

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
RAVENSHAW UNIVERSITY, CUTTACK**

Pre-PhD Course Work Syllabus, 2023-24

SEMESTER-I

1.1.1		
Research Methodology		100 Marks
1.1.2		
Epistemology/Metaphysics/Moral Philosophy/ Language and Analysis/ Issues in Indian Philosophy/ Issues in Socio-political Philosophy		100 Marks
1.1.3.		
Research and Publication Ethics		50 Marks
1.1.4		
Literature Review		50 Marks

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1.1.1

Research Methodology

Unit-I

Introduction

1.2 Concept of Research

1.3 Types of Research

1.3.1 Basic and Applied Research

1.3.2 Conceptual and Experimental Research

1.3.3 Qualitative and Quantitative Research

1.4 Topic Selection

1.5 Sourcing for Materials

1.6 Engaging your Supervisor

1.7 Guidelines

1.8 Language of Research Report

1.9 Research Ethics

1.9.1 Principle of Voluntary Participation

1.9.2 Principle of Informed Consent

1.9.3 No Harm Principle

1.9.4 No Nuisance Principle

1.9.5 Principle of Necessity

Unit-II

BACKGROUND TO RESEARCH

Introduction

2.2 Abstract

2.3 Background of the Study

2.4 Statement of the Problem

2.5 Objectives of the Study

2.6 Significance of the Study

2.7 Justification of the Study

2.8 Scope of the Study

2.9 Definition of Terms

2.10 Literature Review

Unit-III

PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH

Introduction

3.2 Nature of Philosophical Research

- 3.3 Philosophical Method
- 3.4 Research Paradigms in Philosophy
 - 3.4.1 Conversational and Dialectical Paradigm
 - 3.4.2 Analytical Paradigm
 - 3.4.3 Phenomenological Paradigm
 - 3.4.4 Historical Paradigm
 - 3.4.5 Experimental and Practical Paradigm
- 3.5 Philosophical Research Methods
 - 3.5.1 Method of Sage Philosophy
 - 3.5.2 Method of Conceptual Decolonization
 - 3.5.3 Indigenous Language Analysis
 - 3.5.4 Method of Conceptual Mandelanization
 - 3.5.5 Storytelling Method
 - 3.5.6 Method of Textual Analysis
 - 3.5.7 Method of Contextual Analysis
- 3.6 Philosophical Research Design
- 3.7 Areas of Philosophical Interpretation
 - 3.7.1 Spiritocentric Interpretation
 - 3.7.2 Materialistic Interpretation
 - 3.7.3 Existential Interpretation
 - 3.7.4 Geographical interpretation
 - 3.7.5 Pluralistic Interpretation
 - 3.7.6 Communal Interpretation
 - 3.7.7 Individualistic Interpretation
- 3.8 Basic Concepts in Philosophical Research
- 3.9 Sources of Error in Philosophical Research
 - 3.9.1 Descriptive Chauvinism
 - 3.9.2 Normative Chauvinism
 - 3.9.3 Normative Scepticism
 - 3.9.4 Perennialism
 - 3.9.5 Incommensurability

Unit-IV

DOCUMENTATION

Introduction

- 4.2 When and What to Document
- 4.3 MLA Citation Style 8th Edition
 - 4.3.1 In-text Citations
 - 4.3.2 Works Cited Page
 - 4.3.2.1 Author's Name
 - 4.3.2.2 Title of Source
 - 4.3.2.3 Title of Container
 - 4.3.2.4 Other Contributions
 - 4.3.2.5 Version
 - 4.3.2.6 Number
 - 4.3.2.7 Publisher

- 4.3.2.8 Publication Date
- 4.3.2.9 Location
- 4.3.3 Important Points to Note
- 4.3.4 Miscellaneous
- 4.4 Commonly Used Abbreviations in Documentations

Unit-V

Computer Tools for Writing and Publishing Text Tools, Publishing and Printing Tools, Management and Presentation Tools, An Invaluable Tool for Assignment and Thesis Writing

The Computer as an Information Tool Electronic Information Resources, Online Databases, Electronic Reference Library, E-Journals, Searching the Net

- The concerned teacher will prefer certain important papers relating to these concepts.

Selected Reading:

Anderson, J., & Poole, M. (2001). Assignment and thesis writing, (4th ed.)

Brisbane: John Wiley & Sons. Mounsey, C., Essays and dissertations (Indian Edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press

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1.1.2 Epistemology

Unit-I

Knowledge and belief

Unit-II

Gettier problem and responses

Unit-III

Theories of Justification: Foundationalism and Non-foundationalism

Unit-IV

Naturalized Epistemology

Unit-V

Social Epistemology

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Suggested Readings:

1. Lemos, Noah, An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge, CUP, 2007
2. Chisolm, R.M., Theory of Knowledge (3rd Ed), Prentice Hall, India, New Delhi Books
3. Audi, Robert, Belief, Knowledge and Justification, Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1988
4. Pappas, G.S. and Swain M. (eds.); Essays on Knowledge and Justification, Cornell University Press London, 1978
5. Lehrer, Keith, Knowledge, Oxford University Press, London 1974
6. Pappas, G.S. (ed); Justification of knowledge, Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1979
5. Gettier, E., "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge", Analysis, 23.6, June 1963

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1.1.2 Metaphysics

Unit-I

Metaphysics and Challenges

Unit-II

Analysis and Metaphysics

Unit-III

Universals and Particulars

Unit- IV

Existence

Unit-V

Changing things/Identity and Change

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Suggested Readings

1. Aune, Bruce, (1985), *The Elements of Metaphysics*, The University of Minnesota Press
2. Pears, D. F., *Nature of Metaphysics*
3. Taylor, Richard, (1992), *Metaphysics*, Prentice Hall,
4. Lazerowitz, Morris, (2014), *Structure of Metaphysics*, Routledge,

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1.1.2 Moral Philosophy

Unit-I

Moral thinking and Philosophical questions

Unit-II

Authoritarian and Subjectivist ethics

Unit-III

Meta-ethical Theories

Unit-IV

Methods of justifying normative ethical theories

Unit-V

Why be moral?

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Suggested Readings:

1. Willott, Ellizabeth and David Schmidtz, *Environmental Ethics: What Really Matters, What Really Works*, OUP, 2012
2. Keller, David, *Environmental Ethics: the big questions*, Willey-Blackwell, 2010
3. Beauchamp, T.L. and LeRoy Walters (ed.): *Contemporary Issues In Bioethics*, Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1989
4. Velasquez, Manuel, G.: *Business Ethics: Concept and Cases*, 5th edition, Pearson, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 2002
5. Pattersons, Philip and Lee Wilkins, *Media Ethics: Issues and Cases*, Tata Mcgraw-Hill, 2010

Singer, P. *Practical Ethics*, CUP, 2011

2. Singer, P. *Ethics*, CUP, 1994

3. Singer, P. and Kuhse, Helga, (eds.), *Bioethics: An Anthology*, CUP, 2006

4. Wilkins, Lee and Coleman, R., *The Moral Media: How Journalist Reason About Ethics*, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Inc., 2008

5. Stenberg, E., *Just Business*, OUP, 2000

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1.1.2

Language and Analysis

Unit-I

Philosophical Analysis

Unit-II

Mind and Language, Language and World

Unit-III

Truth and Meaning

Unit-IV

Meaning and Reference

Unit-V

Ordinary language analysis

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Suggested Readings:

Martinich, A. P., *The Philosophy of language*, OUP, 1990

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1.1.2

Issues in Indian Philosophy

Unit-I

- i) Ganeswar Misra, "Metaphysical Models and Conflicting Cultural Patterns", (Chapter 8 of Ed. Devaraja, N.K., *Indian Philosophy Today*, Macmillan)
- ii) D.P. Chattopadhyay, "What is living and dead in Indian philosophy"

Unit-II

- i) Daya Krishna, "Three Myths about Indian Philosophy" (Chapter 1 of *Indian Philosophy: A Counterperspective*, Oxford University Press)
- ii) J.N. Mohanty, "Theory and Practice in Indian Philosophy", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, June, 2006

Unit-III

- i) K.C. Bhattacharya, "The Concept of Philosophy" (Chapter 5 of Ed. S. Radhakrishnan and J.H. Muirhead, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, George Allen & Unwin)
- ii) T.R.V. Murty, "The Spirit of Philosophy" (Chapter 19 of Ed. S. Radhakrishnan and J.H. Muirhead, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*)

Unit-IV

- Jonathan Ganeri, (i) "The Motive and Method of Rational Enquiry"
(ii) "The Rational Basis of Metaphysics"
(Chapters 1 and 3 of *Philosophy in Classical India: The Proper Work of Reason*, Routledge)

Unit-V

- i) B.K. Matilal, *The Logical Illusion of Indian Mysticism*, Oxford
- ii) Wilhelm Halbfass, "Darsana, Anviksiki, Philosophy" (Chapter 15 of *India and Europe: An Essay in Philosophical Understanding*, Motilal Banarsidass)

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1.1.2

Issues in Socio-political Philosophy

Unit-I

Socio-political Philosophy sorting out the Issues

Unit-II

Basic principles: Obligation and Authority, Liberty and Coercion, Preference and Rationality, Equality and Justice

Unit-III

Models of Governance

Unit-IV

Diversity and deliberations

Unit-V

Indian Political Discourses

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Martinich, A. P., *The Philosophy of language*, OUP, 1990

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1.1.4

Literature Review