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Semester – I

Course Title:	Indian Philosophy	Course Code: 24BPL5101T
Total Lecture hour 60		Hours
Unit I	Introduction: Common characteristics and classification of Indian philosophical school: Āstika and Nāstika. Cārvāka School: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics. Jainism: Concept of sat, dravya, paryāya, Guṇa; Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda and Sapta-bhaṅginaya, Theory of Karma, Bondage and Liberation.	15
Unit II	Buddhism: Four noble truths, Theory of dependent origination (Pratītyasamutpāda), Definition of Reality (Arthakriyākāritvamsattvam), Doctrine of momentariness (Kṣaṇabhaṅgavāda), Theory of no-soul (Nairātmyavāda), Nirvāṇa, Hīnyāna and Mahāyāna. Sāṅkhya: Satkāryavāda, Nature of Prakṛti, its constituents and proofs for its existence, Nature of Puruṣa and proofs for its existence, plurality of the Puruṣas, theory of evolution. Yoga: Citta, Cītatvīrti, Cittabhūmi, Eightfold path of Yoga (Aṣṭāṅga Yoga), God.	15
Unit III	Nyāya: Pramā and Pramāṇa, Pratyakṣa (definition), Samikarṣa, Classification of Pratyakṣa: Nirvikalpa, Savikalpa, Laukika, Alaukika; Anumiti, Anumāna (definition), Vyāpti, Parāmarśa, Classification of Anumāna: Pūrvavat, Śeṣavat, Sāmānyatodīṣṭa, Kevalānvayi, Kevalavyatireki, Anvayavyatireki, Svārthanumāna, Parārthanumāna, Upmāna, Śabda Pramāṇa. Vaiśeṣika: Padārtha, Dravya, Guṇa, Karma, Sāmānya, Viśeṣa, Samavāya, Abhāva. Mīmāṃsā (Prabhākara and Bhatta): Arthāpatti and Anuplabdhi as sources of knowledge.	15
Unit IV	Advaita Vedānta: Śaṅkara's view of Brahman, Saguṇa and Nirguṇa Brahman, Three grades of Sattā: Prātibhāsika, Vyāvahārika, Pāramārthika, Jīva, Jagat, Māya, and Mokṣa. Viśiṣṭadvaita Vedānta: Rāmānuja's view of Brahman, Jīva, Jagat, Refutation of the doctrine of Māyā, Mokṣa.	15
Suggestive Readings:		
1	Datta, D.M. & Chatterjee, S.C., “An Introduction to Indian Philosophy”, Rupa Publication India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2007.	
2	Datta, D.M. & Chatterjee, S.C., “Bhartiya Darshan”, Pustak Mahal, Patna, 2013.	
3	Hiriyanna, M., “Outlines of Indian Philosophy”, Motilal Banarasidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, 2014.	
4	Mohanty, J.N., “Classical Indian Philosophy”, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers INL Maryland, U.S.A., 1992.	
5	Pandey, S.L., “Bhartiya Darshan ka Sarvekshana”, Central Publishing House, Allahabad, 2008.	
6	Radhakrishnan, S., “Indian Philosophy (Vol. I & II)”, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2008.	
7	Raju, P.T., “The Philosophical Traditions of India”, Motilal Banarasidass Publication Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2009.	
8	Sharma, C.D., “Bhartiya Darshan: Aalochan evam Anusheelan”, Motilal Banarasidass Publication Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2013.	
9	Sharma, C.D., “A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy”, Motilal Banarasidass Publication Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2016.	
10	Suggestive digital platforms web links.	

Semester – II

Course Title:	Western Philosophy	Course Code: 24BPL5201T
Total Lecture hour 60		Hours
Unit I	Plato and Aristotle: Ideas, Substance, Form and Matter, Causation, Actuality and	15

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	Potentiality. Descartes: Cartesian method of doubt, cogito ergo sum, criterion of truth, types of ideas, Proofs for the existence of God, Mind-body relation: Interactionism.	
Unit II	Spinoza: Doctrine of substance, attributes and modes, Existence of God, Pantheism, Parallelism. Leibnitz: Monads, Truth of reason, Truth of facts, Innateness of ideas, Doctrine of pre-established harmony.	15
Unit III	Locke: Refutation of innate ideas, the origin and formation of ideas, simple and complex ideas, substance, modes and relations, nature of knowledge and its degrees, limits of knowledge, primary and secondary qualities. Berkeley: Refutation of abstract ideas, criticism of Locke's distinction between primary and secondary qualities, Immaterialism, esse est percipi, role of God.	15
Unit IV	Hume: Impression and Ideas, distinction between judgements concerning relations of ideas and judgements concerning matters of fact, theory of causality, theory of self and personal identity, Scepticism. Kant: Conception of critical Philosophy, distinction between a priori and a posteriori judgements, distinction between analytical and synthetic judgements, Possibility of synthetic a priori judgements, Copernican revolution.	15
Suggestive Readings:		
1	Connor, D.J.O., "A Critical History of Western Philosophy", Free Press, Parent Company Simon and Schuster, New York, 1985.	
2	Ewing, A.C., "The Fundamental Question of Philosophy", Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd., New York, 2012.	
3	Falckenberg, R., "History of Modern Philosophy", Create Space Independent Publishing Platform, Scotts Valley, Carolina, 2015.	
4	Kenny, Anthony, "A New History of Western Philosophy", Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1985.	
5	Masih, Y., "A Critical History of Western Philosophy (Greek, Medieval, Modern)", Motilal Banarasidass Publication Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2017.	
6	Russel, Bertrand, "History of Philosophy", Routledge, New York, 2004.	
7	Scruton, R., "A Short History of Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein", Routledge Publishers, Pustak Mahal, New Delhi, 2001.	
8	Srivastava, J.S., "Adhunik Darshan ka Vajijnānik Itihas", Kitab Mahal, Allahabad, 2012.	
9	Sharma, Chandradhar, "Pashchatya Darshan", Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1998.	
10	Thilly, F., "A History of Philosophy", SBW Publishers, New Delhi, 2018.	
11	Upadhyaya, Harishankar, "Pashchatya Darshan ka Udbhav aur Vikas", Anusheelan Prakashan, Allahabad, 2004.	
12	Wright, W.K., "A History of Modern Philosophy", Macmillan Company, Mumbai, 1952.	

Semester - III

Course Title:	Ethics (Indian and Western)	Course Code: 24BPL6301T
Total Lecture Hours 60		
Unit I	The Ethics of Bhagavadgītā: Niṣkāma Karma-yoga, Sthitiprajñā, Lokasamgraha Puruṣārthās and their inter-relations Meaning of Dharma, Classification of Dharma: Sāmānyadharma, Viśeṣadharma, Sādhāraṇadharma, Concept of Ṛṇa and Ṛta	Hours
		15
Unit II	The general features of Jaina and Bauddha Ethics. The ethics of Gandhi: Eleven vows, Sarvodaya, Concept of seven sins, Doctrine of Trusteeship	15

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Unit III	Nature and scope of Ethics, Theories of ethics: Teleological and Deontological. Postulates of morality, problem of free will and determinism Moral and non-moral actions, Object of moral judgement-Motive and intention, ends and means. Value as standard of morality.	15
Unit IV	Standards of morality: Hedonism- Ethical and Psychological, Utilitarianism: Bentham and Mill. Intuitionism, Butler's Theory of conscience as the ultimate standard of moral judgement. Kant's ethical theory: Goodwill, Categorical Imperative, Duty for duty's sake Crime and theories of punishment, Issue of Capital punishment.	15
Suggestive Readings:		
1	Dasgupta, Surama, "Development of Moral Philosophy in India", Munshiram Manoharlal Publication, New Delhi, 1994.	
2	Frankena, W., "Ethics", Pearson, New Delhi, 1998.	
3	Maitra, S.K., "The Ethics of the Hindus", Calcutta University Press, Calcutta, 1963.	
4	Pandey, S.L., "Neetishastra ka Sarvekshana", Central Publishing House, Allahabad, 1992.	
5	Satyanaarayana, Y.V., "Ethics: Theory and Practice", Pearson, New Delhi, 2009.	
6	Shaïda, S.A., "Problems of Ethics", Spectrum Publications, Delhi, 2003.	
7.	Sharma, I.C., "Ethical Philosophies of India", Johnsen Publishing, U.S.A., 1965.	
8.	Verma, Ved Prakash, "Neetishastra ke Mool Siddhanta", Hindi Madhyam Karyanvayan Nideshalaya, New Delhi, 1991.	
9.	Tewari, K.N., "Classical Indian Ethical Thought", Motilal Banarasidass, New Delhi, 1998.	

Semester – IV

Course Title:	Indian Logic	Course Code: 24BPL6401T
Total Lecture Hours 60		
Unit I	Indian Logic: Definition, nature and scope. Nature of Knowledge	Hours 15
Unit II	Pramā and Apramā Pramāṇa: Nature and Its different kind. Perception according to Nyāya	15
Unit III	Inference: according to Nyāya, Buddhism, Jainism. Verbal Testimony, Upmāna, Arthāpatti, Anuplabdhi	15
Unit IV	Prāmānyavāda: Svataḥ and Parataḥ Prāmānyavāda Khyātivāda: Theory of error	15
Suggestive Readings:		
1	Bandishtey, Dr. D.D. & Sharma, Dr. Ramashankar, "Bhartiya Darshnik Nibandh" (ed.), Madhya Pradesh Hindi Grantha Academy, Bhopal, 2008.	
2	Barlingay, S.S., "A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic", Orient Book Distributors, New Delhi, 1976.	
3	Bijalvan, C.D., "Bhartiya Nyayashastra", Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sanstana, Lucknow, 1983.	
4	Chatterjee, S.C., "The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge", Rupa Publication, New Delhi, 2015.	
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6	Maitra, S.K., "Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics & Logic", Chakraverty, Chatterjee & Co. Ltd., Calcutta, 1956.	
7.	Pandey, S.L., "Jñāna, Mulya evam Sat", Central Publishing House, Allahabad, 1988.	
8.	Shastri, S. Kuppaswami, "A Primer of Indian Logic", KSRIMylapore, Madras, 1951.	
9.	Tiwari, Kedarnath, "Bhartiya Tarkshastra Parichaya (An Introduction to Indian Logic)", Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 2014.	
10.	Tiwari, N.P., "Bhartiya Tarkshastra (Indian Logic)", PHI Learning Private Limited, Delhi, 2009.	

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