

Sarojini Naidu College for Women

Undergraduate Programme [PURE PASS Course] Syllabus, Department of Philosophy

Semester - I

PHIGCOR01T – Logic

A. Basic concepts: Proposition, Categorical Proposition, Quality, Quantity of Categorical Propositions, Argument, Truth, Validity.

B. Distribution of Terms, Traditional Square of Oppositions:, Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition.

Categorical Proposition: Existential Import of Propositions, Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Propositions. 15

Categorical syllogism: Figure, Mood, Rules for Validity, Testing the validity of arguments by Venn Diagram. 25

D. Symbolic Logic: The value of special Symbols for Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction, Implication, Equivalence, Tautology, Contradiction and Contingency. 15

E. Truth Table: Truth-table Method for testing Arguments. 5

F. Inductive Logic: Mill's methods of Experimental Inquiry. 10

Semester – II

PHIGCOR02T- Western Epistemology and Metaphysics

A. Theories of the origin of knowledge: Rationalism, Empiricism and Kant's Critical Theory. 15

B. Realism and Idealism as theories of Reality:

i. General Introduction 2

ii. Realism: Naive Realism, Locke's Representationalism 10

C. Idealism: Subjective Idealism: Berkeley's refutation of the distinction between Primary and Secondary qualities, Subjective Idealism. 5

D. Substance: Empiricist and Rationalist view of Substance. 15

E. Causality: Entailment theory, Regularity Theory. 14

F. Mind-body Problem: Interactionism, Parallelism, and Epiphenomenalism. 14

Semester – III

PHIGCOR03T- Indian Epistemology and Metaphysics

Systems of Indian Philosophy:

i) Cārvāka Epistemology:

Perception as the only source of knowledge,

Rejection of Inference and Testimony as sources of knowledge

ii. Cārvāka Metaphysics:

Causality- Svabhāvavāda, Yadr̥cchāvāda, Akasmikatāvāda, Jagat, Bhūtacaitanyavāda. 10

Nyāya Epistemology:

Classifications of Pramana: Pratyaksa, Anumana, Upamana & Sabda (In brief).

Pratyaksa: Laksana:

Classifications: Determinate (Savikalpaka) and Indeterminate (Nirvikalpaka), Laukika, a-laukika;

Classification of a-laukika [In brief].

Sannikarsa: Laukika & a-laukika.

Anumana: Laksana, Vyapti, Paramarsa, Svarthanumiti & Pararthanumiti. 20

C) Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics: Seven categories: Outlines of Dravya, Guṇa, Karma, Detailed Explanations of Sāmānya, Viśeṣa, Samavāya, and Abhāva . 25

D. Advaita Metaphysics: Nature of Brahman, Māyā, Jagat, Relation between Brahman and Jīva . 15

Semester – IV

PHIGCOR04T- Ethics-Indian and Western

Introduction, Difference between Indian Ethics and Western Ethics 4

Purusartha: General view and their Inter-Relations 4

Karma: Sakama, Niskama, Nitya-naimittik ,Kamya 8

Carvaka Ethics. 4

Buddhist Ethics: The Four Noble Truths and the Eight-fold Path, Pancasila. 5

Jaina Ethics: Anuvrata, Mahavrata. 5

Moral and Non-moral actions: Concept and object of Moral Judgment. 5

Standards of Morality: (A) Teleological Ethics- Hedonism-Psychological & Ethical; Ethical-Egoism and Utilitarianism [Bentham & Mill]. 20

B. Deontological Ethics -Kant

Good will, Categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty's sake. 15

E. Theories of Punishment.

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II. Elective Course.

Discipline Specific Elective [DSE]

Semester - V

PHIGDSE01T [Applied Ethics]

Nature of Applied /Practical Ethics.

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Nature of Rights-Human & Animal.

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Suicide-Definition and Types, whether suicide can be called 'A moral crime', Arguments for and against suicide.

D. Euthanasia/Mercy killing-Definition, meaning, types; Arguments for and against Euthanasia. 20

E. Environmental Ethics-Nature and main concern, Necessity of Environmental Ethics for human survival
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PHIGDSE02T- [Rabindranath, Religion of Man]

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Semester - VI

PHIGDSE03T [Social & Political Philosophy]

A. Social Philosophy.

i. Nature & Scope 2

ii. Primary concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institution, Social group and its different forms.
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iii. Religious and Moral codes. 2

iv. Custom and Law. 5

v. Culture and Civilization. 5

vi. Class and Caste-Definition and difference between social class and caste, Class-attitudes and Class-consciousness. 15

B. Political Ideals:

i. Democracy: Different forms-Direct, Representative, Merits and demerits of Democracy. 20

ii. Socialism: Various forms-Utopian, Democratic and Scientific. 20

PHIGDSE04T [Bimalkrishna Motilal, Niti,Yukti,Dharma:Kahini O Sahitye Rama O Krishna.] 75

Generic Elective [GE]

Semester - V

PHIGGEC01T [The Philosophy of Self –Development]

Buddhism- Caturāryasatya, Causality,Dvādaśa nidāna [bhava chakra] aṣṭāṅgika Mārga. 15

Yoga: ---citta, cittabhūmi, cittavṛtti, cittavṛtti nirodha, aṣṭāṅgayoga.15

Vedanta - Advaita Vedanta-Introduction [in brief]; sravana,manana,nididhyasana; Mukti--- jibanmukti, videha mukti. 20

D. Vivekananda: Karmayoga. 15

E. Gandhi- Non-violence, Truth. 10

Semester -VI

PHIGGEC02T [Critical Thinking

Text:

Madhuchhanda Sen, Critical Thinking

Skill Enhancement Course [SEC]

Odd Semester

PHISSEC01M - [Media Ethics]

What is Media Ethics, Roles and Impact of Media, Media and Democracy, Functions and Responsibilities of Media.

Even Semester

PHISSEC02M [Business Ethics]

What is Business Ethics; Environmental Ethics related to business, Advertising Ethics related to business.