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M.A. PHILOSOPHY
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(w.e.f. 2015-16)
M.A Final Examination
(w.e.f. 2016-17)

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M.A. Previous

Paper I - Indian Philosophy
Paper II - History of western Philosophy
Paper III - Logic - Indian & Western
Paper IV - Ethics - Indian & Western

M.A. Final

Paper V - Approaches of Western Philosophy (compulsory)
Optional Paper VI, VII, VIII : The candidate will be required to select three
optional papers out of the following list of papers:
(1) Advait Vedanta and its comparative study with Vaishnav Vedanta
(2) Philosophy of religion
(3) Gandhian Philosophy
(4) Advance Ethics
(5) Jainism
(6) Buddhism
(7) Philosophy of History
(8) Philosophy of Language - Indian
(9) Hermeneutics

Paper IX-A      Political Philosophy
Or IX-B        Problems of Philosophy: A course on applied Philosophy

M.A. Previous Philosophy
Paper I - Indian Philosophy
(Metaphysical and Epistemological problems)

3 hrs Duration  100 Marks

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Part-B contains 5 questions. All questions are compulsory. Every question carries
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Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has
15 marks and the word limit of each question is of 400 words (Total 45 Marks)
There should be one question from each unit in Part-C

UNIT II
Problem of Reality, Problem of Meaning, Problem of universal.

UNIT III
Problem of Self, Moksha and its relations to action, The problem of causality.

UNIT IV

Details of Problems:
1. Problem of Reality:
   1) The criteria to distinguish between the real and the unreal.
   2) Theory of Reality according to:
(a) Charvaka
(b) Sankhya-Yoga-Purush, Prakriti and their relationship, the nature of creation.
(c) Nyaya, Vaisesika - Seven categories.
(d) Jainism
(e) Dravya - Buddha
(f) Buddhism: Kshatriya, Pratistharamsopad
(v) Vijnanavada - Vasubandhu
(vi) Sunyavada - Nagarjuna.
(g) Samkara - Brahman, Maya, Jiva Jatag.
(h) Ramana - Brahman Jatag, Jiva.
2. Causation:
   (1) The problem of Causation.
   (2) Nature of cause and its different kinds
(3) Explanation and critical estimate of the positions of Nyaya, Buddhism, Sankhya and Samkara.
3. Problem of Self
   (1) Nature of the problem
   (2) Proofs for the existence of the self and their evaluation:
(a) Responsibility argument.
(b) Personal identity argument.
(c) Substratum argument.
(d) Moral argument.
(e) Presuppositional argument.
(f) Self:

(a) One or many.
(b) Atomic, all pervasive and dimensional.
(c) As knower, enjoier, doer.
(d) Empirical and transcendental self.

4. Moksha and its relation to action
   (1) The problem.
   (2) The nature and cause of bondage.
   (3) Moksha as summum bonum, hierarchy of values and its criteria.
   (4) Nature of Moksha according to Nyaya, Vaisesika, Samkhya, Yoga, Jainism, Buddhism, Samkara, Ramana.

5. Path of Moksha according to above and the Jana - Karma controversy.
   (6) Doctrine of Karma and its relevance to the problem of liberation

6. The problem of meaning:
   (1) Nyaya and Mimansa theory of the meaning of a word - universal or particular or both.
   (2) Meaning - Natural, conventional or Divine.
   (3) Avritabhdhavada and Abhinitanvayavada

7. The Problem of Universal
   (1) Ontological status of the universal, Nyaya, Jainism, Buddhism.
   (2) Knowledge of the universal.
   (3) Apoha theory of the Buddhism.

8. Prama and Aprama:
   (1) The nature of the problem.
   (2) Definition and criteria of prama according to Mimansa, Nyaya, Buddhism and Advaita - Vedanta.
   (3) Kinds of Prama

9. Theories of error.

10. Theories of Nyaya and Mimansa

11. The Nature of knowledge:
   (1) Knowledge as quality of the self: Nyaya, Jainism and Ramana.
   (2) Knowledge as the activity of the self: Kumarila Mimansa.
   (3) Samkara: Theory of knowledge as pure consciousness.
   (4) Nature and status of knowledge according to Buddhism.
   (5) The Empirical and the transcendental knowledge.

Recommended Books:
1. Madhavacharya: Sarva Darshan Sangrah, Chowkhamba
2. S. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy Vol-I,2
3. D.M. Datta: Six ways of knowing
4. G.P. Bhalla: Epistemology of Bhatta School of Purva Mimansa
5. K.D. Bhattacharya: Recent Indian Philosophy
6. K.H. Potter: Presuppositions of Indian Philosophies
7. M. Hiriyan: Indian Philosophical Studies
8. M. Hiriyan: Outlines of Indian Philosophy
9. Ninian Smart: Doctrine and arguments in Indian Philosophy
10. R.C. Pandey: The problem of meaning in Indian Philosophy
12. S.K. Kunchan Raja: Fundamental problems of Indian Philosophy
13. Nand Kishor Sharma: Bharatiya Darabtik Samaj (Bharatiya Darabtik Samaj, Udaya)
14. Bharatiya Darabtik Samaj: Bharatiya Darabtik Samaj
15. R.R. Dravid: Problem of Universal in Indian Philosophy
16. Mahesh Chandra Bhurtya: Causation in Indian Philosophy
17. Alok Krishna Datta: Philosophy of the Buddha in Mind and Matter

Paper II - History of Western Philosophy

3 hrs Duration 100 Marks

Note: This paper is divided into three independent units. The question paper will be divided into three parts: Part-A, Part-B and Part-C.

Part-A is compulsory. It has 10 questions at least 3 questions from each unit.
Each question is of 3 marks and its word limit is 50 words. (Total 30 marks)
Part-B contains 5 questions. All questions are compulsory. Every question carries 5 marks and the word limit of each question is 100 words. (Total 25 marks)
Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has 15 marks and the word limit of each question is 400 words (Total 45 Marks)

There should be one question from each unit in Part-C

Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Spinoza

UNIT-II

Leibnitz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume

UNIT-III

Kant, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche.

Books Recommended:
1. D.J.O. Conner (Ed.): A Critical History of Western Philosophy
2. F. Copleston S.J.: A History of Philosophy
3. Frank Thilly: A History of Philosophy
5. Daya Krishna (Ed.): Paschayya Darshan Vol. I & II

Paper III - Logic: Indian and Western

3 hrs Duration 100 Marks

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Part-A is compulsory. It has 10 questions at least 3 questions from each unit.
Each question is of 3 marks and its word limit is 50 words. (Total 30 marks)
Part-B contains 2 questions. All questions are compulsory. Every question carries 5 marks and the word limit of each question is 100 words. (Total 25 marks)
Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has 15 marks and the word limit of each question is 400 words (Total 45 Marks)

There should be one question from each unit in Part-C

UNIT-I

1. Definition and constituents of anumana in old Nyaya, Navya Nyaya, Buddhism and Jainism.
2. Process and types of Anumana in Nyaya, Buddhism and Jain philosophy.
3. Definition of hetu according to Nyaya, Buddhism and Jainism. Types of Hetuvahasa.
4. Definition of vyapti and the method ascertaining of vyapti relation in Indian logic.
will be divided into three parts: Part-A, Part-B and Part-C.
Part-A is compulsory. It has 10 questions at least 3 questions from each unit. Each question is of 5 marks and its word limit is of 50 words. (Total 30 marks)
Part-B contains 5 questions. All questions are compulsory. Every question carries 5 marks and the word limit of each question is 100 words. (Total 25 marks)
Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has 15 marks and the word limit of each question is of 400 words (Total- 45 Marks)
There should be one question from each unit in Part-C

UNIT-I
Advaitha of samkaracharya - view regarding Brahmapujya and Dharapujya.
Sankara's criticism of samkhya doctrine of prakriti, Puriyas's pluralism and Atomism, Budhak Realism, Budhaka subjective idealism (Vijnanvada) Nature of Brahman, Maya, Jiva and Jagat. Nature of Adhvaya.

UNIT-II
Comparative study of samkar's Advaita and Ramanuja's Visistadva
t Conception of Brahman, Maya, Jiva, Jagat & Moksha. Causation and Theories of error, Ramanuja's arguments for the refutation of Maya.

UNIT-III
Comparative study of samkar's Advaita with the dvaityavada of Madhava, Dvaitavada of Nimbarka and Suddhadvaitavada of Vallabha in the context of the Conception of Brahman, Jiva, Jagat & Moksha.

Suggested Readings:
1. Brahma Sutra: Samkara Bhashya
2. Brahma Sutra: Ramanuja Bhashya
3. मे, प्रभुदत्त, नाम - अद्वैत (विनोदित व निर्देश)
4. J.N. Sinha Indian Philosophy Vol-II (Related chapters only)
5. S.N. Dasgupta - History of Indian Philosophy Vol - 2, 3, 4, 5 (Related chapters only)

OPTIONAL PAPER VI, VII, VIII (2) PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
3 hrs Duration 100 Marks
Note :- This paper is divided into three independent units. The question paper will be divided into three parts: Part-A, Part-B and Part-C.
Part-A is compulsory. It has 10 questions at least 3 questions from each part. Each question is of 5 marks and its word limit is of 20 words. (Total 30 marks)
Part-B contains 5 questions. All questions are compulsory. Every question carries 5 marks and the word limit of each question is of 100 words. (Total 25 marks)
Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has 15 marks and the word limit of each question is of 400 words (Total- 45 Marks)
There should be one question from each unit in Part-C

UNIT-I

UNIT-II
Religion and Science, Modern Superstitions. Theology and language from Harris's book.
UNIT-I

1. Wilson : Philosophy of Religion
2. Erel E. Harris : Philosophy of Religion

OPTIONAL PAPER VI, VII, VIII (5) JAINISM

3 hrs Duration
100 Marks

Note: This paper is divided into three independent units. The question paper will be divided into three parts: Part-A, Part-B, and Part-C.
Part-A is compulsory. It has 10 questions at least 3 questions from each unit. Each question is of 3 marks and the word limit is of 50 words. (Total 30 marks)
Part-B contains 5 questions. All questions are compulsory. Every question carries 5 marks and the word limit of each question is of 100 words. (Total 25 marks)
Part-C contains 3 questions with one internal choice. Every question has 15 marks and the word limit of each question is of 400 words (Total 45 Marks)
There should be one question from each unit in Part-C.

UNIT-I

Gandhi's concept of truth, relation between truth and god, truth & love, truth and non-violence.
Gandhi's view regarding self, world and god. Equality of all religions (Sarvadharma-samabhinava)

UNIT-II

Main concepts of Gandhian Social Political Philosophy - Satyagraha, swaraj, trusteeship, sarvodaya, Decentralisation of power, statelessness.

UNIT-III

Gandhi's view regarding education, Morality (Mean End Theory), role and status of woman and language. Ideological differences between Gandhi and Rajendra Prasad Tagore regarding Tradition and Modernity. Ideological differences between Gandhi and B.R. Ambedkar regarding varna and caste.

Suggested Readings:
Nai Talme - NPH, Ahmedabad.
Young India - NPH, Ahmedabad.
My experience with truth - NPH, Ahmedabad.
N.K. Bose - Selections from Gandhi - NPH, Ahmedabad.
D.M. Dutta - Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi - Uni. of Calcuta.
Metaphysical foundation of Mahatma Gandhi's thought - Surendra Verma, orient Language, New Delhi.
Hind Swaraj, NPH, Ahmedabad.
Constructive programme. NPH, Ahmedabad
Sarvodaya, NPH, Ahmedabad.
Social Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi - Mahadev Prasad Vishvavidyalaya, Prakasam Gokulpur.

OPTIONAL PAPER VI, VII, VIII (4) ADVANCE ETHICS

3 hrs Duration
100 Marks

Note: This paper is divided into three independent units. The question paper will be divided into three parts: Part-A, Part-B, and Part-C.
Part-A is compulsory. It has 10 questions at least 3 questions from each unit. Each question is of 3 marks and the word limit is of 50 words. (Total 30 marks)

UNIT-I

1. N. Hartman : Ethics Vol-I (Chapter 1-6)
2. N. Hartman : Ethics Vol-I (Chapter 14, 19 & 23)
3. R.M. Hare : Languages of Morals

Books Recommended:
Ethics - N. Hartman Vol-I (Chapter 1 to 6), (Chapter 14, 19 & 23)
R.M. Hare - Language of Morals

UNIT-II

Jain definition of Praman and critical evaluation of the definitions of praman according to Nyaya & Buddhism, Pramanavatam, Types of Praman - Pratyaksha - Samaya-dharmik and Paramarthik Paroksha - Samyakdhi, Pratyabhijna, Varna, Anuman and Agama, Nature of Apar and Sarvajna Siddhi, Praman and Naya, Types of Naya.

UNIT-III


Books Prescribed:
Tattvartha Sutra : Chapters 6 and 9 complete, Chapters 7 Sutra 1 to 20, Tattvartha Vartika Chapter 1 Sutra 1 to 44, 33 Chapter 2 Sutra 1 to 8, Chapters 8 Sutra 1 to 4 & Chapter 5 to 10 complete.
Prameya Ratna Mala, Chapter 1.2 & 3
Apti mimanasa - complete
Tattv, Vartika - A Commentary on Tattvartha Sutra by Akalanka Ed.
Books Recommended:
1. Jain Sanatan and Law and Ethics - Umangpuvala
2. Vedanta and Logic
3. Nyaya
4. Buddha and The Gospel of Buddha
5. Vaidic and Vedantic
6. Bhakti
7. Modern
8. Social and Cultural

Optional Paper VII, VIII (6) Buddhism

3 hrs Duration
100 Marks

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Part-B contains 5 questions. All questions are compulsory. Every question carries 5 marks and the word limit of each question is of 100 words. (Total 25 marks)

Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has 15 marks and the word limit of each question is of 400 words. (Total 45 marks)

There should be one question from each unit in Part-C

Unit-I
Vijnaptimatrastasiddhi, Apoha Siddhi

Unit-II
Nyaya Bindu

Unit-III
Vighraha Vyavartini

Books Prescribed:
1. Dharma Kriya
2. Sunya
3. Ratna Kriya
4. Vatubandhu

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Optional Paper VII, VIII (6) Philosophy of History

3 hrs Duration
100 Marks

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Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has 15 marks and the word limit of each question is of 400 words. (Total 45 marks)

There should be one question from each unit in Part-C

Unit-I

Unit-II

Unit-III
Jain Theory of Sabda Praman, Nature of Apa. Theory related to the validity of linguistic knowledge, Syadvy, Naya, Nikheph and the types of naya, and nikhed, Jain and Buddhist theories related to the nature of reference of linguistic knowledge. Jain and Buddhist theories of meaning of word and sentence. Apohaavad.
Chapter XIII - Heidegger and the Language of Metaphysics.

Prescribed Books:
Gadamer Hans George: Philosophical Hermeneutics; University of California Press.

PAPER IX (A) POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

3 hrs Duration 100 Marks

Note: This paper is divided into three independent units. The question paper will be divided into three parts: Part-A, Part-B and Part-C.

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Part-B contains 5 questions. All questions are compulsory. Every question carries 5 marks and the word limit of each question is of 100 words. (Total 25 marks)
Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has 5 marks and the word limit of each question is of 200 words. (Total 45 marks)

There should be one question from each unit in Part-C.

UNIT-FI

Plato, Aristotle, Locke, Rousseau

UNIT-HI

Mill, Hegel, Marx, What is State - from Machiavelli's Book

UNIT-III

The limits of political control, The locus of authority, Sovereignty, Law and order, Political government and economic order - from Machiavelli's Book.

Prescribed Books:
1. Machiavelli: The Modern State, Oxford University Press

Books Recommended:
1. Barker: Plato and his Predecessors.
2. Sabine: A History of Political theory.
3. Dunning: A History of Political theory
4. Michael B. Foster: Masters of Political thought Vol. 1
5. W.T. Jones (Ed.): Masters of Political thought Vol. 2
6. Lane W. Lancaster: Masters of Political thought Vol. 3

OR

PAPER IX (B) Problems of Philosophy - A Course in Applied Philosophy

3 hrs Duration 100 Marks

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Part-C contains three questions with one internal choice. Every question has 5 marks and the word limit of each question is of 200 words. (Total 45 marks)

There should be one question from each unit in Part-C.

UNIT-FI

Philosophy and value consciousness, Culture specific values and culture neutrality of values; fundamental human rights, social justice - philosophical perspectives and presupposition; Ethics in professional practice, being a good
professional, a morally good profession and a morally good person.

UNIT II

Problems related to life and death: Acne for and against to choose death. Evaluation of suicide, Euthanasia, samadhi maran or sahishuddha; Animal rights - Ethical evaluation of using animals in medical research and economic purpose. The ethics of reverence of life. Feminist thought: Social, Political, liberal and Marxist.

UNIT III


Prescribed Books:


The Following Articles:

(i) The Ethic of Reverence of Life (ii) The Use of Animals in Science
(iii) The Case for Unrestricted Research Using Animals
(iv) The Case for Restricting Research Using Animals

Books Recommended:

2. Social Justice: Dept. of Philosophy, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.