

MANIPUR UNIVERSITY
CANCHIPUR: IMPHAL

Syllabus for Bachelor of Philosophy
(Semester System)

FIRST SEMESTER
Elective Paper/E1-101

GREEK PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks - 100
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I:** The Ionics: Thales – Theory of Reality; The Pythagoreans: Number Theory and Ethics; The Eleatics: Parmenides – Sense and Reason, Ontology.
20 - Marks
15 - Lectures
- Unit II:** Heracleitus: Change and Permanence; The Atomists: Democritus – Theory of Particles; The Sophists: Protagoras – Theory of Knowledge.
20 - Marks
12 - Lectures
- Unit III:** Socrates: The Socratic Problem, The Socratic Method.
10 - Marks
5 - Lectures
- Unit IV:** Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas, Doctrine of Immortality, Ethics.
25 - Marks
28 - Lectures
- Unit V:** Aristotle: Theory of Categories, Criticism of Platonic Theory of Ideas, Metaphysics, The Four Causes.
25 - Marks
30 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. W.T. Stace – *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*.
2. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy*.

Reference Books:

1. Frederick Copleston – *A History of Philosophy*. Vol. I Part I and Part II.
2. Leonard Nelson – *Socrates Method and Critical Philosophy*.
3. Karl Popper – *The Pre-Socratics*.

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Philosophy
SECOND SEMESTER
Elective Paper/E1-202
INDIAN PHILOSOPHY I

Full Marks - 100
Approx. Lect. - 90

Unit I: Meaning and Scope of Indian Philosophy; Heterodox and Orthodox Schools; The Common Characters of Indian Schools; Pessimism and Dogmatism in Indian Philosophy.

20 - Marks
15 - Lectures

Unit II: Cārvāka: Theory of Knowledge, Materialism, Ethics.

15 - Marks
10 - Lectures

Unit III: Jainism: Concept of Reality, Theory of judgment (Syādvāda), Ethics.

25 - Marks
25 - Lectures

Unit IV: Buddhism: The Four Noble Truths, The Eightfold Noble Path (astāṅgikamārga), The Theory of Conditional Existence of Things (Pratītyasamutpāda), The Theory of Non-existence of Soul (anātmavāda)

25 - Marks
25 - Lectures

Unit V: Schools of Buddhism:

Madhyamika: Sūnyavāda; Yogacara; Vijñānavāda; Sautrantika and Vaibhasika: The Process of Knowing the World (Bāhyānumeyavāda and Bāhyapratyaksavāda)

15 - Marks
15 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. S. C. Chatterjee and D. M. Dutta – *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*.
2. M. Hiriyanna – *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*.

Reference Books:

1. S. Radhakrishnan – *Indian Philosophy, Vol. I & II*.
2. S. N. Dasgupta – *History of Indian Philosophy*.
3. C. D. Sharma – *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*.

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THIRD SEMESTER
Elective Paper/E1-303

LOGIC

Full Marks - 100
 Approx. Lect. - 90

Unit I: Logic as the study of arguments:

Arguments: The nature of logical argument; Premises and Conclusions; Conclusion indicators and Premise indicators; Diagram for argument: Diagram for single argument; Diagram for simple arguments; Diagram for complex arguments; Truth and Validity.

15 - Marks
 10 - Lectures

Unit II: Sentences and Propositions:

Word and Sentence; Letter and Word; Token and Type; Sentence Token and Sentence Type; Kinds of Sentences; Sentence and Meaning of sentence; Propositions: Distinction between a Proposition and a Sentence; Truth value of a Proposition; Kinds of Propositions: Simple and Compound Propositions – Conjunctive, Disjunctive, Implicative and Negative Propositions; Analysis of And, Either Or, If Then, Not; Singular Propositions; General propositions; Quantifiers: All, Some; AEIO Propositions; Terms and their distribution in AEIO.

15 - Marks
 20 - Lectures

Unit III: Formal Concepts:

Form and Matter; Form of a Proposition; Variable; Propositional Variable; Function; Propositional Function; Formal Function; Truth Function: Conjunctive, Disjunctive, Alternative, Implicative, Negative; Paradoxes of Material Implication; Bi-conditional; Material Equivalence; Logical Equivalence; Truth Table: Argument Form; Tautologies, Contradictories and Contingencies; Truth Table Method of Proving the Validity of Arguments.

25 - Marks
 20 - Lectures

Unit IV: The Method of Deduction:

Elementary valid argument forms; Formal Proof of Validity; The Rule of Conditional Proof; The Rule of Indirect Proof; Proofs of Tautologies; Proving Invalidity.

25 - Marks
 15 - Lectures

Unit V: Syllogism:

Aristotelean Syllogism; Standard Form Categorical Syllogism; The Rules or Axioms of Validity; General Theorems of the Syllogism; The Figures and Moods of the Syllogism; The Special Theorems and Valid Moods of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Figures. The Reduction of Syllogism; The Antilogism or Inconsistent Triad; Fallacies of Syllogism; Venn Diagram Proofs of Validity or Invalidity; Enthymems; Sorties.

20 - Marks

25 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. Irving M Copi and Carl Cohen – *An Introduction to Logic*.
2. Morris R. Cohen and Ernest Nagel – *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*.

Reference Books:

1. Irving M Copi – *Symbolic Logic*.
2. Paul Tidman and Howard Kahne – *Logic and Philosophy: A Modern Introduction*.

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 FOURTH SEMESTER
 Elective Paper/E1-404
MORAL PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks – 100
 Approx. Lect. – 90

Unit I: Nature and Scope of Ethics; Relation of Ethics to Religion, Politics and Law; Normative Ethics and Metaethics.

15 - Marks
 10 - Lectures

Unit II: Moral and Non-moral Actions; The Nature of moral judgment; The Object of moral judgment; Moral obligations.

15 - Marks
 10 - Lectures

Unit III: Theories of Moral Standard: Naturalistic and Non-naturalistic ethics; Hedonism; Utilitarianism; Intuitionism. (naturalistic fallacy.)

20 - Marks
 20 - Lectures

Unit IV: The Moral Law as a Law of Reason; Kant's ethical theory; The Concept of Nishkama Karma; The Standard as Perfection; My Station and its Duties.

25 - Marks
 25 - Lectures

Unit V: Value of Life: Suicide and Euthanasia; Theories of Punishment: Capital Punishment; Expression of Dissent; Terrorism; Moral attitude to the environment and animals.

25 - Marks
 25 - Lectures

Text Books:

- ✓ 1. J. N. Sinha – *A Manual of Ethics*.
- ✓ 2. William Lillie – *An Introduction to Ethics*.
3. Peter Singer – *Practical Ethics*.

Reference Books:

1. J. S. Mackenzie – *A Manual of Ethics*.
- ✓ 2. William Frankena – *Ethics*.
3. S. Lokendrajit Singh – *On Who Is A Terrorist* published in the International Journal of World Affairs.

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Philosophy
FIFTH SEMESTER
Honours Paper/H-505
HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I

Full Marks - 100
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I:** Scholasticism: Its characteristics and stages.
10 - Marks
10 - Lectures
- Unit II:** St. Augustine: Theory of Knowledge and Theology.
Thomas Aquinas: Philosophy and Theology; Theory of Knowledge.
10 - Marks
10 - Lectures
- Unit III:** Descartes: Method and Criticism of Knowledge; The Principle – *cogito ergo sum*; Existence of the External World; Relation between Mind and Body; The Theory of Innate Ideas.
30 - Marks
25 - Lectures
- Unit IV:** Spinoza: Substance, Attributes and Modes; Theory of Knowledge.
25 - Marks
20 - Lectures
- Unit V:** Leibnitz: The Doctrine of Monads; Theory of Knowledge; The Pre-established Harmony.
25 - Marks
25 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy*.
2. Y. Masih – *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*.

Reference Books:

1. Richard Falckenberg – *History of Modern Philosophy*.
2. Frederick Copleston – *A History of Philosophy*.
3. Bertrand Russell – *History of Western Philosophy*.

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FIFTH SEMESTER

Honours Paper/H-506

HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II

Full Marks - 100

Approx. Lect. - 90

Unit I: Locke: Criticism of Innate Ideas, Origin of Knowledge, Nature and Validity of Knowledge, The Limits of Knowledge.

20 - Marks

15 - Lectures

Unit II: Berkeley: Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Theory of Knowledge, The Doctrine of *esse est percipi*.

20 - Marks

15 - Lectures

Unit III: Hume: Origin of Knowledge; Relation of Ideas and Matters of Facts; Relation of Cause and Effect; Knowledge of the External World.

30 - Marks

30 - Lectures

Unit IV: Kant: The Problem of Knowledge, The Distinction between Analytic and Synthetic Judgements, The Distinction between *a priori* and empirical knowledge; A priori synthetic judgements; The Theory of Sense Perception; The Theory of the Understanding; Phenomena and Noumena.

30 - Marks

30 - Lectures

Unit V: Hegel: The Problem of Philosophy, The Dialectical Method.

15 - Marks

15 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. Frank Thilly – *A History of Philosophy*.
2. Y. Masih – *A Critical History of Philosophy*.

Reference Books:

1. Richard Falckenberg – *History of Modern Philosophy*.
2. Frederick Copleston – *A History of Philosophy*.
3. Bertrand Russell – *History of Western Philosophy*.

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FIFTH SEMESTER

Honours Paper/H-507

CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks - 100
Approx. Lect. - 90

Unit I: Historical background and development of Philosophical Analysis:

Linguistic turns: Ideal language and Ordinary language debate; Early realism; Logical atomism; Logical positivism; Ordinary language philosophy.

20 - Marks
10 - Lectures.

Unit II: Method of Philosophical Analysis:

Moore: Concept of language and philosophy; Analysis of language; Common sense approach. Russell: Concept of language and philosophy; Analysis of language; Application of logic in philosophy.

20 - Marks
20 - Lectures

Unit III: Theories of Meaning:

Frege's Reference theory of meaning; Russell's Denotative theory of meaning; Wittgenstein's Picture theory of meaning; Verification theory of meaning of Logical Positivists.

30 - Marks
25 - Lectures

Unit IV: Logical Positivism:

Concept of philosophy; The task of philosophy; The Verification Principle; The Elimination of metaphysics.

10 - Marks
15 - Lectures

Unit V: Existentialist Movements:

The Main feature of existentialism; Theistic and Atheistic existentialism; Existence precedes essence; Sartre's Philosophy of Being and Concept of freedom.

20 - Marks
20 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. B. R. Gross – *Analytic Philosophy*,
2. A.J. Ayer, et al. – *Revolution in Philosophy*, London, 1956.
3. A. C. Grayling – *An Introduction to Philosophical Logic*, Oxford, 1997. (Chapter 7)

Reference Books:

1. G. J. Warnock – *English Philosophy since 1900*, OUP, London, 1958.
2. Simon Critchley – *Continental Philosophy*, OUP, Delhi, 2001.
3. J. O. Urmson – *Philosophical Analysis*, Oxford, 1956.
4. Thomas Flynn – *Existentialism*, OUP, Delhi, 2006.
5. M. K. Bhadra – *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, ICPR, Delhi, 1990.

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Philosophy
SIXTH SEMESTER
Honours Paper/H-608

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY II

Full Marks - 100
Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I: Nyāya:** Nature of knowledge (Pramā), Sources of valid knowledge (Pramānas) – Perception (Pratyakṣa), Inference (Anumāna), Comparison (Upamāna), and Testimony (Śabda).
20 - Marks
15 - Lectures
- Unit II: Vaiśeṣika:** Categories (Padārthas), Theory of the Creation and Destruction of the World.
20 - Marks
20 - Lectures
- Unit III: Sāṅkhya-Yoga:** The Sāṅkhya Theory of Causation, Evolution, Puruṣa and Prakṛti; The Yoga Psychology and Eightfold Means of Yoga.
20 - Marks
20 - Lectures
- Unit IV: Mīmāṃsā:** Theory of Knowledge and The Philosophy of Ritualistic Actions: The Conception of Duty (Dharma).
15 - Marks
15 - Lectures
- Unit V: Vedānta:** Brahman, Īsvara, Ātman, Jīva, Jagat, Māyā, Avidyā, Adhyāsa and Mokṣa with special reference to the Monism of Śaṅkara (Advaita) and the Qualified Monism of Rāmānuja (Viśiṣṭādvaita)
25 - Marks
20 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. S. C. Chatterjee and D. M. Dutta – *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*.

Reference Books:

1. S. C. Chatterjee – *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*.
2. D. M. Dutta – *Six Ways of Knowing*.
3. Cowell (English Translation) – *Udayana's Kusumāñjali*.
4. S. N. Dasgupta – *History of Indian Philosophy*.
5. Keith, A.B – *Karma Mīmāṃsā*.
6. S. Radhakrishnan – *Indian Philosophy, Vol I and II*.

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Philosophy
 SIXTH SEMESTER
 Honours Paper/H-609
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Full Marks - 100
 Approx. Lect. - 90

- Unit I:** The Nature and Scope of the Philosophy of Religion; Distinction between Natural and Revealed Religion; Origin and Development of Religion: Anthropological, Psychological and Historical theories.
 25 - Marks
 25 - Lectures
- Unit II:** Nature and Attributes of God; Personality of God; God and the Absolute; Proofs for the Existence of God – Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral.
 25 - Marks
 25 - Lectures
- Unit III:** God and His relation to the World and Man – Deism, Pantheism and Theism.
 15 - Marks
 10 - Lectures
- Unit IV:** The Problem of Evil; Freedom and Immortality of the Self; Destiny of Man.
 20 - Marks
 20 - Lectures
- Unit V:** Substitutes for Religion – Materialism, Marxism and Freudianism.
 15 - Marks
 10 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. D.M. Edward – *Philosophy of Religion*.
2. John Hick – *Philosophy of Religion*.
3. Y. Masih – *Philosophy of Religion*.

Reference Books:

1. John Caird – *Philosophy of Religion*.

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 SIXTH SEMESTER
 Honours Paper/H-610
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Full Marks - 100
 Approx. Lect. - 90

Unit I: Greek Political Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle.

Plato's Ideal Republic as a theoretical construct; Plato's theory of human nature; Theory of Justice; Plato's concept of Philosopher King and his reasons for the Rule of Philosopher King; Plato's Theory of Education.

Aristotle's Theory of State, Justice, Citizenship, Government and Revolution.

20 - Marks
 20 - Lectures

Unit II: Political Philosophy: Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.

Human Nature; The Social Contract; The General Will; Society and Government.

20 - Marks
 15 - Lectures

Unit III: Political Philosophy of John Stuart Mill.

Mill's Theory of the Growth of Civil Society; Mill's Defense of Individual Freedom; Mill's Defense of Freedom of Expression; Self and Other Regarding Acts; Public and Private Morality.

15 - Marks
 15 - Lectures

Unit IV: The Political Philosophy of Karl Marx:

Marx's Concept of Man, Nature and Technology; Marx's Concept of Economic Structure; Forces of Production and Relations of Production; The Notion of Contradiction between the Forces of Production and Relation of Production; The Base and the Superstructure Model; Theory of Alienation; The Revolution and the Class Struggle.

25 - Marks
 20 - Lectures

Unit V: Justice: Rawls' Theory of Justice:

The Role of Justice; The Subject of Justice: The Main Idea of the Theory of Justice; The Original Position and Justification. The Distinction between Utilitarian and the Contractarian Theory of Justice.

20 - Marks
 20 - Lectures

Text Books:

1. **Ebenstein** – *Greek Political Thinkers.*
2. Ernest Barker – *Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle.*
3. G. H. Sabine – *A History of Political Thought.*
4. J. S. Mill – *On Liberty.*
5. John Rawls – *A Theory of Justice*
6. John Me Murtry – *The Structure of Marx's World-View*

Reference Books:

1. Plato – *The Republic.*
 2. Aristotle – *Politics.*
 3. Hobbes – *Leviathan.*
 4. Locke – *An Essay Concerning the True Original, Extent and End of Civil Government.*
 5. Rousseau – *The Social Contract.*
 6. Mill – *Utilitarianism.*
 7. Marx – *Early Writings.*
Capital Vol. I
Capital Vol. II
Capital Vol. III
Capital Vol. IV
 8. Harld J. Laski (ed) – *The Communist Manifesto.*
 9. Amartya Sen – *The Idea of Justice.*
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