unit-4: S.Radhakrishnan: God and the Absolute; Nature of Soul; Religion: Its Nature and Essence; Religious Experience; Concept of Moksha.

Suggested Books:

Bhikhu Parekh	: <i>Gandhi's Political Philosophy.</i>
B.K. Lal	: <i>Contemporary Indian Philosophy.</i> (Hindi version also available)
J. Krishnamurti	: <i>Freedom from the Known.</i>
J. Krishnamurti	: <i>Tradition and Revolution.</i>
M.K. Gandhi	: <i>Hind Swaraj.</i>
Radhakrishna	: <i>An Idealist view of Life.</i>
R.Tagore	: <i>Religion of Man.</i>
T.M.P. Mahadevan & C.V. Saroja	: <i>Contemporary Indian Philosophy.</i>
V.S. Naravana	: <i>Modern Indian Thought.</i>