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Suryamaninagar-799022**

**Syllabus**

**For**

**Semester – II**

**Philosophy (Major & General)**

**Year 2014**

**Semester - II**  
**(Paper - II)**  
**History of Western Philosophy**  
**(Full Marks: 100)**

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- Unit I : (i) Plato: Theory of knowledge (episteme) and opinion (doxa). Theory of Forms.  
(ii) Aristotle: Critique of Plato's theory of Forms. Theory of Causation, Form and Matter, Potentiality and Actuality.
- Unit II: (i) Descartes: Method and need for Method in philosophy, Method of Doubt: Cogito Ergo Sum, types of Ideas, mind and matter, mind-body interactionism, God: nature and proofs for His existence.  
(ii) Spinoza: Substance, attributes and modes, the concept of 'God or Nature', Pantheism, mind-body problem, three orders of knowing.  
(iii) Leibnitz: Monadology, doctrine of pre-established harmony, truths of reason and truths of facts, innateness of all ideas, principles of non-contradiction, sufficient reason and identity of the indiscernibles
- Unit III: (i) Locke: Ideas and their classification, refutation of innate ideas, knowledge and its grades, substance, qualities.  
(ii) Berkeley: Rejection of abstract ideas, rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, immaterialism, esse est percipi.  
(ii) Hume: Impressions and ideas, judgments concerning relations of ideas and matters of fact, causality, skepticism.
- Unit IV: Kant: Conception of critical philosophy, classification of judgments: analytic, synthetic, apriori, aposteriori, possibility of synthetic apriori judgments, the forms of sensibility (space and time), categories of the understanding, the metaphysical deduction of categories, postulates of moral judgments, phenomena and noumena, postulates of moral judgements.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Greek Philosophy: Burnet
2. A History of Philosophy: F. Coplston
3. A Critical History of Modern Philosophy: D.L.O'Connor
4. History of Modern Philosophy: Richard Falckenberg
5. A History of Modern Philosophy: W.K. Wright
6. A Critical History of Greek Philosophy: W.T. Stace
7. Locke, Berkeley, Hume: C.R. Morris
8. The Rationalists: John Cottingham
9. Locke, Berkeley, Hume: Nirode Baran Chakraborty
10. Plato and Aristotle: Nirode Baran Chakraborty
11. Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (Plato O Aristotle): Debabrata Sen
12. Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (Descartes, Spinoza and Leibnitz): Chandradaya Bhattacharya
13. Paschatya Darsaner Itihas: Iksanbad (Locke, Berkeley, Hume): Chandradaya Bhattacharya
14. Critique of Pure Reason: Kant (Edited by N.K. Smith)
15. Kanter Darsan: Raj Vihari Das
16. A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: Raj Vihari Das
17. A Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding: Hume (edited by J.N. Mahanti)
18. Hume 'Inquiry': Rama Prasad Das

**Semester – II**  
**(Paper – II)**  
**Logic: Indian (Nyaya Darsana) & Western**  
**(Full Marks: 100) (P)**

Unit-I: Nature of Inference, Paksa, Sadhya, Hetu, Paramarsa, Vyapti, Vyaptigraha, Svartha-Paratha anumiti, Kevalanvayi, Kevala vyateriki and Anvayi-vyateriki hetu

Unit II: Hervabhasa-Definitions and kinds

Unit III : Introduction to Logic :I.M.Copi  
Chapter-5 :Categorical Propositions  
(i) Categorical Propositions and Classes  
(ii) Quality, Quantity and Distribution  
(iii)The Traditional Square of Opposition  
(iv) Further Immediate Inferences  
(v) Existential Import  
(vi) Symbolism and Diagrams for Categorical Propositions

Unit IV: Introduction to Logic: I.M. Copi  
Chapter-6 : Categorical Syllogisms  
(i) Standard-Form Categorical Syllogism  
(ii) The Formal nature of Syllogistic Argument  
(iii) Venn Diagram Technique for testing Syllogism  
(iv) Rules and Fallacies

Chapter-11 : Analogy and Probable Inference:  
(i) Argument by Analogy, (ii) Appraising Analogical Arguments

Chapter-12: Mill's Methods – (i) Agreement, (ii) Difference, (iii) Concomitant Variation