# Syllabus

# For

# PG Course in Philosophy

# Sidho Kanho Birsha University

## Semester -I 40+10

### Course 1.1 Western Logic

1. Direct and Indirect Proof of Validity
2. Rules of Conditional Proof and Indirect Proof of Validity
3. Reductio- ad-absurdum Method
4. Quantification theory: Multiply general propositions, techniques of symbolisation, quantificational rules, proof of validity and invalidity, logical truth involving quantifiers.
5. The logic of relations: Symbolising relation arguments involving relations, attributes of relations, validity and definite descriptions.
6. Free methods for testing validity of quantificational argument.

Texts:

1. Symbolic Logic – I.M. Copi
2. Formal Logic – Its Scope and Limits – by R. Jefery.
৩. সাংকেতিক যুক্তিবিজ্ঞাণ, রমাপরাসাদ দাস

## Course 1.2 Indian logic 40+10

1. Definition of Anumana: Nyaya, Buddhist and Jaina Perspectives.
2. Constituents of Anumana: Nyaya, Buddhist and Jaina Perspectives.
3. Process of Anumana: Nyaya Buddhist and Jaina Perspectives.
4. Nyaya: Paksata, Paramarsa, Definition of vyapti.

Texts**:** 1. Tarka-Bhasa (anumana Khanda)—Keshab Mishra
2. Nyaya Bindu (Anumana Khanda)
3. Vedanta Paribhasa (dvitiya parichcheda)
4. Jaina Tarka Bhasa. Hetvabhasa according to Tarka-Bhasa.

**Suggested Readings:**

*Logic Language and Reality,* B.K. Motilal**.**

## Course 1.3 (Epistemology Western) 40+10

1. Kant – Critique of Pure Reason ( From Introduction to Transcendental deduction of categories)
2. Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic.
3. Some issues in Epistemology: Nature and definition of Knowledge, including Gettier's problem.
4. Scepticism and possibility of knowledge.

Text: Immanuel Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, translated by Norman Kemp Smith, MacMillan and co. Ltd.

**Suggested readings:**

1. Handbook to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, by Rash Bihari Das.
2. Kant, S Koner
3. Kant's metaphysics of Experience, H.J. Patton.
4. Problem of Knowledge A.J. Ayer.

5. Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology.
6. Knowledge and Justification by John Pollock.
7. Knowledge, K. Lehrer.
8. Justification: Concept and Theories, Sandhya Basu.
9. Scepticism and Naturalism: Some Varities, P.F. Strawson
10. Philosophy: A Guide through the Subject by A.C. Grayiling**.**

## Course 1.4 Epistemology Indian. 40+10

1. Nature of Prama and Pamana: Pramana Samplava and Prama Vyavastha; Batsyayan Bhasya.
2. Arthapatti , anupalabdhi; Tarka-Bhasa.
3. a) Concept of Pratyaksha in Nyaya (Nyaya Sutra 1.1.4)
   b) Concept of Pratyaksha in Vedanta (selection from Pratyaksa Parichched O Vedanta Paribhasa).
   c) Concept of Pratyaksa in Buddhism 9 selectad portion from the Pratyaksa parichched )
4. Pramanyavada ( Utpatti, Jnapti tarka Bhasa, Tarka Samgraha).
5. Khyativada (UG)

Texts:

1 ন্যয়পরিচয়, ফনীভূষণ র্তকবাগীশ
২ ন্যায় দর্শন, ফনীভূষণ তর্কবাগীশ৷
৩৷ বেদান্তপরিভাষা, পঞ্চানন শাস্ত্রী সম্পাদিত৷
৪৷ ন্যয়বিন্দু, ধর্মকীর্তি৷
৫৷ তর্ক সংগ্রহ, নারায়ন -গাস্বামী৷
৬৷ বিবরন প্র-ময় সংগ্রহ, বিদ্যারন্য৷

**Suggested readings:**

**1.** Perception, B.K. Motilal (Oxford University Press).

2. Buddhist Logic, Stcherbasky,
৩. ন্যয়বিন্দু, সঞ্জিত সাধুখাঁ

## Course 1.5 Indian Ethics 40+10

1. The First Sutras of Purva Mimansa: Sutra of Jaimini with Sutras Bhasya.
2. Moral Dilemma and Religious Dogmas
3. Sri Ramakrishna: Simplicity with Profundity
4. Caste, Karma and the Jati
5. The problem of Inter-Faith Studies
6. Religion and Value.

**Suggested Readings**:

Ethics and epics – B.K. Motilal
Artha Sangraha – Logakshi Bhaskara.
Indian Ethics: Shurama Dasgupta
Problem of Inter – Faith Studies Asgar Ali Engineer
Varna and Jati – Shurama Dasgupta

**Semester—II**

**Course 2.1 Metaphysics Western 40+10**

1. Aristotle - Metaphysics Topics:, First Philosophy (UG), Substance, Universality Being-qua-being, Potentiality and Actuality.
2. Hegel: The concept of Geist (Spirit), The Dialectical Method, Concepts of being, non – being and becoming, absolute Idealism.

**Suggested Readings**:

1. Aristotle's Metaphysics, W.D. Ross
2. Doctrine of being in Aristotle's Metaphysics, Woeyns
3. Articles on Aristotle, Barne, Sorabji, and Schofield.
4. Hegel's Idea of Phenomenology of Spirit, Michael Foster
5. Routledge Philosophy guide book to Hegel and the Phenomenology of Spirit, Robert Stern.

৬. অ্যরিষ্টট-লর অধিবিদ্যা - আব্দুল জলিল মিঞা, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়.

৭। -হ-গ-লর দর্শন - আনিল রায়৷

**Course 2.2 Metaphysics (Indian) 40+10**

1. The seven categories of Vaisesika system: their svadharma, vaidharma, ordering of categories.
2. Nitya and Anitya dravya, Paramanuvada.
3. Cit, Acit, Atman (from Vedanta standpoint)
4. Theory of Causation: Satkayavada, Asatkaryavada, Akasmikavada, Vivartavada.

Texts:

1. Prasastapada Bhasya with Nyayakandali, translated and annotated in Bengali by Shyamapada Mishra and Damodar Ashrama.
2. Vedanta Paribhasa, Dharmaraja Dhvarindra, annotated in Bengali by Panchanan shastri.

**Suggested Readings**:

1. Classical Indian Metaphysics by Stephen H. Phillips.
2. Indian Realism by J.N. Sinha.
3. Nyaya-Vaisesika Metaphysics by Sadananda Bhaduri.
4. Essays in Analytic Philosophy by Gopinath Bhattacharya.

**Course 2.3 Contemporary Western Philosophy 40+10**

Phenomenology and Existentialism:

1. Husserl: Phenomenological Method, Intentionality and Philosophy of life world.
2. Heidegger: Dasein, Being and Nothingness, Critique of Technological Civilization.
3. Sartre: Nothingness, Being-for itself, being-for others.

**Suggested Readings**:

1. Phenomenology and Existentialism by, R.C. Solomon.
2. What is Phenomenology by Thevenaz.
3. An Introduction to Existentialism by Robert G. Olson.
4. Existentialism by M. Warnock
5. Phenomenology and existentialism, by M.K. Bhadra
6. From Rationalism to Existentialism by R.C Solomon
7. Being and Nothingness by Jean Paul Sartre.
8. Existentialism and Humanism by Sartre.
9. অস্তিত্ববাদ ও মানবতাবাদ, মৃণালকান্তি ভদ্র৷
10. জাঁ পল সাত্রের দর্শন, মৃনাল কান্তি ভদ্র৷
11. হুসার্লের প্রতিভাস বিজ্ঞাণ, পরিতোষ (বাংলা অ্যাকাডেমি, ঢাকা)

**Course 2.4 (Contemporary Indian Philosophy) 40+10**

1. *Annihilation of Caste by B.R. Ambedkar*
   topics to be covered, Varna and Cast System: Neo Buddhism.
2. *Reconstruction of Religious thought in Islam* by M. Iqbal.
   Topics to be covered Self, God and Man, Super man

3. J. Krishnamurty - Freedom from the Known, Analysis of the Self.
4. M.K. Gandhi- Topics to be covered- Civilization, True Civilization Woman.

**Suggested Readings*:***

1. *Annihilation of Caste* by Ambedkar.
2. *Neo- Buddhism* by Ambedkar.
3. *Hind Swaraj* by M.K. Gandhi.
4. *Contemporary Indian Philosophy* by B.K. Motilal.
5. *Freedom from the Known* by J .Krishnamurty
6. *Tradition and Revolution* by J .Krishnamurty.
7. *Gandhian Philosophy of Education* by Ramakant Shukla.

**Course 2.5 Ethics** **40+10**

1. Kant's Moral Theory.
2. Naturalism,
3. Intuitionism
4. Emotivism.
5. Eudaemonism (Aristotle's Ethics).
6. Prescriptivism

**Suggested Readings:**

1. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of morals*, H. Patton
2. *The Philosophy of Kant, his Moral and Political writing, Carl J. Friedrich.*
3. *Utilitarianism*, John Stuart Mill.
4. *Modern Moral Philosophy*, W.D. Hudson.
5. *Philosophical Ethics*: An Introduction to Moral Philosophy.
6. *Ethics*: Theory and practice, J. Thiroux.
৭. নৈতিকতার অধিবিদ্যার মূল সূত্রের আলোচনা, অপলা চক্রবর্তী
৮. নীতি শাস্ত্র, দীক্ষিত গুপ্ত৷
৯. কথায় কর্মে এথিক্স, সোমনাথ চক্রবর্তী

## Semester III

## Course 3.1 Philosophy of Language (Western) 40+10

1. Wittgenstein: *Tractatus Logico Philosophicus* , topics to be covered, Language and Reality, Facts and Object, Picture Theory, Names and Proposition.
2. Philosophical Investigation: Language Game.
3. Speech Acts – Searle, Austin.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. *Readings in Philosophy of language*, Peter Ludlow
2. *Wittgenstein and the Philosophical Investigations*, M. Dummet.
3. Wittgenstein*: Tractatus Logico Philosophicus*
4. *Key Ideas in Linguistic Philosophy and Philosophy of Language Ed. By S. Chapman and C. Routledge.*
5. Essays on J.L. Austin, I Berlin.
6. উত্তর পর্বের উইটগেনস্টাইন, প্রিয়ংবদা সরকার

## Course 3.2 Philosophy of Language 40+10

1. Problem of meaning: Abhidha, Laksana, Vyanjana
2. Import of words: akrtivada, vyaktivada, yogyota, Jativada, Jatyakritivyaktivada, Jativisitavyaktivada, apohavada.
3. Conditions for Knowing sentence: Akankha, yogyota, sannidhi,
4. Comprehension of Sentence – Anvitavidhanavada, abhihitanvayavada.

Tatparyajnana

Suggested Readings:

1. *Word and its meaning*: A New Perspective, (Varanasi)
2. *The Philosophy of word and Meaning*, Gouri Nath Shastri
3. *Indian Theories of Meaning*, K. Kunjuni Raja.
4. *The Word and The World*, B.K. Motilal
5. *A Study in Language and Meaning*, B. Bhattacharya
6. *Nyaya Theory of Linguistic Performance*.
7. ভাষা পরিচ্ছেদ মুক্তাবলী সহ, পঞ্চানন শাস্ত্রী সম্পাদিত।
8. শব্দার্থ সমীক্ষা, গঁগাধর কর।

## Course- 3.3( Analytic Philosophy). 40+10

1. Russell – Theories of description.
2. Gilbert Ryle - Descartes' Myth
3. Quine - Two Dogmas of Empiricism.
4. Frege: Sense and Reference.
5. Moore: Defence of common sense

**Suggested Readings:**

1. *Some Main Problems of Philosophy*. G.E. Moore
2. *Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*, M.K.Munitz
3. Russell, A.C. Grayling.
4. *Twentieth Century analytic Philosophy*, Avrum Stroll.
5. *Problems of Philosphy,* Bertrand Russell.

6. *Philosophy of Language,* Gottlob Frege.
7. *বাচ্য ও তাৎপর্য্য,* প্রিয়ংবদা সরকার

## Course - 3.4.1 Special (Logic) 40+10

1. Axiomatic presentation of Truth Functional Propositional Logic. – PM system the theory of Deduction; Primitive Ideas and Propositions, Proofs of Theorems (as per as possible).
2. Intuitive Set Theory – Notions of Set, Set membership, Set identity, Set inclusions.
3. Operation on Sets – Interaction , Union difference
4. Translation into set theoretic notion
5. Venn diagram method: for testing validity of argument involving and testing consistency of a collection of statements involving not more than three sets
6. Relation and Properties of binary relations.
7. Consistency and Completeness of an axiomatic system

**Suggested Readngs**:

1. Principia Mathematica ( Ist Edition)
2. Introduction to Logic P Suppees
3. Symbolic Logic – I.M. Copi

## Course – 3.4.2 Special Paper – Nyaya 40+10

Unit- 1 Text – Vatsayana Bhasya from Adi Bhasya Pramana Khanda

**Course – 3.4.3 Special Paper - Vaisesika**

Text – Bhasa Parichcheda – Mangalacarana, Pratyaksha Khanda upto Sadharmya and vaidharmya

## Course – 3.4.4 Special Paper: Applied Ethics 40+10

1. Nature, Scope and methodology of Applied Ethics.
2. Environmental Ethics In Indian and Western Perspective
3. Medical Ethics in Indian and Western Perspective.
4. The Nature of Bioethics in Indian and western perspective.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Applied Ethics: a critical concept, Ruth. F. Chandwick, D. Schroeder
2. Companion to Applied Ethics by Peter singer
3. Indian Heritage of Conservational Ethics.(Selection) by Madhava Gadgil (Selected chapters)
4. Women in Forest, Vandana Shiva.
5. Bio–Diversity by Holmes Rolston III A Companion to Environmental Philosophy (selected Chapters).
6. Medical Ethics and Doctor-Patient Relationship by Dr. Chew Chin Hin.
7. The Nature of Bioethics by Ben Mepham
8. Charaka and the Notification of Indian Medical Council of Physician – Patient Relationship by R.D Sharma.

## 5. Special Paper: Vedanta 40+10

Brahman Sutra (selected portion)

Topics: Brahman, Distinction between Saguna and Nirguna Brahman, Maya – Its nature, Argument in favour of and against Maya, Atman: its nature, relation between atman and Brahman, Relation of Brahman with Jiva and Jagata, Moks.

## Semester IV

## Course: Philosophy /PG/4.1(Comparative Religion) 40+10

1. Outlines of Four Major Religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity & Islam
2. Philosophy of Religions
3. Comparative Religion
4. Commonality and difference among religions.
5. The nature of inter- religious dialogue.
6. Religion and Moral social Values.
7. Religion and Secular Society.

Suggested Readings:

1. Pattern in Comparative Religion by Mircea
2. Reader in Comparative Religion. Vol. 1 by W.A. Lessa and Z. Vogt (ed).
3. Problems of Religious pluralism, John Hick
4. Dialogues in the Philosophy of Religion, John Hick
5. Tracing Common Themes : Comparative Courses in the Study of Religion, J.B. Carman and P.H. Steven (ed)
6. Inter – Religious Dialogue: International Religious Foundation, D. Fleyant and F. Flent (ed).
7. A Handbook of living Religion. Penguin New York 1985.

**Course-4.2(Dissertation Paper)**

**On Any Philosophical Topic 40+10**

**Course 4.3(Social and Political Philosophy) 40+10**

1. Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy
2. Theories of the relation between individual and society: Individualistic theory, Organic Theory, Idealistic Theory.
3. Concept of Family, Society and state.
4. Theories of state: Liberalism, Socialism, Communism, Anarchism.
5. Concept of Welfare State.
6. Concept of Right, Liberty, Justice and Equality
7. Concept of Value in Society and politics.

Suggested Readings:

1. Society, MacIver and Page
2. Sociology: Morris Ginsberg
3. Sociology :S.N. Shankara Rao
4. Sociology, P.B. Kar
5. Introduction two Modern Political thought C.E.M. Joad.

**Course 4.4.1 Special Paper (logic): 40+10** Axiomatic presentation of modal propositional logic:

1. Basic Modal Notion.

2. The System – The axiomatic base of the system.
3. Proofs of theorems, concept of validity in the system T.
4. Semantic Diagram method for testing validity in T.
5. Normal Forms – Conjuctive Normal Form(CNF), Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF).
6. Induction, Evidence and probability - The problem of induction.

7. Induction as Probable, Interpretation of probability, relation of probability to evidence.

Suggested Readings:

1. An Introduction to Modal Logic, Hughes and Creswell
2. Fundamentals of Symbolic Logic, Ambrose and Lazerowetz.
3. Induction an Hypothesis, Stefen Barber
4. Probability and Induction, w. Kneele

**Course 4.4.2 Special Paper (Nyaya): 40+10**

Text: Vatsayana Bhasya Pramana Khanda

**Course - 4.4.3 Special Paper ( Vaisesika): 40+10**

Bhasa parichcheda - Anumana Khanda and Sabda Khanda

**Course 4.4.4 Special Paper: Applied Ethics 40+10**

1. Cultural Ethics in Indian and Western perspective
2. Socio Political ethics in Indian and Western perspective.
3. Feminism in Indian and Western perspective.
4. Professional Ethics in Indian and Western perspective.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. *Multiculturalism*: Will Kymlica
2. *Applied Ethics and Human Rights*, ed. Shashi Motilal.
3. *Applied Ethics and Social Problems*, Tony Fitzpatrick
4. *International Business Ethics*, Charles Mitchell.
5. *Corporate Philosophy in India*, P.N. Srinivasa.
6. *Gendered Interpretation of Selfhood Construction*, by Bidisha Mukherjee.,
7. *The New Era of Politics,* Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture.

**Course 4.4.5 Special Paper: Vedanta 40+10**

Brahmasutra – Sribhasya of Ramanuja (selected portion)

Topics: Brahman, Distinction between Saguna and Nirguna

Brahman.

Brahman: Its nature, argument against Maya, Atman – Its

Nature, relation of Brahman with Jiva, jagat, Moksa