

COURSES OF STUDIES

For

2007-2008

MASTER OF ARTS PHILOSOPHY



**RAVENSHAW UNIVERSITY
CUTTACK**

COURSES OF STUDIES

SEMESTER - I

PAPER - I (PH-1.1.1)

HISTORY OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

F.M-50

Time- 3 hrs

Unit - I

Socrates; Life, Method and Philosophy. (Reasons, concepts, Virtue, Etc.) Plato - Theory of Knowledge; Theory of Ideas ; Dialectic.

Unit - II

Plato - Physics - (a) doctrine of the World,
(b) Doctrine of Soul
Ethics - (a) Individual (b) State

Unit - III

Aristotle - Aristotle's critique of Plato's theory of Idea.
Theory of causation, form and Matter; Aristotle -
Concept of God, Philosophy of Nature, Ethics - The
Individual and the State.

Books for reference:

1. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy - W. T. Stace
2. Greek Philosophy - Burnet
3. A History of Philosophy- F Coplestone
4. Plato - A Taylor
5. Living Issues in Philosophy - Titus and Smith

M.A. (PHILOSOPHY)

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PAPER- II (PH-1.1.2)
INDIAN METAPHYSICS

F.M-50

Time- 3 hrs

Unit - I

Development of the Philosophical thought in the Upanisads : Brahman, Atman, Doctrine of Karma; Theory of Causation in Buddhism, Nyaya and Samkhya.

Unit - II

The concept of Reality in Jainism, Buddhism, Samkhya and Vaiseshika.

Unit - III

The Concept of Liberation in Jainism, Buddhism and Samkhya; The Concept of Liberation in Sankara & Ramanuja.

Book for Reference:

1. History of Indian Philosophy, Vol. I, S.N. Dasgupta
2. Indian Philosophy, Vol. I and II, S. Radhakrishnan
3. Outlines of Indian Philosophy, M Hiriyanna.

PAPER- III (PH-1.1.3)
SYMBOLIC LOGIC

F.M-50

Time- 3 hrs

Unit - I

Chapter - I : The sentential connectives; Truth - Tables and Logical connectives; Tautologies, Tautological Implications and Tautological Equivalence; Chapter - II: (Section - 2.1 to 2.3) Two major criteria of inference; sentential interpretations; three sentential rules of derivation; Table of tautologies and sentential derivations;

Unit - II

Chapter - II : (Section - 2.3 & 2.4) : some useful Tautological Implications; consistency of premises; the indirect proof 'RAA'; Chapter - III : (Section - 3.1 to 3.6) : Symbolising every day language ; Grammer and logic; terms; predicates; quantifiers; Bound and free variables.

Unit - III

Chapter - IV : (Section -1 to 4.3) : General theory of inference - rules and applications; Arthmatical Interpretations. Testing validity of general and complicated forms of arguments involving universal and existential quantifiers.

Books for Reference:

1. Patrick Suppes, Introduction to Logic

PAPER - IV (PH-1.1.4)
POST - KANTIAN CONTEMPORARY
WESTERN PHILOSOPHY.

F.M-50**Time- 3 hrs****Unit - I**

Hegel : Absolute Idealism, Dialectical Method; Bradley:
 Appearance and Reality, Theory of Relations.

Unit - II

Pragmatism of James : Radical Empiricism and Theory
 of Truth

Unit - III

Logical positivism : Elimination of Metaphysics and
 Verification Principle; Logical positivism: Functions of
 Philosophy and Positivistic Ethics.

Recommended Text :

1. Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy - D.M. Dutta.
2. Philosophy of Hegel - W.t. State
3. Language, Truth and Logic - A.J. Ayer
4. Pragmatism - William James
(Rel portions: Lecture - II & Lecture VI)
5. Appearance and Reality - F.H. Bradley.

Books for Reference:

1. Hagel : A reexamination - J.N. Findley
2. Bradley - Richard Wellheim
3. A Critical History of Western Philosophy (ed) D.J.O. conner
4. Introduction to Modern Philosophy - C.E.M. Joad.

PAPER- V (AH-1.1.5)
ANALYTICAL PHILOSOPHY

F.M-50**Time- 3 hrs****Unit - I**

Revolution in Philosophy, Development of Analytical
 Philosophy, Moores' refutation of Idealism - Moore's
 "In Defence of Commn Sense "; Russell's Theory of
 Description, Theory of Types.

Unit - II

Russel's Theory of Logical Atomism, Logical
 Construction, Wittgenstein's view of Logical Atomism.

Unit - III

Wittgenstein's view of Nature and Method of
 Philosophy, Picture Thoery of Meaning and Use theory
 of meaning; Ayer's Nature of Philosophical Knowledge,
 Methodology, Ayer's Elimination of Metaphysics.

Books for Reference:

1. Classics of Analytic Philosophy (Ed) Ammerman

2. Linguistic Analysis - M.J. Charlesworth
3. Perspectives in analytical Philosophy (Ed) Mohapatra & Panigrahi.
4. Language, Truth and Logic - A.J. Ayer.
5. Russel & Moore; The Analytical Heritage - A.J. Ayer.
6. Essays in Conceptual Analysis - A. Flew.
7. Philosophy of Wittgenstein - G. Pitcher.

SEMESTER - II**PAPER-VI (PH-1.2.6)****PHILOSOPHY OF KANT****F.M. -50****Time- 3 Hrs.****Unit - I**

General Problems of Kant, Critical Philosophy, Copernican Revolution, Possibility of Synthetic - Apriori Judgement ;Forms of Sensibility - Space and time. Space and time as apriori Intuitions, Space and time as empirically real and transcendently ideal.

Unit-II

Transcendental Logic ; the Clue to the Discovery of all pure Concepts of understanding (Metaphysical deduction of categories) ;Transcendental deduction of categories (1st edition and 2nd edition) Phenomena and Noumena.

Unit-III

The Concepts of Pure reason - The Paralogism, the Antinomies and the Ideal of Pure Reason (Soul, World and God)

Book for Reference

1. Kant's Critique of Pure Reason - T.E.Wilkerson
2. Kant - S. Korner
3. Kant - N.K. Nicham
4. A Hand Book to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason - R. B. Das
5. Immanuel Kant - Hrudananda Ray.

PAPER - VII (PH-1.2.7)**INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY****F.M. -50****Time- 3 Hrs.****Unit-I**

Pramana - Pratyaksa & Anumana ; Sabda, Upamana, Arthapatti, Anupalabdhi

Unit-II

Svatah Pramanya and Paratah Pramanya

Unit-III

Theories of Error - Akhyati, Viparitakhyati, Satkhyati
Theories of Error - Anirvachaniyakhyati, Atmakhyati, Anyathakhyati.

Recommended Text:

1. The Concept of Knowledge - Debabrata Sen
2. The Six ways of Knowledge - D. M. Dutta
3. Methods of Knowledge - Swami Satprakasa Nanda
4. Perceptual Error : The Indian Theories - Srinibas Rao.
5. Theories of Error - B. Kar

PAPER- VIII (PH -1.2.8)**SYMBOLIC LOGIC & CRITICAL THINKING****F.M. -50****Time- 3 Hrs.****Unit-I**

Chapter-IV : (Section 4.4 to 4.6) : General theory of inference ; Inter change of Quantifiers ; General inferences; Chapter-IX : (Section 9.1 to 9.6) : Elementary Set - Theory ; Sets, membership; empty set, subset, proper, sub-set, inclusion, operation on sets, union, intersection difference domain of Individuals.

Unit-II

Chapter-IX : (Section 9.7 to 9.9) : Translating every day language ; Venn Diagrams. Elementary Principles about operation on sets ;Set-Theory : ordered couples, relations, properties of binary relations, equivalence' relations.

Unit - III

Nyaya theory of inferences, constituents, processes of inference of Vyapti and hetvabhasa.

Books Recommended :

1. An Introduction to Logic by Patrick Suppes (for Unit-I and II)
2. A modern introduction to Indian Logic - by S.S. Balingay (For Unit - I)

PAPER-IX (PH- 1.2.9)**CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY****F.M. -50****Time- 3 Hrs.****Unit-I**

Bergson : Creative Evolution, Elan Vital ; Existentialism: Existence precedes essence, Notion of freedom, anguish.

Unit-II

Sartre's Existentialism : Being and Nothingness, Existentialism and Humanism.

Unit-III

Phenomenology : Methodology and Salient features ; Husserl's Phenomenology : Life World, bracketing, theory of intentionality, Noema, Noesis.

Book Recommended

1. Creative Evolution - Henri Bergson

2. A Critical Survey of Phenomenology & Existentialism - M. K. Bhadra
3. An Introduction to existentialism - R.G. Olson
4. Existentialism and Humanism - J.P. Sartre

Book for Reference :

1. Chief currents of contemporary Philosophy - D.M. Dutta
2. A hundred years of Philosophy - John Passmore.

PAPER-X (PH-1.2.10)**PHILOSOPHY OF LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS****F.M. -50****Time- 3 Hrs.****Unit-I**

Gilbert Ryle's 'Descartes' Myth' ; John Wisdom - 'Philosophy and Psychoanalysis'

Unit-II

W.V. Quine. - "Two dogmas of Empiricism" J. L. Austine
- "A plea for excuses"

Unit-III

Descriptive Metaphysics of P.F. Strawson.

Books recommended :.

1. Classics of Analytic Philosophy (Ed) R.R. Ammerman

Books for Reference :

1. A Hundred years of Philosophy - John Passmore.
2. Linguistic Analysis - M.J. Charlesworth

3. Perspectives in Analytical Philosophy (Ed) Mohapatra & Panigrahi.
4. The Concept of Mind - Gilbert Ryle
5. Philosophical Analysis - J. Urmson
6. Descriptive Metaphysics - Dhaneswar Sahoo

PAPER-XI (PH-1.2.11)**SEMINAR**

F.M -100

Students are required to appear "Seminar - Examination" carrying 100 marks subject to a limit of 40% as pass mark. This is mandatory to appear as paper-XI in the term - end examination of 2nd Semester in P.G. Part-I.

The subject matter of the Seminar Examination will be set by the Internal Examiners of the Department and test would be taken in the class room performance of the seminar in group basis.

