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PART-I

Honours Papers

Candidates are required to answer

- i) Ten objective-type questions covering the entire syllabus of this paper, within two sentences each, carrying two marks each.
- ii) Four short-answer type questions covering the entire syllabus of this paper, within one fifty words each, carrying five marks each.
- iii) Four broad-answer type questions covering the entire syllabus of this paper, within six hundred words each, carrying fifteen marks each.

Full Marks=100

2x10= 20

5x4=20

15x4=60

PAPER-I

History of Indian Philosophy

The Basic Philosophical Concepts of the Vedas and Upanisads:

The concept of the *Rta*, *Rina*, the concept of *Ātman*, *Brahman* in the *Upanisads*, *Jīva*, *Śreya*, *Preya*, *Mokṣa* (in brief).

Cārvāka System:

Epistemology- Perception as the only source of knowledge, Refutation of Inference
.Metaphysics—Causality -*yadricchavāda* / *svabhavavāda* / *akasmikatāvāda*,
Jagat and *Bhutacaitanyavāda*.

Jaina System :

Anekāntavāda and *Syādvāda*.

Bauddha System:

Four noble truths, *Pratityasamutpādvāda*, *Kṣanabhangavāda* or Momentariness, *Nairātmavāda*,
Basic tenets of four *Bauddha* schools- *Vaiśāṅghika* and *Sautrāntika* (in brief), *Yogācāra* and
Madhyamika (in details).

Nyāya System:

Four *Pramāna-s*: *Pratyakṣa*- definition, classification into *savikalpaka* *nirvikalpaka* and
pratyabhijñā and *laukika* and *alaukika*.

Ānumāna: definition, *pakṣa*, *sādhya*, *hetu*, *vyāpti*, *vyāptigrahopaya*, *svārtha-pararthānumāna*.

Outlines of *Upamāna* and *Śabda*. Nature of self and liberation, Arguments for the existence of God.

Vaiśeṣika System :

The Basic Outlines of *Dravya, Gunā, Karma* and detailed analysis of *Sāmānya, Viśeṣā, Samavāya* and *Abhāva, Paramānūvāda* (in brief).

Sāmkyā System:

Satkāryavāda as opposed to *Asatkāryavāda, Prakṛiti* and its constituents, Arguments for its existence, Theory of Evolution, *Purusā*, Arguments for its existence, Plurality of *Purusā*.

Yoga System_:

Citta, Cittavṛtti, Cittabhūmi, Asāṅgāyoga and Concept of God.

Mīmāṃsā System:

Pramāṇā-s with special reference to *Arthāpatti* and *Anupalabdhi* (*Prābhakara* and *Bhatta's* view).

Advaita Vedānta Philosophy of Sankara :

Brahman, Jīva, Māyā, The Relation of *Brahman* with *Jīva* and *Jagat* , Three grades of *Sattā*.

Visistadvaitavada of Ramanuja :

Brahman, Relation of *Brahman* with *Jīva* and *Jagat*, Criticism of Sankara's doctrine of *Māyā*.

TEXT BOOKS

Hiriyana, Outlines of Indian Philosophy.

Dipak Kumar Bagchi, Bharatiya Darsan.

Suggested Readings:

C.D. Sharma, A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.

D.M. Dutta, Six Ways of Knowing.

D.M. Dutta and Chatterjee, An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.

Debabrata Sen, Bharatiya Darsan.

Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya, Lokayata Darsan.

Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya Shastri, Sadadarsana:Yoga

J.N. Mohanty, Classical Indian Philosophy.

Kanak Prabha Bandyopadhyaya, Sankhya Patanjali Darsana

Karuna Bhattacharya, Nyaya Vaisesika Darsan.

Panchanan Shastri, Carvaka Darsan.

Prodyot Kumar Mondal, Bharatiya Darsan.

Roma Choudhury, Vedanta Darsan.

S.C. Chatterjee, Nyaya Theory of Knowledge.

S.N. Dasgupta, History of Indian Philosophy.

S.Radhakrishnan, Indian Philosophy. (Vol I and II)

Sadananda Bhaduri, Nyaya-Vaisesika Metaphysics.

Samarendra Bhattacharya, Bharatiya Darsan.

Sukhamoy Bhattacharya, Purvamimamsa Darsan.

Sukomal Choudhury, Goutam Buddha Dharma Darsan.

T. R.V. Murti, Central Philosophy of Buddhism.

Aditya Kumar Mohanty, Concepts and issues in Indian Philosophy(Utkal Studies in Philosophy)

S.K.Moitra, Fundamental questions of Indian Metaphysics and Logic

Anil Kumar Roychouri, Doctrine of Maya

PAPER -II

Psychology and Social Political philosophy

Group A

Psychology

Definition and Methods of Psychology:

Subjective, Objective and experimental.

Sensation and Perception:

Definition, nature, classification and attributes of sensation, Nature of perception and its relation with sensation, Gestalt theory of perception, Illusion and Hallucination.

Memory:

Information-Processing Theory (Atkinson and Shiffrin's theory), Forgetting: Its types and causes.

Learning:

Theories of Learning – Gestalt Theory or Insight Theory, Classical Conditioning Theory (Pavlov's Theory), Operant Conditioning Theory (Skinner's Theory).

Intelligence:

Nature of Intelligence, Unifocal Theory, Multifocal Theory, Measurement of Intelligence, Binet-Simon test, and Weschler.

Consciousness:

Levels of consciousness, Conscious, Sub-conscious and unconscious, Proof for unconscious and Freud's Theory of dreams.

GROUP – B

Social and Political Philosophy

Definition:

Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy and their interrelation.

Some Basic Concepts:

Society, Community, Association, Institution, Caste and Class.

Social Change:

The Marxist View and the Gandhian View.

Social Ideals:

Plato's Theory of Justice and Rawl's Theory of Justice.

Concept of Political Philosophy:

Scientific theory and Philosophical theory.

Political Ideals:

Democracy and its different forms, Socialism and its varieties, Sarvodaya , Gandhiji's concept of Non-violence and Trusteeship.

Family:

New Vision and Challenges – Marxist and Feminist approaches.

Recomended Books:

Morgan, King and others, Introduction to Psychology

Paresnath Bhattacharya, Monovidya

Pritibhusan Chattopadhyaya, Monovidya

Nihar Ranjan Sarkar, Monovijnan o Jiban (Jnankosh Prakasani,Dhaka)

MacIver and Page, Society

Pritibhusan Chattopadhyaya, Samaj Darsana Dipika

Frederick Engels, Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State

Frederick Engels, Parivar, Byaktigata Malikana O Rashtreer Utpatti (Bengali Translation)

Shefali Moitra, Naitikata O Naribad

August Babel, Women in the Past, Present and Future

August Babel, Nari: Atit, Bartaman Bhabishyat (Bengali Translation By Kanak Mukhopadhyaya)

Satyabrata Chakroborty, Bharater Rashtra Bhaban.

Further Readings:

Ira Sengupta, Manovidya

Amal Kr Mukhopadyaya, (translated by Arun Kr. Roy Choudhury) Pascatya Rastra cintar Dhara- Plato theke Marx.

Madhabendra Mitra & Pushpa Misra, Manasamikhsha

V I Lenin, The State: An Essay

Parimal Bhusan Kar, Samaj Tatva

Sudarshan Ray Chaudhury, Rashtra

Frederick Engels, Principles of Communism

Frederick Engels, Communism-er Mul Niti

Gurudas Bandhyopadhyay, Sarvodaya Andoloner Itihaas

Humayun Azad, Dvitiyo Lingo

Susan Moller Okin, Justice, Gender and the Family

PART -II

Candidates are required to answer five short-answer type questions covering the entire syllabus of this paper within one fifty words each, carrying five marks each. And they have to answer five broad questions covering the entire syllabus of this paper within six hundred words each, carrying fifteen marks each.

Full Marks=100

5x5=25

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Paper III History of Western Philosophy

Plato and Aristotle:

Theory of knowledge (episteme) and Opinion (doxa) and its refutation by Aristotle, Plato's theory of idea.

Descartes:

Method of Doubt, *Cogito* Principle, Different types of Ideas, Criterion of Truth, God and the External world.

Spinoza:

Substance, attributes and modes, existence of God, Pantheism, Theory of Knowledge.

Leibnitz:

Monad, Truths of Reason, Truth of Fact, Pre-established Harmony, Innate Idea.

Locke:

Ideas and their classification, Refutation of Innate Ideas, Substance, Locke's realism and theory of knowledge, Degrees of knowledge, Primary and Secondary qualities.

Berkeley:

Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Rejection of the distinction between Primary and Secondary qualities, *Esse est percipi*; Place of God.

Hume:

Impression and Ideas; Association of Ideas; Judgement Concerning relations of Ideas and matters of fact, Causality, Scepticism.

Kant:

Conception of critical Philosophy, Copernican Revolution, distinction between a priori and a posteriori, distinction between analytic-synthetic judgement, possibility of synthetic-a priori judgement, space and time as a priori intuitions

Text Books:

F. Copleston, A History of Philosophy, vols. IV. V. VI. VII.

Suggested Readings :

P. Edwards, Encyclopedia of Philosophy.
 B. Russell, History of Western Philosophy.
 R. Falckenberg, History of Modern Philosophy.
 F. Thilly, A History of Philosophy.
 W. K. Wright, History of Modern Philosophy.
 Bernard Williams, Descartes.
 S. Hampshire, Spinoza.
 J. Locke, An Essay Concerning Human Understanding.
 Locke, Berkeley and Hume, C. R. Morris
 G. Pitcher, Berkeley.
 N. Reacher, Leibniz: An Introduction to his Philosophy.
 T. E. Jessop and A. R. Luce (ed.), The Works of George Berkeley.
 D. M. Dutta, Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy.
 David Hume, An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding.
 D. Hume, A Treatise of Human Nature.
 Immanuel Kant, N. K. Smith (tr. and ed), Critique of Pure Reason.
 H. J. Paton, Kant's Metaphysics of Experience.
 Rasvihari Das, A Handbook of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason.
 D. J. O. Conner, A Critical History of Western Philosophy.
 R. Scruton, A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein.
 N. B. Chakraborty, Paschatya Darsaner Itihas (Locke, Berkeley, Hume).
 Chandrodya Bhattacharya (Part- I & II), Paschatya Darsaner Itihas.
 Ramaprasad Das, Hume-er enquiry.
 Rasvihari Das, Kant-er Darsan.

PAPER-IV**Western Logic**

Question 1 is compulsory. Candidates have to answer 5 objective type questions (each carrying two marks) covering the entire syllabus of this paper. Candidates are required to answer any six questions taking two from group A, B, and C.

Full Marks: 100

For Group A,B &C: 15x6

For Group D :2x5

Group – A

Propositional Logic

Truth functions and truth functional connectives:

Symbols for Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction, Conditional Statements and Material Implication and Material Equivalence.

Argument Forms and Arguments.

Validity Testing by Truth Table Method and Truth-value assignment method.

Statement Forms and Statement.

Tautologous, Contradictory and Contingent Statement forms by Truth Table Method and Truth Tree Method.

Consistency by Truth Tree Method.

Method of Deduction:

Construction of Formal Proof of Validity by using Nineteen rules.

Proof of invalidity by assignment of Truth Values.

Proof by I.P. and C.P.

Logical Truths using I.P. and C.P.

Group – B

Logic of Quantification and Multiple-General Quantification

Boolean interpretation of Categorical propositions:

Review of the traditional laws of logic concerning immediate inference and syllogism. Venn Diagram technique for testing syllogisms.

Quantification Theory :

Need for Quantification Theory , Singular Propositions , Quantification. Translating traditional subject - Predicate Proposition into the logical notation of Propositional Function and Quantifier. Quantification rules and Proving Validity, Proving invalidity for arguments involving Quantifiers and Multiple General Propositions.

Group – C

Induction and Probability

Introduction to Induction:

Causal Connections: Cause and effect, Meaning of Cause: Mill's Method of Experimental Enquiry: Method of Agreement; Method of Difference; Joint Method of Agreement and Difference; Method of

Residues; Method of Concomitant Variation; Criticism of Mill's Method and Vindication of Mill's Method.

Probability:

Alternative Conceptions of Probability; the Probability Calculus; Joint Occurrences and Alternative Occurrences.

Science and Hypothesis:

Explanations- Scientific and Unscientific, Evaluating scientific explanations, the Detective as Scientist, the problem, preliminary hypothesis, collecting additional facts, formulating the hypothesis, deducing further consequences, testing the consequences, the application, the pattern of scientific investigation, crucial experiments and *ad hoc* hypothesis.

Text

I. M. Copi, Introduction to Logic.

I. M. Copi, Symbolic Logic

Jeffery, Formal Logic

Mill, A *System* of Logic

Suggested Readings

Ramaprasad Das, *Sanketik Yukti Vijnana*

Ramaprasad Das and Subir Ranjan Bhattacharya, *Samsad Yuktivijnana Abhidhan*

Samir Chakroborty, *Yukti Vijnaner Bhumika*

Sukla Chakroborty, *Tarka Vijnana*

PART -III

Paper – V

Indian Epistemology and Logic

It is a text-oriented paper and the recommended text is *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika* by Annambhatta (Selected portions)

Candidates are required to answer five short-answer type questions covering the entire syllabus of this paper within one fifty words each, carrying five marks each. And they have to answer five broad questions covering the entire syllabus of this paper within six hundred words each, carrying fifteen marks each.

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Buddhi or Jnana :

Definition and classification .

Smriti :

Definition and classification of smriti into yathartha and ayathartha .

Anubhava:

Definition and its classification into yathartha and ayathartha .

Definition:

Yathartha anubhava or prama and ayathartha anubhava or aprama, Classification of ayathartha anubhava.

Definition:

Karana and kārana and kārya , kinds of kārana, concept of anyathasiddhi and its varieties.

Pratyaksa:

Definition and its two fold division: Nirvikalpaka and Savikalpaka pratyaksa, proof for the existence of Nirvikalpaka, Sannikarsa and its varieties - Laukika and Alaukika sannikarsa, problem of transmission of sound, solution of the problem of anupalabdhi as a distinct pramana .

Anumana:

Definition of anumiti , paramarsa , paksata, vyapti and vyaptigraha, svarthānumiti and parārāthanumiti, Analysis of Pancavayava Nyaya add classification of Linga or hetu, classification of paksa , sapaksa and vipaksa, marks of saddhetu, hetvabhasa : Definition and classification Two types of definition . Five kinds of hetvabhasa : Svavyabhicara and and its three kinds defined and illustrated, Viruddha - definition and illustration, Satpratipaksa - defined and illustrated, three kinds of Asiddhi - asrayasiddhi , svarupasiddhi and vyapatasiddhi . (Upadhi and its four kinds excluded).

Upamana:

Definition and illustration.

Sabda:

As a Pramana defined and analyzed, Sakti - as Isvara sanketa and as pada - padartha sambandha, How sakti can be known? Analysis of laksana - its three varieties. Gounivrtti , and Vyanjanavrtti, Conditions of sabdabodha, Two kinds of vakya - Vaidika and Laukika.

Suggested Readings

Anamika Roy Chaudhory - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

Dipak Kumar Bagchi - *Tarkasamgraha* O *Dipika*.

Kanailal Podder - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

Narayan Chandra Goswami - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

Gopinath Bhattacharya - *Tarkasamgraha* with *Dipika*.

PAPER-VI**Ethics and Philosophy of Religion**

Candidates will have to answer question 1 and any six carrying 15 marks each (within 600 words) from the rest taking two from group A, B, and C. Question 1 will consist of six short questions covering the entire syllabus of this paper, each carrying 5 marks out of which candidates have to answer any two questions (within 150 words).

Group - A**Indian Ethics****Introduction:**

Special features of Indian Ethics as opposed to western Ethics, Concept of Sthitaprajna, and Karma yoga - (From Srimad Bhagavat Gita 2nd and 3rd Adhyaya)

Purusartha-

Concept of the four purusartha-s and their interrelations.

Dharma:

Meaning of Dharma (Mimamsa and Nyaya view only), Sadharandharma and Visesa dharma (with special reference to Varna-asrama dharma and Svadharma).

Duties:

Pancasila, Brahmvihara , Anubrata , Mahabrata and ahimsa (Baudha and Jaina view only).

Group - B**Western Ethics****Nature of ethics and Ethical Problems:**

Morality and Moral Problems, Moral-actions, Object of Moral judgment.

Theories of Morality:

Naturalism, Emotivism (Ayers' view only) , Prescriptivism . (Brief conception only)

Standards of Morality:

Hedonism: Ethical, Psychological. Utilitarianism: Act Utilitarianism and Rule utilitarianism, Deontological theory: Distinction between Act and Rule, Deontological theories: Kant's Moral theory.

Group - C**Philosophy of Religion****Origin of Religion:**

Different theories (A) Anthropological and (B) Psychological, Nature and scope of Philosophy of Religion, Magic and Religion, Sacred and Profane.

Proof for the existence of God:

Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological and Moral arguments.

Grounds for disbelief in God:

Sociological theory and Freudian theory.

Comparative Religion:

Meaning and Scope (in brief).

Some Religions:

Hinduism, Islam and Christianity.(in brief)

Suggested Readings

S. K. Moitra - The Ethics of the Hindus

S. C. Chatterjee - Fundamentals of Hinduism

W. Frankena - Ethics

W. Lillie - An Introduction to Ethics

John H. Hick - Philosophy of Religion

P. K. Mahapatra (ed.) Studies on the Purusarthas

Surama Dasgupta - Development of Moral Philosophies in India

J. N. Sinha - History of Indian Philosophy (vol. I)

Samarendra Bhattacharya- Nitividya

Somnath Chakraborty- Nitividya
 Rabindranath Das - Dharmadarsan
 Madhusudan Saraswati - Bhagavatgita (Bengali)
 Atul Chandra Sen - Bhagavatgita (Bengali)
 Amita Chatterjee (ed.) - Bharatiya Dharmaniti (Selected Portions)
 Dikshit Gupta - Nitishastra
 Dilip Kumar Mohanta - Dharmadarsaner Katipaya Samasya.
 Pritibhusan Chatterjee- Studies in Comparative Religion
 Shekh Abdul Wahab- Binsha Satabdir Nitidarsan
 Fred Feldman – Introductory Ethics
 Beauchamb – Philosophical Ethics
 Mial Edwards- Philosophy of Religion
 Rahul Sankrityayana, Darsan-Dikdarsana
 Nikhilesh Bandopadhyaya, Dharmadarsana

PAPER-VII

Western Metaphysics and Epistemology

Question 1 is compulsory. The candidates are required to answer 5(five) short-answer type questions within 150(one hundred fifty) words covering the entire syllabus of this paper and 5(five) broad questions carrying fifteen marks each (within 600 words) taking at least two from each group.

Full Marks=100

5x5=25

15x5=75

Group- A

Analytical Philosophy

Recommended Text: John Hospers, An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

Meaning and Definition: Word-meaning, Definitions, Vagueness, and Sentence-meaning.

Knowledge: Concept, Truth, The Nature of Knowledge, and the Sources of Knowledge.

Our Knowledge of the Physical World: Realism, Idealism, and Phenomenalism.

Group – B

Problems of Philosophy

Recommended Text: Bertrand Russell – The Problems of Philosophy

Appearance and Reality

Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description

**On Induction
The World of Universals
The Value of Philosophy**

Suggested Readings

The Problem of Knowledge: A. J. Ayer
 Language, Truth and Logic: A. J. Ayer
 Readings in Philosophical Analysis: J. Hospers
 The Central Questions of Philosophy: A. J. Ayer
 Theory of Knowledge: A. J. Woozley
 Darsanik Bishleshaner Ruprekha: Samarikanta Samanta .
 Darsanik Bishleshaner Bhumika: Samarendra Bhattacharyya
 Darsanik Jignasa (Bagarthatattva): Rama Prasad Das.
 Darsanik Jignasa (Jnanatattva -2): Rama Prasad Das.
 Darsanik Jignasa (Jnanatattva - 3) : Rama Prasad Das .
 Paratattva O Bhanta Jagater Jnana: Rama Prasad Das.
 Darsanik Bishleshaner Ruprekha: Rama Prasad Das and Shibapada Chakraborty.
 Darsanik Bishleshaner Bhumika: Dikshit Gupta.
 Sushil Chakraborti, Darshan Samashya
 Debika Saha, Darshan Samashya
 Samarendra Bhattacharyya, , Darshan Samashya

PAPER-VIII

Philosophical Classics

This Paper will consist of two groups, Group A and Group B each consisting of 50 marks. Group A consists of some classical texts out of which students will have to choose any one. Group B is allotted for Essay Paper .

Group A

(Anyone from the following groups)

1. Sadananda Yogindra : Vedantasāra

2. Ryle -The Concept of Mind

Chapters Descartes' Myth
 Knowing How And Knowing That
 The Will
 Disposition and Occurrences
 Self Knowledge.

3. Logic

Group- I

Set Theory – Chapters 9, 10 and 11.

Introduction, Membership, Inclusion, the Empty Set, Operations on Sets, Intersection, Union and Difference, Domain Of Individuals, Translating sentences of everyday language into Set Notation, Venn diagram, Definition of Relations, Properties of Binary Relations, Definition of Functions and Operations on Functions.

Group-II

Truth-Tree for Quantification
Entailment –By P.K.Sen.

Suggested Reading:

R. Jeffery- Formal Logic - Its Scope And Limits (first ed)
P. Suppes – Introduction to Logic
P.K.Sen (ed.) Jadavpur Studies Vol. II

4. Practical Vedanta - Vivekananda

Topics : Man, Universal Religion, Practical Vedanta

Suggested Reading:

Vivekananda- Practical Vedanta

5. The Manifesto of the Communist Party – Karl Marx And Frederick Engels.

Suggested Readings:

Marx and Engels, Communist Manifesto, with notes By D. Riyazanov, edited by V.G.Kiernan. (Bengali Translation is also available) Translated by Ganendranath Bandyopadhyay, Pearl Publishers
Maurice Cornforth, Dialectical Materialism, National Book Agency
Shovanlal Duttgupta ,Marxiya Rastrachainta, West Bengal State Book Board.
Sudarshan Roy Chowdhury ,Communist Istaharer Bhumika
Sudhansu Dasgupta, Communist Manifesto Prasange, NBA
Surabhi Bandyopadhyay, Samajbijnaner Sabda Parichaya , West Bengal State Book Board .
Tarapada Lahiri , Marxiya Darsan O Samajbijnaner Bhumika , Lokayata Sahitya Chakra.

6. Dharma: Rabindranath Tagore

Manusyatva , Pracina Bharater Ekah , Prarthana , Dukhah, Utsaber Din , Tatah Kim

Suggested Reading:

Rabindranath Thakur- Dharma, Viswabharati Granthanvibhaga, Kolkata .

7. Practical and Environmental Ethics

Killing:

Suicide, Euthanasia, Animal Killing

Feminist Ethics: Radical and Liberal,

Human Rights And Discrimination.**War and Violence -Terrorism.****Concept of Environmental Ethics:**

Anthropocentrism and Non- Anthropocentrism, Deep Ecology and Concepts of Management Ethics

Suggested Readings:

Peter Singer – Practical Ethics

Peter Singer (ed.) Applied Ethics

Rinita Majumder -A Short Introduction to Feminist Ethics .

D.J.O. Byrne – Human Rights: An Introduction

Peter Singer: Applied Ethics For Environmental Ethics

G. Geetha- Gender.

Dikshit Gupta-Nitividya O Phalita Nitividya

Shefali Moitra- Naitikata O Narivada

Samarendra Bhattacharya- Vyavaharika Nitivijnana (new edition)

Group: B

Group B is an essay paper. Candidates will have to write **two** essays from two broad areas in Philosophy
 a) **History of Indian Philosophy** and b) **History of Western Philosophy** within of 1500 to 2000 words.
 Each essay carries 25 marks.

Old SYLLABUS-(1+1+1 SYSTEM)

PHILOSOPHY –GENERAL

PART-1

PAPER -1

GROUP-A

Systems of Indian Philosophy:

i. Cārvāka Epistemology:

Perception as the only source of knowledge,

Rejection of Inference and Testimony as sources of knowledge.

ii. Cārvāka Metaphysics: Causality- Svabhāvavāda, Yadr̥chāvāda, Akasmikatāvāda, Jagat, Bhūtacaitanyavāda.

iii. Nyāya Epistemology: Classifications of Pramana: Pratyaksa, Anumana.

Pratyaksa: Laksana, classifications: Determinate (Savikalpaka) and Indeterminate (Nirvikalpaka),
Laukika, a-laukika; Classification of a-laukika [in brief].

Sannikarsa: Laukika & a-laukika.

Anumana: Laksana, Vyapti, Paramarsa, Svarthanumiti & Pararthanumiti.

iv. Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics: Seven categories: Dravya, Guṇa, Karma, (in brief) Detailed Explanations of
Sāmānya, Viśeṣa, Samavāya, and Abhāva . Paramanuvad.

v. Advaita Metaphysics: Nature of Brahman, Māyā, Jagat, Relation between Brahman and Jīva .

GROUP-B

Western Philosophy

1. Theories of the origin of knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical Theory.

2. Realism and Idealism as theories of Reality:

i). Realism: Naive Realism, Locke's Representationalism.

ii). Idealism: Subjective Idealism :Berkeley - refutation of the distinction between Primary and Secondary qualities, Subjective Idealism.

3. Substance: Empiricist and Rationalist view of Substance.

4. Causality: Entailment theory, Regularity Theory.

5. Mind-body Problem: Interactionism, Parallelism, and Epiphenomenalism.

PART-II

PAPER-II

GROUP-A

Psychology

1. Nature and Subject matter of Psychology.

2. Methods of Psychology.

3. Sensation: What is Sensation? Attributes of Sensation.

4. Perception: What is Perception? The relation between Perception and Sensation. The Gestalt theory of Perception.

5. Memory: Factors of Memory; Laws of Association; Forgetfulness.

6. Consciousness: Conscious, Sub-Conscious, Unconscious-its evidence; Freud's Theory of Dream.

7. Learning: The Trial and Error Theory; The Gestalt Theory; Pavlov's Conditioned- Response Theory.

8. Personality: Factors of Personality; Heredity and Environment.

9. Measurement of Intelligence; Binet-Simon Test.

GROUP-B

Ethics(Indian and Western)

- 1.Purusartha: General view
- 2.Karma: (Sakama&Niskama)
- 3.Carvaka Ethics .
- 4.Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Path, *Pancasila*.
- 5.Jaina Ethics: *Anuvrata, Mahavrata*.
- 6.Moral and Non-moral actions: Concept and object of Moral Judgment.
- 7.Teleological Ethics- Utilitarianism [Bentham & Mill].
- 8.Deontological Ethics –Kant

PART-II

PAPER-III

GROUP-A

Indian Logic

Nature of Inference, Paksha, Sadhya, Hetu, Paramarsa, Vyapti, Vyaptigraha, Svarthanumiti, Pararthanumiti, Kevalanvayi, Kevalavyatireki, Anvaya-Vyatireki, Hetvabhasa.

GROUP-B

Western Logic

Proposition, Categorical Proposition, Quality, Quantity of categorical Propositions, argument, truth, validity.

Distribution of terms, Traditional Square of Oppositions:, conversion, obversion and contraposition. Categorical Proposition: Existential Import of propositions, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical propositions.

Categorical syllogism: Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Testing the validity of arguments by Venn diagram.

Symbolic Logic: The value of special symbols for conjunction, Negation, disjunction, implication, equivalence, tautology, contradiction and contingency.

Truth Table: Truth-table Method for testing arguments.

Inductive Logic: Mill's methods of experimental inquiry.

PART-III

PAPER-IV

GROUP-A

Part-I (Bhagavad Gita)

Chapter : 2,3&4.

Part-II (Practical Ethics)

i. Nature of Practical Ethics.

ii. Human Rights.

- iii. Killing- Suicide and Euthanasia
- iv. Environmental Ethics
- v. Punishment
- vi. Feminism

GROUP-B

Part-I(Social & Political Philosophy)

Primary concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Social group . Religious and Moral codes, Custom and Law.

Culture and Civilization.

Social Class and Caste.

Political Ideals:

Democracy: Different forms.

Socialism: Utopian&Scientific.

Part-II(Philosophy of Religion)

Scope and nature of Religion

Origin of Religion; Different theories--Animism, Totemism, Manaism.

Magic and Religion.

Problem of evil

Proofs for the existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological, Moral.

Herbert Spencer's Ghost Theory.

Positivism and Agnosticism.