

# PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)



## **B.A. PHILOSOPHY**

(Choice Based Credit System)

Syllabus

2017-18 onwards

**SCHEME FOR CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS) IN  
B.A. (PHILOSOPHY) PROGRAMME  
To be implemented from 2017–2018 onwards.**

COURSE	SUBJECT CODE	TITLE OF THE PAPER	CREDITS ALLOTTED	
			Lecture	Tutorial
<b>SEMESTER – I</b>			<b>20 Credits</b>	
MIL-1	LBEN/LHIN/LMAL/ LSAN/LTAM/LTEL 111	Bengali – I / Hindi – I / Malayalam – I / Sanskrit – I / Tamil – I / Telugu – I	03	--
ENGLISH-1	ENGL 112	English – I	03	--
DSC-1A	PHIL 111	Indian Philosophy – I	04	02
DSC-2A	PHIL 112	Western Philosophy – I	04	02
AECC-1	PADM 113	Public Administration	02	--
<b>SEMESTER – II</b>			<b>20 Credits</b>	
MIL-2	LBEN/LHIN/LMAL/ LSAN/LTAM/LTEL 121	Bengali – II / Hindi – II / Malayalam – II / Sanskrit – II / Tamil – II / Telugu – II	03	--
ENGLISH-2	ENGL 122	English – II	03	--
DSC-1B	PHIL 121	Indian Philosophy – II	04	02
DSC-2B	PHIL 122	Western Philosophy – II	04	02
AECC-2	ENVS 123	Environmental Studies	02	--
<b>SEMESTER – III</b>			<b>20 Credits</b>	
MIL-3	LBEN/LHIN/LMAL/ LSAN/LTAM/LTEL 231	Bengali – III / Hindi – III / Malayalam – III / Sanskrit – III / Tamil – III / Telugu – III	03	--
ENGLISH-3	ENGL 232	English – III	03	--
DSC-1C	PHIL 231	Contemporary Indian Philosophy	04	02
DSC-2C	PHIL 232	Contemporary Western Philosophy	04	02
SEC-1	PHIL 233	Yoga and Philosophy of Life	02	--
<b>SEMESTER – IV</b>			<b>20 Credits</b>	
MIL-4	LBEN/LHIN/LMAL/ LSAN/LTAM/LTEL 241	Bengali – IV / Hindi – IV / Malayalam – IV / Sanskrit – IV / Tamil – IV / Telugu – IV	03	--
ENGLISH-4	ENGL 242	English – IV	03	--
DSC-1D	PHIL 241	Theoretical Ethics	04	02
DSC-2D	PHIL 242	Political Philosophy	04	02
SEC-2	PHIL 243	Western Logic	02	--
<b>SEMESTER – V</b>			<b>20 Credits</b>	
SEC-3	PHIL 351	Critical Thinking	02	--
*DSE-1A *DSE-2A *DSE-3A	PHIL 352	Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo	04	01
	PHIL 353	Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi	04	01
	PHIL 354	Philosophy of Thiruvalluvar	04	01
	PHIL 355	Philosophy of Religion	04	01
	PHIL 356	Human Rights from an Ethical Perspective	04	01
GE-1	PHIL 357	Indian Culture	03	--
<b>SEMESTER – VI</b>			<b>20 Credits</b>	
SEC-4	PHIL 361	Applied Ethics	02	--
*DSE-1B *DSE-2B *DSE-3B	PHIL 362	Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore	04	01
	PHIL 363	Introduction to Thinkers of Social Reform	04	01
	PHIL 364	Philosophy of MahakaviC. SubramanyaBharathi	04	01
	PHIL 365	Philosophy of Education	04	01
	PHIL 366	Introduction to Indian Epistemology	04	01
GE-2	PHIL 367	Feminist Philosophy	03	--

**Total Number of Credits 120**

\*Any three papers can be selected from the pool of papers (PHIL 352, PHIL 353, PHIL 354, PHIL 355 and PHIL 356) for DSE-1A, 2A, and 3A in the fifth semester and any three papers can be selected from the pool of papers (PHIL 362, PHIL 363, PHIL 364, PHIL 365 and PHIL 366) for DSE-1B, 2B and 3B in the sixth semester, respectively.

## Distribution of Credits

Courses		No. of Papers	No. of Credits
MIL	Modern Indian Language Course	04	12
ENGLISH	English Course	04	12
DSC	Discipline Specific Core Course	08	48
DSE	Discipline Specific Elective Course	06	30
SEC	Skill Enhancement Course (Open to students of all Departments)	04	08
GE	Generic Elective Course (Open to students of all Departments)	02	06
AECC	Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course	02	04
<b>Total</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>120</b>

## Semester-wise distribution of Courses / Papers and Credits

Distribution of Courses / Papers and their Credits in the CBCS pattern for B.A. Philosophy																
Sem.	MIL		ENGLISH		DSC		DSE		SEC		GE		AECC		TOTAL	
	Cors	Crdt	Cors	Crdt	Cors	Crdt	Cors	Crdt	Cors	Crdt	Cors	Crdt	Cors	Crdt	Cors	Crdt
<b>I</b>	01	03	01	03	02	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	01	02	<b>05</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>II</b>	01	03	01	03	02	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	01	02	<b>05</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>III</b>	01	03	01	03	02	12	--	--	01	02	--	--	--	--	<b>05</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>IV</b>	01	03	01	03	02	12	--	--	01	02	--	--	--	--	<b>05</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>V</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	03	15	01	02	01	03	--	--	<b>05</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>VI</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	03	15	01	02	01	03	--	--	<b>05</b>	<b>20</b>
	04	12	04	12	08	48	06	30	04	08	02	06	02	04	<b>30</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Total No. of Courses / Papers = 30</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Total Credits = 120</b></span>																

**SEMESTER – I**  
**PHIL 111: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY – I**

**UNIT 1**

**Characteristics of Indian philosophy:** Vedas based – Combination of religion and philosophy – Stages and duties of life – Yoga based – *Karma* theory based – *Moksha* oriented – *Purusarthas* – Initially pessimistic but ultimately optimistic.

**Vedas:** Four Vedas and the sections – Monism – Monotheism – Pantheism – Panentheism – Transtheism.

**UNIT 2**

**Upanishads:** *Brahman*, *Jiva* and *Jagat* and their nature, function and inter-relation.

**Bhagavad Gita:** *Karma* theory – *Nishkama Karma* – *Moksa Sadhanas*.

**UNIT 3**

**Carvaka:** *Pratyaksha* as the only *pramana* – Metaphysics: Denial of God and Soul – Ethics: ‘Pleasure’ as the principle of life.

**Jainism:** Classification of *jiva* and *ajiva* – *Anekantavada* – *Saptabhanginayavada* – Concept of liberation.

**UNIT 4**

**Buddhism:** Four Noble Truths – *Pratityasamutpadavada* – *Kshanikavada* – Concept of *Nirvana*.

**UNIT 5**

**Nyaya:** Four *pramanas* – *Padartha* theory – Proofs for the existence of God.

**Vaiseshka:** Seven categories – Atomic Theory – *Arambhavada*.

**Books for Study**

1. Satischandra Chatterjee & Dhirendramohan Datta, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2016.
2. Chandradhar Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2013.
3. T.M.P. Mahadevan, *Invitation to Indian Philosophy*, Arnold-Heinemann, New Delhi, 1982.
4. M. Hiriyanna, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2014.
5. Jadunath Sinha, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Pilgrims Publishing, Varanasi, 2005.
6. Ramakrishna Puligandla, *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*, D.K. Printworld (P) Ltd, New Delhi, 1997.
7. Nikunja Vihari Banerjee, *The Spirit of Indian Philosophy*, Arnold-Heinemann Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1974.

## **Books for Reference**

1. Surendranath Dasgupta, *History of Indian Philosophy* (Vols. 1–5), Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.
2. S. Radhakrishnan, *Indian Philosophy*, (Vols. I & II), Oxford University Publishers, New Delhi, 2009.
3. Jadunath Sinha, *Indian Philosophy*, (Vols. 1–3), Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1999.
4. P.T. Raju, *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, South Asian Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1985.

**SEMESTER – I**  
**PHIL 112: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY – I**

**UNIT 1**

**Pre-Socratic:** A brief introduction to the philosophy of Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Empedocles, Anaxagoras, Democritus and the Sophists.

**UNIT 2**

**Socrates:** Know Thy Self – Concept of Self – Knowledge is Virtue.

**Plato:** Theory of Ideas – Epistemology – Tripartite theory of Soul.

**UNIT 3**

**Aristotle:** Metaphysics – Theory of Categories – Matter and Form – Theory of Causation – Unmoved Mover.

**UNIT 4**

**St. Augustine:** Theory of knowledge – Theology – Problem of evil.

**St. Anselm:** Ontological Proof

**St. Thomas Aquinas:** Philosophy and theology – Theory of knowledge – Proofs for the existence of God.

**UNIT 5**

**Rene Descartes:** Method of Doubt – *Cogito Ergo Sum* – Mind–Body Dualism – Concept of God.

**Spinoza:** The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes – Psycho–Physical Parallelism – Pantheism.

**Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz:** Monads – Pre-established Harmony – Proofs for the Existence of God.

**Books for Study**

1. Y. Masih, *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 2013.
2. B.A.G. Fuller, *A History of Philosophy*, Oxford and IBH Publication, 1989.
3. Frank Thilly, *A History of Philosophy*, SBW Publishers, 2015.
4. Bertrand Russell, *History of Western Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2004.
5. John Cottingham, *The Rationalists*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1988.
6. K. Narayanan, *Maelai Naattu Meipporul* (Tamil), Mari Pathippagam, Pondicherry, 2003.
7. M.S.M. Anas, *Meyiyal: Kirekkam Mudhal Tharkaalamvarai* (Tamil), Adaiyaalam Publishers, Tiruchi, 2013.

## **Books for Reference**

1. Frederick Copleston. S.J., *A History of Philosophy* (Vols I, II & IV), Image Books, New York, 1994.
2. Anthony Kenny, *A New History of Western Philosophy* (Vols I, II & III), Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2006.
3. Nicholas Bunnin & E.P. Tsui-James (Eds), *The Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing Company, USA, 2003.
4. Richard H. Popkin, *The Columbia History of Western Philosophy*, Columbia University Press, New York, 1998.

**SEMESTER – II**  
**PHIL 121: INDIAN PHILOSOPHY – II**

**UNIT 1**

**Sankhya:** *Satkaryavada – Dualism – Prakrti parinamavada.*

**Yoga:** *Citta-vrtti – Ashtanga yoga.*

**UNIT 2**

**Purva-Mimamsa:** *Pramanas – Dharma, Karma, Apurva – Adrsta.*

**UNIT 3**

**Advaita:** *Brahman, Jiva and Jagat – Maya – Anirvacaniyakhyati – Vivartavada – Jivanmukti.*

**Visishtadvaita:** *The inter-ralation of God, Soul and the World as aprthaksthiti relation and sarira-sariri bhava relation – Bhakti and Prapatti – Sadhana Saptaka – Videhamukthi.*

**UNIT 4**

**Dvaita:** *God, World and Soul – Nature, function and classification of Souls.*

**UNIT 5**

**Saiva Siddhantha:** *Pati, Pasu and Pasa and the paths of liberation.*

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1. Satischandra Chatterjee & Dhirendramohan Datta, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2016.
2. Chandradhar Sharma, *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2013.
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3. Jadunath Sinha, *Indian Philosophy*, (Vols. 1–3), Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1999.
4. P.T. Raju, *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, South Asian Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1985.

**SEMESTER – II**  
**PHIL 122: WESTERN PHILOSOPHY – II**

**UNIT 1**

**John Locke:** Denial of the innate ideas – Theory of ideas – Validity and limits of knowledge.

**UNIT 2**

**George Berkeley:** Abstract ideas – Spirit – *Esse est Percipi* – Refutation of Matter - Subjective Idealism.

**UNIT 3**

**David Hume:** Theory of knowledge – Theory of Causation – Skepticism – Knowledge of the external world – Phenomenalism.

**UNIT 4**

**Immanuel Kant:** Critical approach to Rationalism and Empiricism – Copernican Revolution – *a-priori* and *a-posteriori* knowledge – Synthetic *a-priori* Judgments – *Phenomena* and *Noumena*.

**UNIT 5**

**George Wilhelm Hegel:** Absolute Spirit – Reality and Actuality – Dialectics.

**Books for Study**

1. Y. Masih, *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 2013.
2. B.A.G. Fuller, *A History of Philosophy*, Oxford and IBH Publication, 1989.
3. Frank Thilly, *A History of Philosophy*, SBW Publishers, 2015.
4. Bertrand Russell, *History of Western Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2004.
5. R.S. Woolhouse, *The Empiricists*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1988.
6. K. Narayanan, *Maelai Naattu Meipporul* (Tamil), Mari Pathippagam, Pondicherry, 2003.
7. M.S.M. Anas, *Meyiyal: Kirekkam Mudhal Tharkaalamvarai* (Tamil), Adaiyaalam Publishers, Tiruchi, 2013.

**Books for Reference**

1. Frederick Copleston. S.J., *A History of Philosophy* (Vols V, VI and VII), Image Books, New York, 1994.
2. Anthony Kenny, *A New History of Western Philosophy* (Vol. III), Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2006.
3. Nicholas Bunnin & E.P. Tsui-James (Eds), *The Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing Company, USA, 2003.
4. Richard H. Popkin, *The Columbia History of Western Philosophy*, Columbia University Press, New York, 1998.

**SEMESTER – III**  
**PHIL 231: CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIT 1**

**Characteristics of Contemporary Indian Philosophy:** East–West synthesis – Interpretative and creative – Faithful to the tradition – Monism – Reality of the world – Integral nature of man – Dignity of manness – Reality of human freedom – Importance of intuitive knowledge.

**Swami Vivekananda:** Practical Vedanta – *Maya* – Ways of Self-realization – Universal Religion.

**UNIT 2**

**Rabindranath Tagore:** *Jivan-Devata* – Humanism – Aesthetic mysticism – Surplus Man.

**UNIT 3**

**Mahatma Gandhi:** Truth – *Ahimsa* – *Satyagraha* – *Sarvodaya* – Trusteeship – *Sarvadharmasamobhava* – *Rama Rajya*.

**UNIT 4**

**Sri Aurobindo:** Concept of Absolute – Involution and Evolution – Integral Yoga – Gnostic Being

**UNIT 5**

**Dr. B.R. Ambedkar:** Anihilation of Caste – Critique of *Varnasrama dharma* – Social Justice – Views on Buddhism.

**Books for Study**

1. Basant Kumar Lal, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 1980.
2. T.M.P. Mahadevan & G.V. Saroja, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 1985.
3. D.S. Sarma, *Hinduism Through the Ages*, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai, 1989.
4. P. Nagaraja Rao, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay, 1970.
5. Vasant Moon (Compiler), *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches*, Vols III & IV (Relevant chapters only), Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, 1987.
6. Ramalingam, *Anmaikkalathu Indhiya Meipporuliyal* (Tamil), Tamil Nadu Textbook Society, Chennai.

**Books for Reference**

1. Viswanath S. Naravane, *Modern Indian Thought*, Orient Longman Ltd, New Delhi, 1978.
2. D.S. Sarma, *Studies in the Renaissance of Hinduism*, Benares Hindu University, 1944.
3. Dhananjey Keer, *Babasaheb Ambedkar*, Popular Prakashan Pvt Ltd, 2011.

**SEMESTER – III**  
**PHIL 232: CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIT 1**

**Bertrand Russell:** Naming theory of Meaning – Sense Contents – Logical Atomism.

**UNIT 2**

**A.J. Ayer:** Verification Theory – Phenomenalism – Logical Positivism.

**UNIT 3**

**Ludwig Wittgenstein:** Picture Theory of Meaning – Language Games – Use theory of Meaning.

**UNIT 4**

**William James:** Pragmatism as a Method – Theory of Truth and Meaning – Role and status of Will – Relevance of the Will to Believe.

**UNIT 5**

**Jean Paul Sartre:** Being-for-itself vs. Being-in-itself – Bad Faith – Freedom – Humanism.

**Books for Study**

1. Barry R. Gross, *Analytic Philosophy: An Historical Introduction*, Oxford & IBH Publishing Co., New Delhi, 1981.
2. Mrinal Kanti Bhadra, *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, Allied Publishers & ICPR, ND, 1990.
3. S.V. Rajadurai, *Existentialism* (in Tamil), Kriya Publishers, Chennai, 1983.
4. S.V. Rajadurai, *Iruththaliyamum Marxiyamum* (in Tamil), Vidiyal Pathipakam, Kovai, 2011.
5. M.S.M. Anas, *Meiyiyal: Girekkam Mudhal Tharkaalamvarai* (in Tamil), Adaiyalam Publishers, Tiruchi, 2013.

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3. Nicholas Bunnin & E.P. Tsui-James (Eds), *The Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing Company, USA, 2003.
4. Richard H. Popkin, *The Columbia History of Western Philosophy*, Columbia University Press, New York, 1998.

**SEMESTER – III**  
**PHIL 233: YOGA AND PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction:** Meaning of Yoga – Origin and the development of yoga – Place of yoga in Indian philosophy – Yoga school of Indian philosophy.

**UNIT 2**

**Nature of Man:** Macrocosm ((*Maha-brahmanda*) and microcosm (*Ksudra-brahmanda*) – *Panchakosha* – Four states of Consciousness – *Trigunas* – *Yoga Nadis* – *Chakras*.

**UNIT 3**

**Yoga Margas:** *Karma yoga* – *Bhakti yoga* – *Jnana yoga* – *Raja yoga* – *Kundalini yoga* – *Hatha yoga* – *Mantra yoga* – *Laya yoga* – *Nadha yoga* – *Poorna yoga*.

**UNIT 4**

**Yoga Siddhis:** Eight major *siddhis* (*Ashtamasiddhi*) – Minor *siddhis*.

**UNIT 5**

**Yoga of Tamil Siddhas:** Tradition of 18 *siddhas* (*Pathinen Siddharkal*) – Ninety-six tattwas.

**Books for Study**

1. Swami Satyanandha Saraswati, *Meditations from the Tantras*, Yoga Publications Trust, Munger, Bihar, 2000.
2. Swami Sivananda, *Kundalini Yoga*, The Divine Life Society, Uttaranchal, 2001.
3. Sir John Woodroffe, *Introduction to Tantra Sastra*, Ganesh & Co., Chennai, 2008.
4. T.N. Ganapathy, *The Philosophy of the Tamil Sidhas*, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, 1992.
5. K. Narayanan, *Siddhar Tattvam* (in Tamil), Tamizhpathagalayam, Chennai, 1988.
6. Makarand Madhukar Gore, *Anatomy and Physiology of Yogic Practices*, New Age Books, Delhi, 2008.
7. Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani, *A Primer of Yoga Theory*, Puducherry, 2004.
8. R. Andiappan, *ArokiyaVazhvu*, (in Tamil), Bharathi Pathipakam, Chennai, 1995.

**Books for Reference**

1. Swami Niranjanananda Saraswati, *Yoga Darshan*, Yoga Publications Trust, Munger, Bihar, 2005.
2. Sir John Woodroffe, *The Serpent Power*, Ganesh & Co. Chennai, 1992.

**SEMESTER – IV**  
**PHIL 241: THEORETICAL ETHICS**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction:** Meaning and scope of ethics – Human actions: moral, immoral and a-moral – Ethics in relation to religion.

**UNIT 2**

**Free Will versus Determinism:** Free Will – Determinism: Meaning and types of Determinism.

**UNIT 3**

**Teleological Theories:** Psychological hedonism – Ethical hedonism – Ethical intuitionism.

**UNIT 4**

**Utilitarianism** of J.S. Mill

**Deontic Ethics** of Immanuel Kant

**UNIT 5**

**Purusarthas:** *Artha, Kama, Dharma and Moksha*

**Books for Study**

1. William Lillie, *An Introduction to Ethics*, Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.
2. Jadunath Sinha, *A Manual of Ethics*, New Central Book Agency, Kolkatta, 2009.
3. Harold Titus, *Ethics for Today*, Eurasia Publishing House, New Delhi, 1966.
4. Kedar Nath Tiwari, *Classical Indian Ethical Thoughts*, Motilal Banarsidass Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2014.

**Books for Reference**

1. Steven M. Cahn & Peter Markie (Edrs), *Ethics: History, Theory and Contemporary Issues*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2012.
2. Jacques P. Thiroux & Keith W. Kraseman, *Ethics – Theory and Practice*, Pearson Higher Education, 2014.
3. Shyam Ranganathan, *Ethics and the History of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2007.

**SEMESTER – IV**  
**PHIL 242: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIT 1**

**Plato:** The Republic – Justice – Philosopher King – Communism.

**Aristotle:** Different forms of Government.

**UNIT 2**

**Machiavelli:** The Prince – Duties of a King – Characteristics of a Ruler.

**UNIT 3**

**Social Contract Theories:** Social Contract Theory of Thomas Hobbes – Social Contract Theory of John Locke – Social Contract Theory of Jean Jacques Rousseau.

**UNIT 4**

**Utilitarianism:** Utilitarianism of Jeremy Bentham – Utilitarianism of John Stuart Mill.

**UNIT 5**

**Communism** of Karl Marx.

**Books for study**

1. S. Vijayaraghavan and R. Jayaraman, *Political Thought*, Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 1990.
2. B.C. Rout, *Political Theories*, S. Chand & Co., New Delhi, 1987.

**Books for reference**

1. V. VenkataRao, *A History of Political Theories*, S. Chand & Co., New Delhi, 1986.
2. William Ebenstein, *Great Political Thinkers: Plato to the Present*, Oxford & IBH Publishing Co, New Delhi, 1966.

**SEMESTER – IV**  
**PHIL 243: WESTERN LOGIC**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction to logic and propositions:** Definition and scope of logic – Logic as formal and normative science – Its relation to other sciences – Reduction of sentences to propositions – Categorical propositions – Distribution of Terms and the Euler's Circle – Hypothetical propositions – Disjunctive propositions.

**UNIT 2**

**Deductive inference:** Immediate inference: Opposition of propositions and Eduction method (Obversion and Conversion only) – Mediate Inference: Categorical Syllogism – Formal Rules and Testing the Validity – Testing the validity of a categorical syllogism using Venn Diagram – Hypothetical and Disjunctive Syllogisms – Fallacies.

**UNIT 3**

**Inductive Inference:** Meaning and nature of induction – Problem of induction – Inductive leap – Postulates of induction – Enumeration and Analogy – Fallacies - The concept of Cause – Observation and Experiment – Facts – Hypothesis – Theory – Law.

**UNIT 4**

**Symbolic Logic:** Modern classification of propositions – Constants and Variables – Symbolizing simple and compound propositions – Well-formed formula (wff) and Ill-formed formula (iff) – Propositional forms and Argument forms – Truth functions and the Basic Truth-tables.

**UNIT 5**

**Validity of arguments:** Truth-table method – Case Analysis – Direct Truth-table method – Tautology, Contradiction and Contingency – Indirect Truth-table method – Rules of Equivalence and Rules of Inference.

**Books for Study**

1. K.T. Basantani, *Introduction to Logic*, A.R. Sheth & Co., Bombay, 1973.
2. James E. Creighton & Harold R. Smart, *An Introductory Logic*, Macmillan, London, 1957.
3. Morris R. Cohen & Ernest Nagel, *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*, Allied Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 1989.
4. P. Balasubramanian, *An Invitation to Symbolic Logic*, University of Madras, 1977.
5. P. Balasubramanian, *Symbolic Logic and Its Decision Procedures*, University of Madras, 1980.

**Books for Reference**

1. Irwing M. Copi, *Introduction to Logic*, Macmillan, London, 1990.
2. Irwing M. Copi, *Symbolic Logic*, Prentice Hall Publications, New Delhi, 2009.



**SEMESTER – V**  
**PHIL 351: CRITICAL THINKING**

**UNIT 1**

Introduction – Claims – Concealed claims – Arguments.

**UNIT 2**

Evaluating premises – Experiments – The conclusion follows.

**UNIT 3**

Repairing arguments – Compound claims – Counter arguments – General claims – Analogies.

**UNIT 4**

Models – Numbers – Generalizing – Cause and effect – Cause in populations.

**UNIT 5**

Explanations – Fallacies – Evaluating reasoning – Writing good arguments – Making decisions.

**Books for study**

1. Richard L. Epstein, *The Pocket Guide to Critical Thinking*, Wadsworth, Canada, 2003.  
(Question paper must be set only from this book).

**Books for reference**

1. Alec Fisher, *Critical Thinking: An Introduction*, Cambridge University, 2011.
2. David A. Hunter, *A Practical Guide to Critical Thinking – Deciding what to do and Believe*, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd, 2012.
3. Madsen Pirie, *The Book of the Fallacy: A Training Manual for Intellectual Subversives*, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London, 1985.
4. Zygmunt Ziembski, *Practical Logic*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., U.S.A., 1976.

**SEMESTER – V**  
**PHIL352: PHILOSOPHY OF SRI AUROBINDO**

**UNIT 1**

**Sri Aurobindo's Integral Non-dualism (Poorna Advaita):** Life sketch – The philosophical background – Integration of the Matter and the Spirit – Reality as Sat-Chit-Ananda.

**UNIT 2**

**Involution and Evolution:** The world process as involution and evolution – Role of *lila* and *maya* in the world process – Nature of ignorance and the seven-fold ignorance – The two hemispheres in the realm of reality – The intermediary levels from Mind to Supermind.

**UNIT 3**

**The Triple Transformation:** The triple status of the Supermind – The triple transformation – Gnostic Being and its nature – Types of Gnostic Beings – Difference between Gnostic Beings and Jivanmuktas – The Divine life.

**UNIT 4**

**Integral (Poorna) Yoga:** Meaning and aim of Yoga – Integral approach to yoga.

**UNIT 5**

**Integral Education:** Meaning and aim of integral education – Perfecting the physical, the vital, the psychic, the mental and the spiritual aspects of human.

**Books for Study**

1. Haridas Chaudhuri, *Sri Aurobindo: The Prophet of Life Divine*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, 1973.
2. Haridas Choudhary (Edr), *The Integral Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd, London, 1960.
3. V.M. Reddy, *Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy of Evolution*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, 2004.
4. Aparna Banerjee, *Integral Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo*, Decent Books, 2012.
5. Indrani Sanyal & Krishna Roy, *Understanding the Thoughts of Sri Aurobindo*, D.K. Printworld, 2007.
6. Keshava Deva Acharya, *Guide to Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy*, Divya JivanSahitya Prakashan, Pondicherry, 1978.
7. S.K. Maitra, *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, 1986.
8. Basant Kumar Lal, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 1989.
9. Sri Aurobindo & The Mother, *On Education*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

**Books for Reference**

1. Sri Aurobindo, *The Life Divine*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.
2. Sri Aurobindo, *The Synthesis of Yoga*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.
3. Rangunath Pani, *Integral Education: Thought and Practice*, Ashish Publishing House, New Delhi, 1987.

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**PHIL 353: PHILOSOPHY OF MAHATMA GANDHI**

**UNIT 1**

**Background of Gandhi's Philosophy:** Early life of Gandhi – Influences that shaped his thought.

**UNIT 2**

**God, World and Man:** Gandhiji on God – God and the Problem of evil – God Is Truth, Truth Is God – Proofs for the existence of God: Causal proof, Teleological proof, Moral proof and Pragmatic proof – God as all-pervasive, God as law and God as Love – Gandhiji on World – Gandhiji on Man – Karma and Rebirth.

**UNIT 3**

**Ahimsa and Satyagraha:** Gandhian understanding of *ahimsa* – *Satyagraha* as the technique of *ahimsa* – *Satyagrahi* – Forms of Satyagraha – “Means justify the End”.

**UNIT 4**

**Gandhi on Religion and Morality:** Gandhiji's understanding of religion – His attitude towards living religions – The inseparableness of religion and morality – The Cardinal virtues.

**UNIT 5**

**Gandhiji's Socio-Political Thoughts:** Society and the *Varnasrama Dharma* – Doctrine of Bread Labour – Surplus and the Doctrine of Trusteeship – Views on Industrialization – Decentralization – *Swaraj* – *Sarvodaya* – Views on education – *Swadeshi*, Nationalism and Internationalism.

**Books for Study**

1. Dharendra Mohan Datta, *The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi*, University of Calcutta, 1968.
2. Glyn Richards, *The Philosophy of Gandhi: A Study of His Basic Ideas*, Curzon Press Ltd, UK, 1991.
3. Basant Kumar Lal, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 1989. (Chapter on Gandhi only)
4. Romain Rolland, *Mahatma Gandhi: The Man Who Became One With The Universal Being*, Koncept Books, Uttarakhand, 2010.
5. Mahatma Gandhi, *India of My Dreams*, Rajpal & Sons, Delhi, 2009.
6. S. Radhakrishnan (Edr), *Mahatma Gandhi: Essays and Reflections*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd, London, 1949.

**Books for Reference**

1. J.B. Kripalani, *Gandhi: His Life and Thought*, Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt of India, 2005.
2. Mahatma Gandhi, *My Experiments with Truth*.
3. Louis Fischer, *Mahatma Gandhi: His Life & Times*, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai, 2003.

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**PHIL 354: PHILOSOPHY OF THIRUVALLUVAR**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction:** About the author – About the book – About the commentaries and the commentators – Thirukkural as a universal book of code of conduct – Place of Thirukkural in the realm of philosophy.

**UNIT 2**

**Epistemological views in Thirukkural**

**UNIT 3**

**Metaphysical views in Thirukkural**

**UNIT 4**

**Ethical views and Personality Development in Thirukkural**

**UNIT 5**

**Political philosophy in Thirukkural**

**Books for study**

1. Thiruvalluvar, *Thirukkural* (with any standard commentary).
2. T.P. Meenakshisundaran, *Philosophy of Thiruvalluvar*, Madurai University Publications, Madurai, 1969.
3. O.R. Krishnamoorthy, *The Wisdom of Thirukkural – A Guide to Living – A Commentary*, Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai, 2004.
4. R. Thirumavalavan, *The Epistemological Thoughts of Ancient Tamils* (in Tamizh), Meiyappan Publishers, Chidambaram, 2005. (Relevant portions only)
5. K. Narayanan, *The Tamil's Theory of Knowledge – An Introduction* (in Thamizh), Thamizh Puthakalayam, Chennai, 1985. (Relevant portions only)
6. P. Murugarathinam, *Political Ideas of Thiruvalluvar*, Madurai University Publications, 1974.
7. P. Murugarathinam, *The Government in Kural*, Madurai University Publications, 1982.

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**PHIL 355: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

**UNIT 1**

**Philosophical problems of religion:** Proofs for the existence of Soul – Proofs for the existence of God – God and the world relation – Problem of evil – Bondage and freedom of the Soul.

**UNIT 2**

**Hinduism:** *Sanatana dharma* – Authority of the Vedas – *Varnasrama dharma* – Sixteen *Samskaras* – Doctrine of karma and rebirth – *Purusharthas* – *Sanmathas* – Worship.

**UNIT 3**

**Jainism:** *Anekantavada* – *Saptabanghinayavada* – *Triratnas* (the three jewels) – *Kevalin* – Scheism – Worship.

**UNIT 4**

**Buddhism:** Doctrine of No-Soul (*Anatmavada*) - Four Noble Truths – Doctrine of Dependent Origination (*pratityasamutpada*) – Eight-fold path (*astangikamarga*) – Formation of *Sanghas* – Buddhists scheism – Worship.

**UNIT 5**

**Sikhism:** God in Sikhism – The 5 Ks (*Panchakalsa*) – Gurudwar – Adi-Grantha – Worship.

**Books for study**

1. John H. Hick, *Philosophy of Religion*, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1987.
2. A.R. Mohapatra, *Philosophy of Religion*, Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1990.
3. Kedarnath Tiwari, *Comparative Religion*, Motilal Banarsidass Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.
4. Y. Masih, *Introduction to Religious Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi
5. Y. Masih, *A Comparative Study of Religions*, Motilal Banarsidass Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 2010.

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**PHIL 356: HUMAN RIGHTS FROM AN ETHICAL PERSPECTIVE**

**UNIT 1**

Pre-requisites, problems and accounts of Human Rights.

**UNIT 2**

Conflicts within human rights – Conflicts between a human right and other kinds of moral consideration – Step beyond intuition.

**UNIT 3**

The inference from moral weight to human rights – Coming into rights in stages – The ‘what?’ and ‘whose?’ duties – Primary and secondary duties – ‘Rights’ and the ‘identifiable duty-bearers’.

**UNIT 4**

Two models of value judgement – Human interest and the natural world – The test of the best explanation – The metaphysics of human rights.

**UNIT 5**

Ethical relativity and the relativity of human rights – Problem of ethnocentricity and – Tolerance.

**Books for study**

1. James Griffin, *On Human Rights*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2008.  
(From pages 1 to 145 only. Question paper must be set only from this book.)
2. B.K. Sharma, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Indian Law*, Prentice Hall of India Learning Ltd, New Delhi, 2010.
3. Gordon Brown, *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Living Document in a Changing World*, Open Book Publishers, 2016.

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**PHIL 357: INDIAN CULTURE**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction:** Meaning of culture – Classification of culture – Sub-cultures – Culture and civilization – Indus Valley Civilization: Its antiquity, city life, and religious behavior – Debates on Aryan invasion.

**UNIT 2**

**Religious culture:** Folk religious culture – Hindu religious culture – Jaina religious culture – Buddhist religious culture – Sikh religious culture.

**UNIT 3**

**Hindu Temples:** Philosophy behind Hindu *agamic* temple plan – Hindu temple architectural styles.

**UNIT 4**

**Tamil culture:** *Agam* and *Puram* – Five divisions of land and life.

**UNIT 5**

**Unity among diversity**

**Diversities:** Geographical, racial, linguistic, religious and cultural – Unity in Diversity – National Integration.

**Books for study**

1. Sunit Kumar Chatterji and others, *Indian Culture*, Universal Publications, New Delhi, 1966.
2. B.N. Lunia, *Evolution of Indian Culture*, Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, Agra, 1994.
3. S.V. Venkateswara, *Indian Culture Through the Ages*, Cosmo Publications, New Delhi, 1980.
4. Theodore De Barry and others, *Sources of Indian Tradition*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 1988.

**Books for reference**

1. A.L. Basham (Edr), *A Cultural History of India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1984.
2. Sri Aurobindo, *Foundations of Indian Culture*, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, 1988.

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**PHIL 361: APPLIED ETHICS**

**UNIT 1**

Humanitarian ethics and its basic principles – Life values: Goodness, Justice or Fairness, Truth-telling and Individual freedom.

**UNIT 2**

Euthanasia – Abortion – Cyber crimes – Gender discrimination – Environmental crimes – Animal Rights – Terrorism – War and War crimes.

**UNIT 3**

Sexual Morality: Pornography – Premarital sex – Adultery – Sexual perversions.

**UNIT 4**

Female foeticide and infanticide – Dowry – Subjugation of women – Increasing Old Age Homes – Caste and communalism – Corruption in public life – ‘Turn a blind eye’ towards social evils attitude.

**UNIT 5**

Theories of Punishment: Retributive, Deterrent and Reformative.

**Books for Study**

1. Harold Titus, *Ethics for Today*, Eurasia Publishing House, New Delhi, 1966.
2. Jacques P. Thiroux & Keith W. Kraseman, *Ethics – Theory and Practice*, Pearson Higher Education, 2014.
3. Barbara MacKinnon, *Ethics: Theory and Contemporary Issues*, Thomson Wadsworth, Canada, 2004.
4. Stephen Satris, *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Moral Issues*, Dushkin / McGraw Hill, USA, 1998.
5. Andrew I. Cohen & Christopher Heath Wellman (Edrs), *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*, Blackwell Publishing Ltd, USA, 2005.
6. James E. White, *Contemporary Moral Problems*, Wadsworth Publishing Co., 1999.

**Books for Reference**

1. Steven M. Cahn & Peter Markie (Edrs), *Ethics: History, Theory and Contemporary Issues*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2012.



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**PHIL 362: PHILOSOPHY OF RABINDRANATH TAGORE**

**UNIT 1**

Life and works of Rabindranath Tagore – Philosophical stand of Tagore.

**UNIT 2**

Reality and God – Proofs for the existence of God – Creation – Doctrine of Maya – Nature of man

**UNIT 3**

Nature of Man – The finite and the infinite aspects of man's nature.

**UNIT 4**

Problem of Evil – Ways of realization – Tagore's Humanism.

**UNIT 5**

Aesthetic Mysticism

**Books for study**

1. S. Radhakrishnan, *The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore*, Niyogi Books, New Delhi, 2015.
2. V.S. Naravane, *Rabindranath Tagore: A Philosophical Study*, Allahabad Central Book Depot, 1947.
3. B.G. Ray, *The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, 1970.
4. Basant Kumar Lal, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 1980. (Chapter on Rabindranath Tagore only).
5. T.M.P. Mahadevan & G.V. Saroja, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 1985. (Chapter on Rabindranath Tagore only).
6. D.S. Sarma, *Studies in the Renaissance of Hinduism*, Benares Hindu University, 1944. (Chapter on Rabindranath Tagore only).
7. D.S. Sarma, *Hinduism Through the Ages*, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai, 1989. (Chapter on Rabindranath Tagore only).
8. P. Nagaraja Rao, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay, 1970. (Chapter on Rabindranath Tagore only).
9. Viswanath S. Naravane, *Modern Indian Thought*, Orient Longman Ltd, New Delhi, 1978. (Chapter on Rabindranath Tagore only).

**Books for reference**

1. *Selected Works of Rabindranath Tagore*, Shrijee's Book International, New Delhi, 2003.
2. Rabindranath Tagore, *The Religion of Man*, Rupa & Co., New Delhi, 2006.

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**PHIL 363: INTRODUCTION TO THINKERS OF SOCIAL REFORM**

**UNIT 1**

**Raja Rammohan Roy (1777 – 1833):** Revival of Hinduism – Against idol worship - Abolition of Sati.

**UNIT 2**

**Mahatma Jothirao Phule (1827 – 1990):** Social inequalities – Eradication of caste – Education to the downtrodden – Women empowerment

**UNIT 3**

**Iyothee Thass (1845 – 1914):** Revival of Buddhism – Subaltern religion – Subaltern identity and personhood.

**UNIT 4**

**Narayana Guru (1856 – 1928):** Casteism – Religion – God, temples and rites.

**UNIT 5**

**Periyaar E.V. Ramasamy (1879 – 1973):** Casteism – Rationalist Movement – Self Respect Movement – Feminist thoughts.

**Books for study**

1. D.S. Sarma, *Studies in the Renaissance of Hinduism*, Benares Hindu University, 1944. (Relevant Chapter only)
2. Dhananjey Keer, *Mahatma Jotirao Phule: Father of the Indian Social Revolution*, Popular Prakasan Pvt. Ltd, 2005.
3. Gowthama Sannah, *Ka. Ayothidasa Pandithar* (in Thamizh), Sahitya Akademy Publications, New Delhi, 2012.
4. T. Bhaskaran, *Brahmarshi Sree Narayana Guru*, Sahitya Academy Publications, New Delhi, 2013.
5. Swami Muni Narayana Prasad, *The Philosophy of Narayana Guru*, D.K. Print World (P) Ltd., New Delhi, 2010. (Relevant Chapters only)
6. Aru. Azhagappan, *Periyar E. Ve. Ra.* (inThamizh), Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, 2014.
7. Dhananjey Keer, *Babasaheb Ambedkar*, Popular PrakasanPvt Ltd, 2011.
8. S. Balakrishnan, *Samudhaya Valarchikku Paadupatta Maberum Thalaivarkal* (in Tamil), Akialavalli Pathippakam, Chennai, 2013.

**Articles for reference**

1. Dilip Kumar, *Ambedkar's Critique of the Caste System.*  
(snphilosophers2005.tripod.com/dilip.pdf)
2. Prabhu Narayan Khalkho, *Ambedkar's Critique of the Indian Social System.*  
(snphilosophers2005.tripod.com/prabhu.pdf)

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**PHIL 364: PHILOSOPHY OF MAHAKAVI C. SUBRAMANYA BHARATHI**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction:** Life and works – Multifaceted personality of Bharathi: poet, writer, journalist, translator, journalist, political activist feminist and social reformer.

**UNIT 2**

**Philosophical foundations**

**UNIT 3**

**Political foundations**

**UNIT 4**

**Socialism**

**UNIT 5**

**Feminism**

**Suggested readings**

1. *Bharathiyar Kavithaikal* (Tamil), Pazhaniyappa Brothers, Chennai.
2. *Bharathiyar Katturaikal* (Tamil) (Essays of Bharathiyar), Pazhaniyappa Brothers, Chennai, 2009.
3. S. Viswanathan, *Kalavarisaipaduththappatta Bharati Padaippukal* (Tamil) (Chronologically Arranged Works of Bharati), Vols. 1–7, Chennai.
4. Chellammal Bharathi, *Bharathiyar Sarithiram* (Tamil) Noyyal Pathippakam, Coimbatore, 2000.
5. Sakunthala Bharathi, *En Thanthai Bharathi* (Tamil), Pazhaniyappa Brothers, Chennai, 2012.
6. Thangammal Bharathi, *Bharathiyum Kavithaiyum* (Tamil), Puthumai Pathippakam, Karaikkudi, 1947.
7. Vijaya Bharati, *C. Subramania Bharati*, Delhi, 1972.
8. Rajam Krishnan, *Panjali Sabatham Padiya Bharati* (Tamil) ,Paari Puthakap Pannai, Chennai, 1983.
9. Va. Ra., *Mahakavi Bharathiyar* (Tamil), Pazhaniyappa Brothers, Chennai, 2010.
10. Pa. Kodhandaraman, *Bharathi in Pudhucherry* (Tamil), Pazhaniyappa Brothers, Chennai, 1990.

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**PHIL 365: PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction:** Philosophy and education – Philosophy of education.

**UNIT 2**

**Western philosophical perspectives on education (part 1):** Idealism – Realism – Naturalism.

**UNIT 3**

**Western philosophical perspectives on education (part 2):** Pragmatism – Existentialism – Communism – Secularism.

**UNIT 4**

**Indian philosophical perspectives on education (part 3):** Ancient system of Indian education – Gurukula System – Swami Dayananda – Annie Besant – Swami Vivekananda.

**UNIT 5**

**Indian philosophical perspectives on education (part 4):** Rabindranath Tagore – Mahatma Gandhi – Sri Aurobindo– J. Krishnamoorthy.

**Books for study**

1. S.S. Chandra & Rajendra K. Sharma, *Philosophy of Education*, Atlantic Publishers, New Delhi, 2007.
2. Ulich, *History of Educational Thought*, Eurasia Publishing House (P) Ltd, New Delhi.
3. Maria Milagris Fernandes, *The Foundations of Education*, Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai, 2004.
4. J.C. Aggarwal, *Philosophical and Sociological Perspectives on Education*, Shipra Publications, Delhi, 2003.
5. S.P. Chaube & Akhilesh Chaube, *Philosophical and Sociological Foundations of Education*,  
6. Vinod Pustak Mandir, Agra.
7. Biranchi Narayan Dash, *Teacher and Education in the Emerging Indian Society*, Vol. I, Neelkamal Publications Pvt Ltd., New Delhi, 2003.
8. S. Sandhanam, *An Introduction to Principles and Philosophy of Education*, (Tamil), Santha Publishers, Chennai, 1993.
9. M. Punithambal, *Educational Philosophies*, (Tamil) Aachi Publishers, Chennai, 2008.

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**PHIL 366: INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction:** Tripartite knowledge – Sources of Knowledge and the Schools of Indian philosophy.

**UNIT 2**

**Perception:** Perception – Indeterminate and Determinate perception – External and Internal perception – Normal and Supranormal perception.

**UNIT 3**

**Inference:** Inference – Inference for one's own sake and Inference for the sake of others.

**UNIT 4**

**Theories of Truth:** The Self-evidence Theory –The Correspondence Theory

**UNIT 5**

**Theories of Error:** *Asatkhyati – Atmakhyati – Anyathakhyati – Akhyati – Anirvacaniyakhyati – Yatharthakhyati – Abhinava-Anyathakhyati.*

**Books for Study**

1. Satischandra Chatterjee & Dhirendramohan Datta, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2016.
2. T.M.P. Mahadevan, *Invitation to Indian Philosophy*, Arnold-Heinemann, New Delhi, 1982.
3. Nikunja Vihari Banerjee, *The Spirit of Indian Philosophy*, Arnold-Heinemann Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 1974.
4. Bijayananda Kar, *The Theories of Error in Indian Philosophy: An Analytical Study*, Ajanta Publications (India), Delhi, 1978.

**Books for Reference**

1. Dhirendramohan Datta, *The Six Ways of Knowing*, University of Calcutta, Calcutta, 1998.
2. Govardhan P. Bhatt, *The Basic Ways of Knowing*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt Ltd, Delhi, 1989.
3. Swami Satprakashananda, *Methods of Knowledge*, Advaita Ashram, Kolkata, 2001.
4. Satischandra Chatterjee, *The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge*, University of Calcutta, 1978.
5. S.N. Kandaswamy, *Indian Epistemology as Expounded in the Tamil Classics*, International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, 2000.

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**PHIL 367: FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY**

**UNIT 1**

**Introduction:** Meaning of feminism – Need for feminism – The diversity of feminist thinking.

**UNIT 2**

**Liberal and Radical feminism**

**UNIT 3**

**Marxist and Social feminism**

**UNIT 4**

**Psychoanalytic and Care-focused feminism**

**UNIT 5**

**Post-colonial feminism, Eco-feminism, Postmodern and Third-Wave feminism**

**Books for study**

1. Rosemarie Tong, *Feminist Thought: A More Comprehensive Introduction*, Westview Press, Colorado, 2009.
2. Brooke Noel Moore & Kenneth Bruder, *Philosophy: The Power of Ideas*, Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Ltd, New Delhi, 2005. (Chapter on 'Feminist Philosophy' only).
3. Chris Beasley, *Gender & Sexuality: Critical Theories, Critical Thinkers*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2005.
4. Bell Hooks, *Feminism is for Everybody: Passionate Politics*, South End Press, Cambridge, 2000.