

**Syllabus for the  
Two - Year M Phil Course in Philosophy  
(To be effective from the Session 2014-16)**

**Course Structure and Distribution of Marks**

**First Year**

(a) Paper-I	<b>Research Methodology</b>	100 Marks												
(b) Paper-II	<b>One Optional (Theoretical) Paper</b> (Two Halves of 50 Marks each)	100 Marks												
(c) Paper-III	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 45%;"><b>(i) Two Term Papers</b></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">25x2</td> <td style="width: 45%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>[On (a) and (b)]</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">50 Marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>(ii) Two Seminars</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;">25x2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">50 Marks</td> </tr> </table>	<b>(i) Two Term Papers</b>	25x2		[On (a) and (b)]		50 Marks	<b>(ii) Two Seminars</b>	25x2				50 Marks	50 Marks
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<b>Second Year</b>														
(d) Paper-IV	<b>Dissertation (Written Part: 150 &amp; Viva-voce:50)</b>	200 Marks												
<b>Total</b>		<b>500 Marks</b>												

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<b>Paper-I:</b>	<b>Research Methodology</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>
<b>Section-I: Research Methodology-I</b>		<b>40 Marks</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Beginning a Research Project</li> <li>ii) Kinds of Research and Topics of Research</li> <li>iii) Choosing a Research Topic</li> <li>iv) Executing a Research Project</li> <li>v) Finding Library Sources</li> <li>vi) Putting Sources to Work</li> <li>vii) Paraphrasing Sources and Quoting Sources</li> <li>viii) Presentation of the Research Findings</li> <li>ix) Bibliography: MLA and APA formats</li> <li>x) Punctuation and Proof-reading</li> </ul>		

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Richard Veit, Chistopher Gould, and John Clifford: *Writing, Reading and Research* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed), Macmillian, New York, 1985
2. T. P. Ramachandran: *The Methodology of Research in Philosophy*, University of Madrass Press
3. George Shelton Hubbel : *Writing Term Papers and Reports*, Barnes and Noble Books, New York, 1962

**Section-II: Research Methodology-II****40 Marks**

- i) Basic Concepts of Methodology
- ii) Nature of Philosophy *vis-à-vis* Science
- iii) Research Methods: Inductive Method, Deductive Method, Hermeneutic Method, Deconstructive Method, Feminist Method and Historicist Method

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Norman Blaike : *Approaches to Social Enquiry*, Polity Press, Cambridge, 1993
2. Chris Daly: *An Introduction to Philosophical Methods*, Broadview Press
3. C. Norris: *Deconstruction: Theory and Practice*, Methuen
4. A. Spirkin : 'Philosophy as a World View and a Methodology', *Dialectical Materialism* (Chapter I), Progress Pub. , Moscow
5. K.C. Bhattacharya : 'Concept of Philosophy'; *Studies in Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi.

**Section- III: Computer Applications****20 Marks**

- i) MS. WORDS
- ii) Power Point Presentation
- iii) Spread sheet/ MS EXCELL
- iv) Internet

**Suggested Readings:**

1. P.K. Sinha, *Computer Fundamentals*, PHI
2. P. Dey & M. Ghosh, *Computer Fundamentals and Programming in c* , Oxford University Press
3. Trudi Reisner, *10 minute Guide to Excel*, PHI
4. CISTEMS School of Computing, *Internet : An Introduction*, TMH

**Paper-II****Optional Paper****100 Marks**

[Optional papers to be offered (one from First Half and one from Second Half) will be decided by the Department in each academic session.]

**First Section****50 Marks****Any one of the following:**

1. Gotama : *Nyāyasūtra* (Sūtra-s 2.1.8 to 2.1.20) with *Bhāṣya* and *Vārtika*
2. Vācaspati Miśra : *Bhāmatī* on '*Adhyāsbhāṣya*' (From ***syādetat, addhā pūrvapratītimātramupayujyate to sarvatrānāsvasaprasaṅgaḥ***)
3. Citsukha ; *Tattvapradīpikā* : Eleven *Pūrvapakṣalakṣaṇa-s* and *Siddhāntalakṣaṇa of svaparakāśa*
4. Jayanta Bhatta ; *Nyāyamañjari* (Āhnika I) : *Pramāṇalakṣaṇa*
5. Patañjali : *Yogasūtra* (Sūtra-s II.29, 30, 32, 46, 49, 54; and III.1-3) with *Vyāsbhāṣya*

6. Sri Aurobindo : *The Ideal of Human Unity*, (Pondicherry edn. 1997) Part I : Chapters 1-2, Part-II ; Chapters 17,32-34
7. K.C. Bhattacharya: *Studies in Philosophy* ; Vol. II, Chapters I, III, V, VIII

**Second Section**

**50 Marks**

**Any one of the following:**

1. Michael Beaney (ed): *The Frege Reader*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1997.
  - (i) Thought
  - (ii) Function and Concept

**Reference Books:**

- (A) M.Dummett; *Frege: Philosophy of Language*, Harper & Row Publishers, New York, 1973
- (B) G. Evans: *The Varieties of Reference*,(ed.) J. McDowell, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1982.

2. Immanuel Kant : *Critique of Pure Reason*, tran. by N.K.Smith (Transcendental Dialectic)

**Reference Book:**

- (A) N.K.Smith: *A Commentary to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, Humanities Press, New Jersey, 1923.

3. L. Wittgenstein; *Philosophical Investigations*, tran. by G.E. M. Anscombe, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1968.
  - (i) Privacy and Certainty
  - (ii) Private Language
  - (iii) Acquisition of Concept
  - (iv) Retention of Concept
  - (v) Epistemic Privacy
  - (vi) Privacy of Ownership

**Reference Books:**

- (A) P.M.S. Hacker: *Insight and Illusion*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1972.
- (B) A. Kenny: *Wittgenstein*, Penguin Books, 1975

4. W.V.O. Quine: *From A logical Point of View*, Harper & Row, New York,1953.
  - (i) On What There Is
  - (ii) Two Dogmas of Empiricism
  - (iii) Notes on the Theory of Reference
  - (iv) Reference and Modality

**Reference Books:**

- (A) W.V.O. Quine : *The Ways of Paradox and Other Essays* , Random House, New York, 1965

- (B) R. Barrell and R. Gibson (eds.) *Perspectives on Quine*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1990.
- (C) D. Davidson and J. Hintikka (eds.) *Words and Objections: Essays on the Works of W. V. Quine*, D. Reidel Publishing Company, Boston, 1975.
5. M. Dummett: *The Logical Basis of Metaphysics*, Duckworth, London, 1991.
- (i) Truth and Meaning Theories
  - (ii) The Origin and Role of the Concept of Truth
  - (iii) Realism and the Theory of Meaning

**Reference Books:**

- (A) G. Evans and J. McDowell (eds.): *Truth and Meaning: Essays in Semantics*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1976.
- (B) S. Guttenplan (ed.): *Mind and Language*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1975.
6. Nina Witoszek and Andrew Brennan (eds.): *Philosophical Dialogues: Arne Naess and the Progress of Ecophilosophy*, Rowman and Littlefield, 1999.
- (i) Contemporary Environmental Ethics – Its Scope and Concerns, Theory of Inherent Value; Anthropocentrism and Speciesism.
  - (ii) Deep Ecology—its Principles, Norms, Premises and Intuitions.
  - (iii) Critique of Deep Ecology – The Feminist Critique, The Third World Critique of Radical Environmentalism; Social Ecology and Deep Ecology.

**Reference Books:**

- (A) Arne Naess : *Ecology, Community and Life-style : Outline of an Ecosophy*, Cambridge University Press, 2003
- (B) Anne Naess : *Ecology of Wisdom*, Counterpoint, Berkeley
7. Hans – Georg Gadamer: *Philosophical Hermeneutics*, Univ. of California Press, 1977.
- (i) Hermeneutics – Its Different Senses, Hermeneutics as Act of interpretation and as an Art; Regional hermeneutics, General Hermeneutics, Philosophical Hermeneutics.
  - (ii) The Idea of Text, Understanding and Interpretation, The Life-World Historicity, Situatedness and, Contextuality, Conflicts of Interpretations of Text, Criteria of Appropriate Interpretation.
  - (iii) Phenomenology and Hermeneutics, Existentialism and Hermeneutics, Hermeneutics and Deconstruction.
  - (iv) The Development of Philosophical Hermeneutics; Dilthey, Heidegger, Gadamer, Habermus, Ricoeur.

**Reference Books:**

- (A) Kurt Muller-Vollmer (ed) *The Hermeneutics Reader*, Basil Blackwell, 1985
- (B) Krishna Roy : *Hermeneutics: East and West*, Allied Publishers, 1993.

