**DAV AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE,TITILAGARH**

**B.A. (CORE) PHILOSOPHY SYLLABUS**

**SEM-I Paper I- GENERAL PHILOSOPHY**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

UNIT-I: Definition, Nature and Function of Philosophy; Its Relation with Other Modes of Thinking

UNIT-II: Problems of Being: Monism, Dualism and Pluralism; Idealism and Realism

UNIT-III: Problems of Knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Criticism

UNIT-IV: Problems of Value: Fact and Value; Good and Evil; Beautiful and Ugly; Objectivity of Values

UNIT-V: Problems of Philosophy: Substance: Universals; Causality; Freewill.

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4

(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.

**SEM-I Paper II- SYMBOLIC LOGIC AND LOGIC OF SCIENTIFIC ENQUIRY**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

UNIT-I:Chapters I, II and III (Sections 1 and 3)

UNIT-II:Chapter III (Section 4 to 7 and 9

UNIT-III:Chapter V and Appendix TEXT: *An Introduction to Symbolic Logic* by A.H. Basson and D.J. O’Conner

UNIT-IV: Scientific Method; Its Rules and Principles

UNIT-V: Explanation; Laws of Causation; Laws of Nature

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4

(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.

**SEM-II Paper III- SYSTEMS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

UNIT-I: Carvaka Materialism; Jainism: *Syadvada*; *Anekantavada*

UNIT-II: Buddhism: The Noble Truths; Doctrine of Dependent Origination; Doctrine of Momentariness

UNIT-III: Samkhya: *Purusa*; *Prakrt*i; Causality Yoga: *Cittavrtti* and Its *Nirodha*; *Astangika Marga*

UNIT-IV: Nyaya: *Pramana*s Vaisesika: *Padartha*s

UNIT-V: Samkara and Ramanuja: Brahman, Atman, *Jagat* and *Maya*

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4

(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.

**SEM-II Paper IV- PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

UNIT-I: Word Meaning; Ambiguity; Vagueness

UNIT-II: Definition: Defining and Accompanying Characteristics; Scope of Definition; Causal, Stipulative, Reportive, Real, Persuasive, Ostensive definitions

UNIT-III: Referential, Ideational, Behavioural and Use View of Meaning

UNIT-IV: Analytic and Synthetic; *A priori* and *A posteriori*; Synthetic-*A priori*; Logical Possibility

UNIT-V: Concept: Nature and Source; Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and What Works; Knowledge: Sources.

**Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4**

**(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.**

**SEM-III 3.1 Paper V- CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit -1: Swami Vivekananda: Practical Vedanta; Universal Religion; Man and His Destiny

Unit –II: R.N. Tagore: God as Reality; Nature of Religion; Man and His Destiny

Unit –III: Sri Aurobindo: *Saccidananda*; Creation; Man and His Transformation

Unit –IV: M.K. Gandhi: God as Truth, Non-Violence, *Satyagraha*, *Sarvodaya* Unit –V: S. Radhakrishnan: Man and His Destiny; Religion and Religious Experience; Intellect and Intuiti

**Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4**

**(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.**

**SEM-III 3.2 Paper VI- MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit-I Plato: Theory of Knowledge; Theory of Forms

Aristotle: Criticism of Plato’s Theory of Forms Unit-II Descartes: Method; Substance; Innate Ideas

Spinoza: Substance, Attribute and Modes Unit-III Leibnitz: Monads; Pre-establishment Harmony

Locke: Refutation of Innate Ideas; Theory of Knowledge; Idea of Substance Unit-IV Berkeley: Subjective Idealism

Hume: Scepticism; Theory of Causation; Idea of Self Unit-V Kant: Review of the Claims of Empiricism and Rationalism; Space and Time; Categories of

Understanding.

**Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4**

**(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.**

**SEM-III 3.3 Paper VII- Study of a Western Classic: Rene Descartes’ *Meditations on First Philosophy***

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit-1:Meditation I: Sceptical Doubts, Meditation II: *cogito ergo sum* and *sum res cogitans*,

The Wax Argument

Unit-II Meditation III: Clear and Distinct Perceptions, Theory of Ideas, Existence of God

Unit-III Meditation IV: God is no Deceiver, Will, Intellect and the Possibility of Error

Unit-IV Meditation V: Essence of Material Things, Existence of God

Unit-V Meditation VI: Mind-body Dualism, Primary and Secondary Qualities.

**Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4**

**(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.**

**SEM-IV 4.1 Paper VIII STUDY OF THE *BHAGAVADGITA***

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit –I The *Bhagavadgita*: Conception of Yoga; Conceptions of Life and Death

Unit –II The *Bhagavadgita*: *Karma* and *Karmaphala*; *Karma*, *Akarma* and Vikarma

Unit –III The *Bhagavadgita*: *Jnana* and *Vijnana*; *Ksara*, *Aksara* and *Uttama* Purusa

Unit –IV Chapter XVIII Verses 1 to 36 with Samkara’s Commentary

Unit –V Chapter XVIII Verses 37 to 78 with Samkara’s Commentary.

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.

**SEM-IV 4.2 Paper IX- TRADITIONAL ETHICS AND APPLIED ETHICS**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit-1

Definition, Nature and Scope of Ethics; Moral and Non- moral Actions; Factual and Moral Judgments Unit-II

Teleological Ethics: Hedonism; Utilitarianism Unit-III

Business Ethics: Rights and Obligations in Business; Justice, Truth Telling and Honesty in Business Unit-IV

Bio-Medical Ethics: Rights and Obligations of Health Care Professionals, Patient and His Family; Abortion; Euthanasia

Unit-V

Environmental Ethics: Use and Exploitation of Nature; Animal Killing and Animal Rights.

**Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4**

**(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.**

**SEM-IV 4.3 Paper X- STUDY OF MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit-1

*Sanatana Dharma*: The Conception of Man (*amrtasya putra*); His Pursuits (*dharma*, *artha*, *kama* & *moksa*); Ways of Conduct (*marga*s): *jnana*, *karma* & *bhakti* .

Unit-II

Buddhism: Three Practices: *Sila*, *Samadhi* & *Prajna*; Four Noble Truths; Five Precepts; Eight-fold Path Unit-III

Jainism: Three Gems; Five Vows; The Jaina *Agama*s Unit-IV

Christianity: God as Trinity; Grace; Justice; Peace; Service; Salvation Unit-V

Islam: Conception of Man; Pursuits of Man: *Shahadah* (declaration of faith), *Salaah* (prayer), *Zakat* (charity), *Saum* (fasting) & *Hajj* (pilgrimage): Brotherhood and Equality of Mankind.

**Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4**

**(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.**

**SEM-V 5.1 Paper XI- SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit-1 Sociality, Social Science and Social Laws; Philosophy of Social Science Unit-II The Explanation of Human Action; Reasons and Causes Unit-III What is Political philosophy? Liberty, Authority and Justice Unit-IV Democratic Ideals; Democratic Government; Human Rights Unit-V Power and Authority; Grounds of Political Obligation

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.

SEM-V 5.2 Paper XII-

STUDY OF AN INDIAN CLASSIC: THE *ISA UPANISAD* WITH SAMKARA’S COMMENTARY

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit-1 What are *Upanisad*s, Place of *Upanisad*s in Indian Philosophy and Culture, The *Isa upanisad* Unit-II Mantras 1 to 4 Unit-III Mantras 5 to 9 Unit-IV Mantras 10 to 14

Unit-V Mantras 15 to 18

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.

SEM-VI 6.1 Paper XIII- GANDHIAN STUDY

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit-1

Political Thought of Gandhi: Gandhi's Concept of Politics - goals and methods of action; Concept and claim of spiritualising politics

Unit-II

Economic Thought of Gandhi: Gandhi’s ideas and efforts in the field of economics; Gandhi’s critique of Industrialism - Evils and Consequences; Philosophy of Work: Employment – *Yajna*, Need Vs Greed (and Wants)

Unit-III

Social Thought of Gandhi and Social Work: Philosophy and Sociology of *Sarvodaya*; Concept of *Gramswaraj*, *Varanshram* system and its distinction from caste system; Eradication of social evils with special reference to Gandhi’s drive against alcoholism/drug addiction; Untouchability and the method of struggle against it

Unit-IV

Education - meaning and aims of education; Gandhi’s experiment in education at *Satyagraha Ashram*, Ahmedabad; at Sevagram *Ashram*; Basic Education; Duties of students, parents and teachers in education and their Interrelationship; Sex education; Formal, non-formal and informal education

Unit-V

Gandhi’s Idea of Peace: Meaning of Peace and Violence; Peace and Disarmament; Non-violent way to world peace; Combating terrorism through non-violence; Gandhian Approach to Conflict Resolution - *Shanti Sena*

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4

(Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.

Paper-XIV: Dissertation 100 marks

SEM-I GENERIC ELECTIVE – PAPER-1 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

Unit-I

Introduction to Philosophy,Meaning, Nature and Scope,Logic, Metaphysics and Ethics – basics

Science, Philosophy and Religion

Unit-II

An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.Religion and Philosophy - Vedic and non-Vedic

Social concern of a Philosopher – Swami Vivekananda,Gandhian Ethics

Unit-III

Problems in Western Philosophy,Freedom and determinism,God - Critical Evaluation of the Cosmological and Teleological proofs for the existence of God

Unit-IV

Applied Philosophy – its nature and content,Ethical Issues – euthanasia, capital punishment

Judgement and Inference,Human Rights

Unit-V

Social Philosophy – Aim, Scope and Method,Scope and subject matter,Political obligation and obedience to the State of the individual

Books for Study (relevant chapters):

1. G.T.W.Patrick, Introduction to Philosophy (Chapter 1

2. B.K.Lal, Contemporary Indian Philosophy (chapter 2)

3. Margaret Chatterjee, Philosophical Enquiries (chapter 3)

4. Raghwendra Pratap Singh, Applied Philosophy (chapter 4)

5. Peter Singer, Practical Ethics (chapter 4.1)

6. D.L.Das, The Fundamentals of Philosophy (chapter 4.2)

7. J.S.Mackenzie, Outlines of Social Philosophy (chapter 5)

Books for Reference: (Relevant Chapters only)

1. Anand Amaladass, An Introduction to Philosophy (for chapters 1 & 2)

2. Augustine Perumalil, An Invitation to Philosophy (for chapter 1)

3. Datta & Chatterjee, An Introduction to Indian Philosophy

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4 (Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.

SEM-II GENERIC ELECTIVE – II PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

**Full Marks- Sem End Exam-80 marks Internal Exam-20 marks**

UNIT-I

Definition, Nature, Function and Scope of Professional Ethics-Distinction between profession and business.

UNIT-II

Medical and Engineering Ethics

(a) Medical Ethics- some basic issues – code of conduct for Doctors – Rights of Patients.

(b) Engineering Ethics- Scope and Aim of Engineering Ethics-Professional rights- the engineer’s responsibility for safety.

UNIT-III

Academic Ethics - Ethics of teachers and students - Problem of the teaching profession.

UNIT-IV

Media Ethics – treatment of women related issues by the press - advertisement in television and the ethical problems in child related

UNIT-V

Legal Ethics – Definition - Ethical Standards for Lawyers - Problems facing the legal Profession.

Books for Reference (Relevant Chapters Only)

1. Bernard Rubin(Ed.),Questioning Media Ethics, New York:Praeger Publishers,1978.

2 C.M.Francis, Medical Ethics (second edition), New Delhi: Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers Pvt, Ltd, 2004.

3 Harold .H.Titus, Ethics for Today, (third edition), New Delhi: Eurasia Publishing House, Pvt, Ltd,1966.

4 Mike.W.Martin and Roland Schinzinger,Ethics in Engineering (third edition), Singapore: The McGraw- Hill Companies, 1997.

5 Dr. Subashini Ramaswamy Gandhi and others (ed.). Ethics for the New Millenium, Chidambaram ; Rasi Prienters, 2005.

Each unit shall have one long question carrying 16 marks and as option to the long questions 2/4 (Two or Four) short questions carrying 8/4(Eight or Four) marks each will be asked.