**Department of Philosophy**

**Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra**

**Ph.D. Programme in the Subject of Philosophy**

**Scheme of Entrance Test- 2019**

**Part-I: Objective Type (Multiple Choices) questions for Research Methodology :( 50 Questions X 02 marks= 100 marks)**

**Part-II: Objective Type (Multiple Choices) questions for Philosophy**

**(50 Questions X 02 marks= 100 marks)**

**Duration: Two Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 200**

**Note: The paper-setter is requested to set 50 multiple choice (objective type) questions out of the syllabus given for the Part-I and Part-II each separately. All questions are compulsory. The examinees shall have to tick mark or darken completely the right choice out of the choices given. All questions carry equal marks.**

**Ph.D. Programme in Philosophy**

**Part-I: Research Methodology**

**(Syllabus)**

**Unit –I: Introduction to Research Methodology**.

1. Meaning, Definition and Importance of Research in Philosophy.

2. Preparation of a Seminar Paper& Research Proposal/Synopsis

3. Selection of Topic and Writing of a Dissertation/Thesis

4. Methods of references and Preparation of Bibliography.

**Unit –II**: **Methods for doing Philosophy:**

1. Tark-Nirupan in Nyaya

2. The Socratic Method

3. Adyarop-Apvada of Advaita.

4.Prsangapadana of Madhymika Boudha

5. Vakyarth Nirnya of Mimansa.

**Unit-III: Things Philosophers do**:

1. Exposit, Speculate, Prescribe, Describe, Criticise and Synthesis.

2. Panchavyava Nyaya and Dashavyava Nyaya

3. Objectives of Philosophy and importance of Philosophy in Recent Times

4. Philosophy and its Fundamental Basic Problems.

.**Unit –IV**:  **Nature of Philosopical Inquiry:**

1.How Philosophical Inquiry is different from other disciplines.

2. Synopsis as peculiar characteristic of Philosophy.

3. Some Methods of Speculative Philosophy.

4. Critical appraisal of presuppositions

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR PAPER-I**

1***. Nyayasutra*-Gautama**

2. Broad, C.D., “**Two Lectures on the Nature of Philosophy**” in “*Clarity is not*

*Enough”(ed) by*.H.D.Lewis, George Allen and Unwin Ltd., 1963(See First Lecture for

topic no.2 of Unit-IV.and see II lecture for topic no.III of Unit-IV)

3. Richard E. Creel, ***Thinking Philosophically***, Blackwell Publishers: USA, 2001.

4. J.N.Sinha:***Introduction to Philosophy***, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata

5. Patric, G.T.W***., Introduction to Philosophy***, Surjeet Publication, Delhi.

6. S.N.Dasgupta, ***History of Indian Philosophy***,Vol-1.

7. Jaidev Vedalankara, ***Bhartiya Darshan***

Part-II

**Paper I & II for Ph.D. Programme in Philosophy**

**Unit-1. Classical Indian Philosophy**

Essential concepts of the Vedas and the Upanisads: (i) Rta, Yajna, Rna. (ii) Atman and Brahman; Doctrine of Karma.

Carvaka: Pratyaksa as the only means of Valid Knowledge; Critique of anumana (inference) and Sabda (verbal-testimony)

Jainism: Dravya. Guna. Paryaya: Jiva and Ajiva; Anekantavada; Syadvada.

Buddhism: Madhyam Pratipad: Pratityasamutpada (Doctrine of Dependent Origination); Four Noble truths; Astangamarga; Kasanbhangavada; Anatmavada.

Nyaya: Prama & Aprama, Pramana: Pratyaksa and its Classification; Anumana: Definition, terms and ayayavas; Different classifications; Sabda: Akansa, Yogyata, Sannidhi and Tatparya, Concept of God; Arguments for the existence of God.

Vaisesika: Classification of Padartha: Dravya, Guna, Karma, Samanya, Samavaya, Visesa, Abhava.

Samkhya: Prakrti and its Vikara (evolutes); Arguments for the existence of Prakrti, Nature of Purusa; Arguments for the existence and plurality of Purusa, Distinction between Purusa and Prakrti.

Yoga: Patanjali's Concept of Citta and Citta-Vrtti. Eightfold path of Yoga. The Role of God in Yoga.

Advaita Vedanta: Vivartavada; Maya: Three grades of Satta; Jiva; Brahman and Moksha.

**Unit-2. Modern Indian Thinkers.**

Vivekananda: Universal religion; Nature of God; Nature of man; Ways of realisation: Jnana-yoga, Bhakti-Yoga, Karma Yoga and Raja yoga.

Aurobindo: Nature of Creation: The World Process – Involution and Evolution; Mind and Supermind: the triple status of Supermind and the triple transformation; Integral Yoga.

Gandhi: God & Truth: Non-violence; Satyagraha: Ideal State and Sarvodaya.

Tagore: God; Nature of man; Nature of religion; Ways of Realisation; Humanism.

Radhakrishnan: Absolute & God; Nature of man; Religious Experience.

**Unit-3. Traditional Western Philosophy**

Early Greek Philosophers (Pre-Socratic Philosophers): Problem of Substance: Ionians; Problem of Change & Permanence: Heraclitus and Parmenides (Eleatic School), Atomism of Democritus.

Plato: Theory of Ideas or Forms; Knowledge and Belief.

Aristotle: Theory of Substance. Matter & Form (Potentiality and Actuality), Theory of Causation.

**Rationalism:**

1. Descartes, Method of Doubt and *Cogito ergo sum*; Criterion of Truth; Innate ideas; Descartes Concept of Substance & his dualism; Interactionism (Doctrine of the relation between mind & body).
2. Spinoza: Substance (God); Attributes & Modes; the mind-body relation (Parallelism)
3. Leibniz: Doctrine of Monads; Truth of reason and Truth of facts. Principles of non-contradiction & sufficient reason; Doctrine of Pre-established Harmony.

**Empiricism:**

1. Locke: Refutation of Innate Ideas; Origin & Classification of Ideas; Distinction between Primary & Secondary Ideas; Concept of Substance.
2. Berkeley: Refutation of Locke's Materialism; esse est percipi (subjective idealism); The Problem of Solipsism.
3. Hume: Impressions & Ideas; Rejection of Metaphysics: Rejection of self, matter and God.
4. Kant: Classification of judgements: Analytic & Synthetic: Possibility of Synthetic a priori judgements; Theory of sense-perception (time & space as a priori forms of sensibility); Theory of Understanding (twelve categories of Understanding).
5. Hegel: Absolute Idealism: Dialectical Method.

**Unit-4. Contemporary Western Philosophy**

Moore: Refutation of Idealism. Defence of Common Sense.

Russell: Logical atomism; Knowledge by Acquaintance & Knowledge by Description.

Wittgenstein: Meaning as reference (picture theory of meaning): Facts and objects, names & Proposition; meaning as use (use theory of meaning): family-resemblance, language-games.

A.J.Ayer: Verifiability as Criterion of Meaning; Rejection of Metaphysics.

G.Ryle: Systematically Misleading Expressions; Refutation of Cartesian Dogma (Descartes' Myth): Category Mistake.

**Unit -5. Logic, Ethics and Philosophy of Religion**

1. Truth-functional compound statements & concerned rules in term of truth-tables of various truth functional connectives/ operators, calculating truth-value of truth-functional compound statements.
2. Determining Statement forms: Tautology, Contradictory, Contingent.
3. Determining Validity/ Invalidity of arguments by the truth-table method.
4. Socratic Ethics: Knowledge is Virtue; Unity of virtues; Plato's Ethics: Virtues of the individual and State; Plato's view of good life.
5. Utilitarianism of J. Bentham and J.S.Mill. Kant's Concept of Good-will, Categorical Imperatives. A.J.Ayer's Ethical Emotivism. R.M. Hare's Prescriptivism.
6. Nature of Religion & Philosophy of Religion; Faith and Revelation; Problems of Religious Language; Religious Experience; Problem of Evil.

**Recommended/ Prescribed Books**

* 1. S.S.Barlingay: A Modern Introduction to Indian Ethics.
  2. Nikunja Vihari Banerjee: The Spirit of Indian Philosophy.
  3. Chandradhar Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy. (Hindi version available).
  4. Dr. Radhakrishnan: Indian Philosophy. I & II Vols. (Hindi version available).
  5. Datta & Chatterjee: Indian Philosophy. (Hindi version available).
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  7. Basant Kumar Lal: Contemporary Indian Philosophy (Hindi version available).
  8. Frank Thilly: A History of Philosophy.
  9. Y. Masih: A Critical History of Western Philosophy (Hindi version available).
  10. B. Russell: History of Philosophy.
  11. txnh'k lgk; JhokLro % vk/kqfud n'kZu dk oSKkfud bfrgkl
  12. Basant Kumar Lal: Contemporary Western Philosophy. (Hindi version available).
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  14. A.J. Ayer. : Language, Truth and Logic.
  15. Gilbert Ryle: Concept of Mind.
  16. G. Pitcher: Philosophy of Wittgenstein.
  17. I.M. Copi: Introduction to Logic.
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  20. J.N. Sinha: Manual of Ethics. (Hindi version available).
  21. Mary Warnock: Ethics since 1900
  22. G.J. Warnock: Contemporary Ethics.
  23. J.S. Mackenzie: Manual of Ethics.
  24. William Frankena: Ethics.
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  27. John Hick: Philosophy of Religion (Hindi version available).
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