

PH.D ENTRANCE TEST IN PHILOSOPHY

SYLLABUS

Duration : 3 Hours

Max.Marks - 80

HISTORY OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

CLASSICAL PERIOD

1. Basic Systems : Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavadgita.
Jainism, Buddhism, Nyaya – Vaishesika, Samkhya – Yoga,
Purvamimamsa and The three Schools of Vedanta-Samkara,
Ramanuja and Madhwa.
2. CONTEMPORARY PERIOD
Swamy Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi,
S.Radhakrishnan and Sri Aurobindo, Dr.Ambedkar.
3. HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY (Classical and Modern Period)
Plato, Aristotle,
Rationalists, Empiricists, Kant, Hegel

4.CONTEMPORARY PERIOD

Neo-Hegelianism, Pragmatism,
Evolutionism, Existentialism and Logical Positivism.

5. LOGIC

Inference – Mediate and Immediate, Nyaya theory of Anumana'
Aristotelian and Nyaya Syllogism, Fallacies of Inference, Hetvabhasas, Mill's
Criticism of syllogism; Elements of symbolic logic, Truth- Functional logic
problem of Induction, Mill's Methods Hypothesis.

6. THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

Nature, Sources, and Validity of knowledge. Theory of pramanas.
Empiricism, Rationalism, Kantianism, Pragmatism, Realism, Idealism

Theories of Truth- Khyativadas.

7. PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Concept of God – God as Personalistic and Impersonalistic; Monotheism and polytheism, concept of self, proofs for the existence of God, Freedom, Immortality, Free-will and Determinism, Science and Indeterminism, Determinism and Responsibility.

8. SOCIAL AND POLITICAL VALUES :

Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, Democracy, Communism. The Concept of justice, theories of punishment. Social Change.

9. MORAL AND RELIGIOUS VALUES

The right and the Good. Is-Ought relation. God as value, The problem of Evil. Concept of Dharma, Artha and Kama as subordinate to Dharma; Moksha as the supreme value(Purusartha).

10. AESTHETIC VALUES

Concept of Beauty: Theories of Beauty; Representationism, Art as pure Form, Art as Expression. Concept of Ugliness; Tragedy; Humour. Concept of Rasa.

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