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B.A. MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY UNDER
FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME [FYUGP]
SEMESTER-III
MAJOR COURSE–III:
[CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY]

UNIT- I

1. Characteristics of Indian Philosophy, Schools of Indian Philosophy- *Astika* and *Nastika*
2. ***Cārvāka*: Epistemology** – Perception and Refutation of Inference
   Metaphysics - *Dehatmavada*
3. **Buddhism**: Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of Dependent Origination, Theory of Momentariness.
4. **Jainism**: Epistemology, *Anekāntavāda* , Metaphysics: Substance

UNIT - II

1. **Nyāya School**: Theory of *Pramanas*- Perception and Inference
2. **Vaisesika:** *Padarthas-Dravya* , *Guna* , *Karma* , *Samanya* , *Visesa*, *Samavaya*, *Abhava*

UNIT - III

1. **Samkhya**: Causation; *Satkaryavada; Prakrti*, its constituents, arguments for its existence. Evolution, *Purusa*, Arguments for its existence, plurality of *Purusa*.

Recommended Readings:

1. Dasgupta, Surendranath. *A History of Indian Philosophy.* Vol. 1. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
2. Chakravarty, Nilima. *Indian Philosophy: The Path Finder's and System Builders*, New Delhi: Allied Publishers.
3. Chatterjee, S.C. *Nyāya Theory of Knowledge,* Delhi, Bharatiya Kala Prakashan.
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1. *Bharatiya Darsan* by Dr. Debabrata Sen
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MAJORCOURSE–IV

[LOGIC (WESTERN) –I]

UNIT I: Basic Logical Concepts

1. Sentence and Proposition
2. Argument and Inference
3. Truth and Validity.
4. Deduction and Induction
5. Definition of Term
6. Connotation and denotation of terms
7. Categorical Propositions, Distribution of Terms
8. Concept of Mediate & Immediate Inferences
9. Conversion, Obversion, Contraposition
10. Square of Opposition and the Existential Import
11. Mediate Inference: Categorical Syllogism: Mood, Figure, Rules of Syllogism and Formal Fallacies
12. Validating / Invalidating Categorical Syllogisms through syllogistic rules &Venn Diagrams

UNIT – II: Logic of Compound Propositions (Sentential):

1. Logical Connectives: And (•), Or (V) , Not (~), Material Conditional (⊃) and Biconditional (≡)
2. Truth functions: Symbols and Translation
3. Statements and statement-forms: Logical status[Tautology, Contingent and Self-Contradictory]
4. Argument and Argument forms :Logical status [Validity and Invalidity]

PROVING VALIDITY (PROOF PROCEDURE)

1. Formal Proofs & Reductio-Ad-Absurdum

UNIT – III:

1. Induction per Simple Enumeration
2. Argument by Analogy, Appraising Analogical Arguments

Recommended Readings:

1. Cohen & Nagel. *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method,* Delhi: Allied Publishers.
2. Copi. I.M. *Introduction to Logic*, Delhi: Pearson. (Hindi. translation of this text is also available)
2. Munshi, R.C. *Handbook of Logic.* Baikuntha Book.

Bengali Version:

1. Das, Kantilal. *Avaraha Samketik Juktivijnaner Ruprekha*. Maha Bodhi Book Agency
2. Sukla Chakraboty, *Tarkavijnan*
3. Shibani Chowdhury, *Tarka Vijnaner Sahajpath*
4. Samarendranath Bhattacharjee: *Paschatya Yuktivijnan*

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MAJORCOURSE–V

[ETHICS (WESTERN AND INDIAN)]

UNIT I: WESTERN ETHICS

1. Definition, Nature and scope of Ethics
2. Moral & Non-moral Actions
3. Postulates of Morality, Problem of Freedom of Will

UNIT II: WESTERN ETHICS

1. Kantian Ethics: Concept of Good Will, The Categorical Imperative
2. Utilitarianism: Bentham and J.S. Mill
3. Theory of Punishment

UNIT III: INDIAN ETHICS

1. Concept of *Ṛta* and *Ṛṇa*, Law of Karma, Niṣkāma Karma, Lokosaṁgraha
2. Four *Puruṣārthas*: *Dharma*, *Artha*, *Kāma*, *Mokṣa*
3. Eight fold Path of Buddhhism and *Brahmavihāra*
4. Jaina Ethics: *Triratna, Pañcamahābrata*

Recommended Readings:

1. Sinha, Jadunath. *A Manual of Ethics*. The Central Book Agency.
2. Aristotle. *Nichomachean Ethics*, Harvard University Press.
3. Frankena Williams. *Ethics*, Prantice Hall of India, Pearson; 2nd edition.
4. Kant, Immanuel. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Trans. H.J Paton, as *The Moral Law*, London: Hutchinson.
5. Rachel, J. *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, McGraw- Hill
6. Sharma, I.C. *Ethical Philosophies of India*, New York, U.S.A. Johnsen Publishing Company
7. Warnock Mary. *J.S Mill Utilitarianism*, Glasgow: Collins.
8. Sharma R.N.: *Introduction to Ethics*, Surjeet Publications

Bengali Version:

1. Gupta, Dikshit. *Nitishastra*. West Bengal State Book Board.
2. Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Nitividya*
3. Nivedita Chakraborty: *Frankenar Nitisashtra*
4. Bhattacarya, Samarendra: *Sanmmanik Nitividya*.

5. Hossein Tafajjal: *Immanuel Kanter Prothom Critic*
6. Kabir Humaun: *Immauel Kant*
7. Sarkar Prahlad Kumar: *Kanter Darshan*
8. Bhadra Mrinal Kanti: *Nitividya*
9. Nandi Sudhir Kumar: *Nitividya*
10. Gupta Dixit: *Nitividya*
11. Bagchi Dipak Kumar: *Bharatiya Nitividya*
12. Chakrabarty Somnath: *Nitividyar Tattvakatha*

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MINORCOURSE–II

[FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY: I]

UNIT I: Introduction

1. Nature of Indian Philosophy
2. Divisions of Indian Philosophy: *Astika* and *Nastika* Systems.

Carvaka: Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics.

UNIT II: Bauddha Philosophy

Four Noble Truths, Theory of Dependent Origination

UNIT III:

Nyaya Philosophy-Pramanas: *Pratyaksha* and *Anumana*
Vaisesika Philosophy - Seven *Padarthas*

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MAJORCOURSE–VI

[WESTERN PHILOSOPHY- II (RATIONALISM AND EMPERICISM)]

RATIONALISM

UNIT-I

1. **Descartes :** Method of Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum, Mind body Dualism
2. **Spinoza:** Intellectual love of God and Substance, Attribute
3. **Leibnitz :** Monadology, Truths of fact and Truths of Reason

EMPERICISM

UNIT-II

1. **Locke:** Refutations of innate ideas, ideas and their classification, knowledge and its grades, substance, qualities; primary and secondary.

UNIT-III

2. **Berkley:** Rejection of abstract ideas; rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, immaterialism, *esse-est-percipi*, the problem of solipcism, role of God.
3. **Hume:** Impression and ideas; causality; self and personal.

Recommended Readings:

1. *Cohen*, M.S. Curd, P.& Reeve, C.D.C.(ed): *Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Hackett: Indianapolis.
2. Tankha, V.: *Ancient Greek Philosophy: Thales to Socrates*, India, Pearson
3. F. Copleston: *A History of Philosophy.*
4. D. J.O.Connor: *A Critical History of Western Philosophy.*
5. A.K. Rogers: *A Student's History of Philosophy.*
6. W. K. Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy.*
7. W.T. Stace: *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy.*
8. Roger Scruton: *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein.*
9. John Cottingham: *The Rationalists.*
10. Falkenberg: *A History of Modern Philosophy.*
11. Thilly & Wood: *History of Philosophy.*
12. J. Barnes: *Early Greek Philosophy.*
13. J.Burnet: *Greek Philosophy, Thales to Plato.*

14. W.C.K. Guthrie: *History of Greek Philosophy Vol.I& II.*
15. Dr.R.R.Das: *A Hand Book of Pure Reason.*
16. C.R.Moris: *Locke, Berkley, Hume.*
17. S.Korner: *Kant.*
18. Jonathan Bennett: *Locke, Berkley, Hume.*

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1. Nirad Baron Chakraborty: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (Plato, Aristotle).*
2. Chandrodayo Bhattacharya: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas.*
3. R. P. Das & S. P. Chakraborty: *Paschatya Darsaner Ruprekha.*
4. Kalyan Chandra Gupta: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas.*
5. Rasbuihari Das: *Kanter Darsan*
6. Ramdulal Roy: *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas*

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[PSYCHOLOGY& PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING]

UNIT-I

1. Definition and scope of psychology, nature of psychology as a science. Methods of psychology – subjective, objective and experimental.
2. **Sensation**: Nature, classification and attribute of sensation. Weber and Fechner Law.
3. **Perception:** Nature of perception and its relation to sensation. Gestalt theory of perception, perception of distance, solidity and motion, illusion and hallucination.

UNIT-II

1. **Percept and image**: Memory, its factor and range, marks of good memory. Law of association, forgetfulness and its causes.
2. **Attention:** Its nature and types, conditions of attention.
3. **Learning:** The trial and error theory, the Gestalt theory, Pavlov's conditioned response theory.

UNIT-III

1. **Consciousness:** conscious, sub – conscious, unconscious – its evidence, Freud's theory of dream.
2. **Personality:** Personality, Personality type.
3. **Intelligence:** measurement of intelligence; Binet–Simon test.

Recommended readings:

1. P.N.Bhattacharye: *Text Books of Psychology.*
2. G.D.Boaz: *General Psychology.*
3. Henry E. Garrett: General Psychology,
4. J. N. Sinha: A Manual of Psychology

Bengali Version:

1. P.N.Bhattacharye: *Monovidya*.
2. DebiprasadChattapadhya: *Monovijnana.*
3. J. Sanyal: *Monovidya.*
4. P.B.Sen Gupta*: Monovidya.*
5. Dr.Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Monovidya* .
6. Sengupta, Basu & Ghosh: *Monovidya Samaj O Darsan O Rastradarsan.*
7. Dr. Pritibhusan Chattapadhya & Sandeep Das: *Monovidya Samaj O Rastradarsan.*
8. Sri Pareshnath Bhattacharya : *Monovidya*
9. Anil Kumar Bandhyapadhya: *Monovijnan Parichay*

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[SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY]

UNIT-I

1. Nature and scope of social philosophy.
2. Basic Concepts: Society, Social group, Community, Association and Institution.
3. Social group : Its different forms , Culture and Civilisation

UNIT-II

1. Concept of Human Right
2. Discrimination on the basis of sex, race, caste, religion.
3. ????

UNIT-III

4. Concept of justice, equality ,liberty ,
5. Democracy and its different forms.
6. John Rawls theory of Justice,

Recommended Readings:

1. *Society* : MacIver & Page
2. *Problems of Political Philosophy*: D. D. Raphel
3. *Fundamentals of Sociology*: P.Gisbert
4. *Western Political Thought*: A.K Mukhopadhya
5. *Introduction to Modern Political Theory*: C.E.M. Joad
6. *Hindu Political Theories*: U.N.Ghoshal
7. *Ethics and Society*: P. K. Mahapatra
8. *Guide to Social Philosophy*: Jagadiswar Sanyal

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1. *Samaj tattva*: Parimal Bhushan Kar (W.B. Book Board)
2. *Samaj Darshan Dipika*: Priti Bhushan Chattapadhya
3. *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika*: Dilip Kumar Chattapadhya(W.B. Book Board)
4. *Darshan O Tar Proyog*: Dr. P. Roy & Dr. R.N.Ghosh
5. *Rastra Darsaner Dhara*: Dr.Amal K. Mukhopadhya (W.B.Book Board)
6. *Man and Technology*: Dr. Pabitra Kumar Roy ,Jadavpur University
7. *Samaj Darsan O Rastra Darsan*: Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharjee
8. *Rastra*: Sudarshan Roy Choudhury
9. *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika*: Dilip Kumar chattapadhya
10. *Monovidya Samaj O Darsan O Rastradarsan*: Sengupta, Basu & Ghosh
11. *Monovijnan Samajdarsan O Rastradarsan:* Choudhary & Sanyal
12. *Samaj O Rastradarsan*: Pijush Kanti Ghosh