

B.A. SYLLABUS (REGULAR)
PHILOSOPHY (CBCS)

Sl.No.	Core Course (12)	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) (2)	Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) (2)	Elective Discipline Specific DSE (4)	Generic Elective GE-(2)
I	English-I	AECC-1: English/Hindi/MIL Communication			
	DSC-1A: Logic				
	DSC-2A: Other subject				
III	English-II		SEC-1: Critical Thinking and Decision Making		
	DSC-1 C: Indian Philosophy				
	DSC-2 C: Other subject				
V			SEC-3: Ethical Decision Making	DSE-1 A: Buddhism	GE-1: Fundamental of Indian Philosophy
				DSE-2 A Other Subject	

Semester-I

DSC-1(A): LOGIC

UNIT I: Basic Logical Concepts

1. Proposition and Sentence
2. Deductive and Inductive arguments
3. Truth, Validity and Soundness

UNIT II: Traditional Logic

(A)

1. Terms and Distribution of Terms.
2. Categorical Propositions.
3. Traditional Square of Opposition and Existential Import.

(B)

1. Categorical Syllogism: Figure and Mood
2. Syllogistic Rules and Fallacies
3. Venn-Diagram

UNIT III: Symbolization

1. Types of Truth Functions (Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction (Alternation), Conditional (Material Implication), Bi-conditional (Material Equivalence)).
2. Statements, Statement forms and Logical Status.
3. Decision Procedures: Truth Table Method and *Reductio ad absurdum*.

Semester-III

DSC-2(C): INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT I: Indian Philosophy: An Overview:

1. General Characteristics of Indian Philosophy

UNIT II: Theory of Knowledge (Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika): The Four Pramāṇas:

1. Perception (*Pratyakṣa*)
2. Inference (*Anumāna*)
3. Testimony (*Śabda*)
4. Comparison (*Upamāna*)

UNIT III: Theories of Causation:

1. Buddhism (*Pratītyasamutpāda*)
2. Sāṃkhya (*Satkāryavāda*)

UNIT IV: Theories of Reality:

1. Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika
2. Śaṅkara

Recommended Readings:

- Chatterjee, S & Datta, D.M (1984) *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, 8th ed., University of Calcutta,
- Dasgupta, S.N (2004), *A History of Indian Philosophy, vol.1*, Delhi: MLBD Publishers.
- Datta, D.M., (1972) *The Six Ways of Knowing*, University of Calcutta.
- Hiriyanna, M. (1994) *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: MLBD Publishers.

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- Mohanty, J.N. (1992) *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*, Oxford: Calrendon Press.

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- Murthi, K. S. (1959) *Revelation and Reason in Advaita Vedānta*. Waltair: Andhra University Press.
- Organ, T. W. (1964) *The Self in Indian Philosophy*. London: Mouton & Co.

SEC-1: CRITICAL THINKING AND DECISION MAKING

UNIT I: Critical Thinking and its Components

1. Critical Thinking: A Second-Order Activity
2. Identification and Analysis of the Problem.
3. Organizing the Data and Identifying the Errors.

UNIT II: Problem Analysis, Decision Making and Wrapping up for Solution

1. Evaluating the Argument: Validity, Soundness and Strength; Reflecting upon the issue with Sensitivity and Fairness.
2. Evaluating Decision Options from Multiple Perspectives.

Recommended Readings:

1. Hurley, Patrick J. (2007) Introduction to Logic, Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.
2. Kam Chun Aik, and Stephen Edmonds, Critical Thinking, Longman
3. Dewey, John. (1933) How to Think: A Restatement of the Relation of Reflective Thinking to the Educative Process. Revised edition. Boston: Heath
4. Noisich, Gerald M. (2002) Learning to Think Things Through: A Guide to Critical Thinking, Prentice Hall.
5. Case studies.

SEMESTER - 5

SEC-3: ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

UNIT I: ETHICAL CONCEPTS AND ETHICAL APPROACHES

1. Values, Dilemma and Choices
2. Responsibility, Justice & Fairness
3. Respect for self and others

UNIT II: ETHICAL DECISION PROCESS

1. Steps to ethical decision-making
2. Case studies and Situational roleplays

Recommended Readings:

- Blanchard, K., & Peale, N. V. (1988) *The Power of Ethical Management*, New York: William Morrow and Co. pp. 20-24. <http://www.blanchardbowleslibrary.com/books/powerofethicalmanagement.htm>
 - Brown, M. (1996) *The Quest for Moral Foundation.s.' An Introduction to Ethics* Georgetown University Press
 - Davis, M. (1999) *Ethics and The University*, New York: Routledge.
 - Heller, R. (1998) *Making Decisions*, New York: DK.
 - Josephson, M. S. (2002) *Making Ethical Decisions*, Josephson Institute of Ethics.
 - Kardasz, F. (2008) *Ethics Training For Law Enforcement. Practices and Trends*, VDM Verlag
- Dr. Muller.
- Nosich, G. M. (2002) *Learning to Think Things Through. 'A Guide to Critical Thinking*, Prentice Hall.

DSE-1(A): BUDDHISM

UNIT I:

1. Origin and Nature of Buddhism
2. Classification of

Buddhism UNIT II:

1. Four Noble Truth
2. Eight Fold Path

UNIT III:

1. Karma and Rebirth
2. Nirvana
3. Anatmavada (No Soul theory)

Recommended Readings:

- Halbfars, W., 'Karma, Apurva and "Nature" causes: observation on the growth and limits of the theory of Samsars, 'in O' Flabearthy, 1999.
- Harvey, Peter, An Introduction of Buddhist Ethics, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Kamla, J. (1983) *The Concept of Pancsila in InJian Thought*, P. V. Institute: Varanasi.
- Keown, D. (1992) *The Nature of Buddhist Ethics*, London: Macmillan.

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- Bhatta, J. *Nyayamanjaried*. S.N. Shukla, (1971) Varanasi: Chowkhamba Vidyabhavan.

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- O'Flaheaty, W.D. (1999) *KOrllfO Ond Rebirth in Classical Indian Traditions*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass
- Saddhatissa, H. (1970) *Buddhist Ethics*, London: George Allen and Unwin.

GE-1: Fundamental of Indian Philosophy

Unit I: Indian Philosophy: An Overview

1. Basic Characteristics of Indian Philosophy

Unit II: Epistemology

1. Prama
2. Pramanya

Unit III: Metaphysics

1. Self

Unit IV: Moral Philosophy

1. The Ethical Theory of Bhagavat Gita

Prescribed Reading: Mahanty, J. N. (2000) *Classical Indian Philosophy*, USA: Rowman and Littlefield Publisher.

Recommended Readings:

1. Ganeri, J. (2001) *Philosophy in Classical India: An Introduction and Analysis*, New Delhi: MBD.
2. Hamiltan, S. (2001) *Classical Indian Philosophy- A Reader*, Columbia University Press.
