### AP STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**Minor**

**PHILOSOPHY**

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1. INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Unit-1:

Definition of Philosophy - Branches of Philosophy, The Nature and Characteristics of Indian Philosophy, Philosophical Speculations of Vedas and Upanishads

Unit-2:
The Central Doctrines of Heterodox Systems
(A) Charvaka School – Epistemology and Metaphysics.
(B) Jainism - Nature and Destiny of Jiva(Soul) Syadvada.
(C) Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, Nairatmavada, Pratitya Samutpada, Nirvana -- Arya Astanga Marga, Branches of Buddhism

Unit-3:
Central Doctrines of Orthodox Systems.
(A) Nyaya - Pramanas and Concept of God -
(B) Vaisheshika - Theory of Seven Categories - Atomism

Unit-4:
(A) Sankhya - Prakriti and Purusha – Satkaryavada and Theory of Evolution -
(B) Yoga - Patanjali’s Astanga Yoga, and God -

Unit-5:
(A) Purva Mimamsa - Concept of Karma, Apurva and Dharma -
(B) Advaita - Nirguna Brahman - Relation between Brahman and Atman – Mayavada and Moksha -
(C) Visistadvaita – Dvaita – Introduction

Readings:
N. Ram Mohan Rao – Bharatiya Darsanam in Telugu
F. Max Muller – The Six Systems of Indian Philosophy
M. Hiriyanna – Outlines of Indian Philosophy
S Radhakrishnan – History of Indian Philosophy
2. WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Unit -1:
Ancient Greek Thought: The problems of substance and change in pre Socratic Philosophy The age of Sophists - Socrates: Problem and Realistic method-

Unit-2 :
Plato: Doctrine of Ideas - Concept of Immortality of Soul, theory of Epistemology. Aristotle: Criticism of Plato’s doctrine of Ideas - His theory of causation Classical logic, matter and forms, Criticism of Idealism

Unit-3:

Unit-4:
Empiricism: John Locke: Refutation of the Doctrine of Innate Ideas - Origin Validity and Limits of Knowledge Berkeley: Subjective Idealism, Berkeley’s view on Abstract Ideas David Hume: Skepticism - Substance and Theory of Causation

Unit-5:
German Idealism: Kant Transcendental Idealism - Theory of knowledge and Phenomena and Neumina Logical Positivism: Rejection of Metaphysics - Principle of Verifiability Existentialism: Concept of Man and Freedom, Humanism

Readings:
Betrand Russel – A History of Western Philosophy Frank Thilly – A History of Western Philosophy Will Durant – The Story of Philosophy N. Ram Mohan Rao – Viswadarsanam in Telugu
3. CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Unit-1:
Vivekananda – His Life and Ideals – Practical Vedanta - Humanism
Rabindranath Tagore – Nature of God, Reality and Beauty – Humanism

Unit-2:
Mahatma Gandhi: Satyagraha – Ahimsa – Religion and Morality – Swaraj

Unit-3:
M. N. Roy – Indian Society - Radical Humanism
BR Ambedkar – Society – Rights of Dalits – Constitutional Guarantees

Unit-4:
Jyotirao Phule – Social Equality – Lower Castes – Women’s Education
Narayana Guru – Fight against Social Discrimination – God and Devotion

Unit-5:
SN Dasgupta – Three Dogmas of Indian Philosophy
Dayakrishna – Counter Perspectives
Debpriyasad Chattopadhyaya – What is Living and What is Dead in Indian Philosophy

Readings:
Basant Kumar Lal – Contemporary Indian Philosophy
SC Chatterjee & DM Dutta – Introduction to Indian Philosophy
Will Kymlicka – Contemporary Political Philosophy – An Introduction
Emanual Nahar - BR Ambedkar’s Philosophy in Contemporary India
N. Sharma – 20th Century Indian Philosophy
4. CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Unit-1:
Characteristics of Contemporary Western Philosophy
Nietzsche – Criticism of Western Philosophy – Will to Power

Unit-2:
WITTGENSTEIN : Language and Reality – Picture Theory – Language Games
Betrand Russel: Logical Atomism – Philosophy of Sense Data

Unit-3:
G.E. Moore: Ordinary Language – Defense of Common Sense
Gilbert Ryle: Concept of Mind – Systematically misleading expressions

Unit-4:

Unit-5:

Readings:
Western Philosophy-Published by Telugu Academy
Viswa Darasanam by N. Rama Mohan Rao
Stace W.T.-A Critical Survey of Greek Philosophy
Frank Thilly: History of Philosophy
Will Durant – The Story of Philosophy
5. LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

Unit-1:


Unit-2:

Traditional Logic – Aristotle – Classification of Propositions – Quantity and Quality – Categorical Syllogism – Rules of Validity – Fallacies

Unit-3:

Boolean Interpretation of Propositions – Venn Diagrams representing Propositions – Figures and Moods of Categorical Syllogism

Unit-4:

Modern Classification of Propositions – Basic Truth Tables – Symbolic Logic – Rules of Inference – Formal Deduction
Indian Logic – Pramanas – Anumana

Unit-5:


Readings:
Irving M. Copi – Introduction to Logic
Irving M. Copi – Symbolic Logic
A. N. Prior – Formal logic
A. Singh and C. Goswamy – Fundamentals of Logic.
6. APPLIED ETHICS

Unit 1:
Applied Ethics – Principles of Ethics applied to Specific Fields – Varied Professions – Universal Principles and Ethical Context - Nature and Scope

Unit 2:
Business Ethics – Ethics and Corporate Activities – Personal Conduct in Business – Corporate Social Responsibility - Consumer Rights – Assurance of Quality and Quantity -

Unit 3:

Unit -4:

Unit-5:
Environmental Ethics – Climate Change – Global Warming – Fossil fuels – Carbon Emissions – Sustainable Development

Readings:
1. Peter Singer (Ed): Applied Ethics in the Oxford Reading in Philosophy series