

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
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Syllabus for Ph.D Admissions Test 2020-21

SECTION B

WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Pre-Socratic Philosophy; Socrates: Method; Plato: Theory of Ideas, Ideal State, Theory of Knowledge; Aristotle: Causality, Form and Matter; Descartes: Method of Doubt, Innate Ideas, Psycho-physical Interactionism; Spinoza: Substance, Attributes and Modes, Psycho-physical Parallelism; Leibnitz: Theory of Monads, Pre-established Harmony; Locke: Primary and Secondary Qualities, Simple and Compound Ideas; Berkeley: *Esse est percipi*; Hume: Causality; Kant: Forms of Sensibility, Categories of Understanding, Phenomena and Noumena; Hegel: Dialectical Method; Marx: Dialectical Materialism; Nietzsche: Will to Power; Kierkegaard: Stages of Existence; Sartre: Freedom, Bad-Faith, Being-for-Others; Heidegger: *Dasein*; Merleau-Ponty: Embodied Consciousness; Marcel: Problem and Mystery; Jaspers: Notion of *Existenz*; Husserl: Phenomenological method, Concept of Life-World; Frege: Sense and Reference; Russell: Theory of Descriptions, Logical Atomism; Moore: Defense of Common Sense, Refutation of Idealism; Wittgenstein: Picture Theory, Language Games, Possibility of Private Language; Logical Positivism: Verification Theory of Meaning; Ryle: Category Mistake; Austin: Speech-Acts; Kripke: Concept of Rigid Designator; Quine: Two Dogmas of Empiricism; Bentham and Mill: Utilitarianism; Spencer: Evolutionary Hedonism; Sidgwick: Rational Utilitarianism; Kant: Categorical imperative, Notion of Good-Will, Postulates of Morality; Moore: Intuitionism; Stevenson: Emotivism; Toulmin: Good Reason Theory; Hare: Prescriptivism; Applied Ethics: Euthanasia, Conservation and Development, Invasion of Privacy, Media and Business Ethics; Theories of Truth; Proofs for the Existence of God; Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau: Social Contract Theory; Logic: Categorical Propositions, Syllogism; Symbolic Logic: Definition of Special Symbols, Rules of Inference and Replacement, Singular and General Proposition, Quantification Rules, Symbolizing Relations; Lyotard: Critique of Grand Narrative; Foucault: Power/Knowledge; Derrida: Deconstruction, Logocentrism; Feminism: Liberal, Radical, Ecofeminism; Schleiermacher: Theory of Interpretation; Dilthey: The Hermeneutic Circle; Gadamer: Dialogical Hermeneutics; Ricoeur: Hermeneutics of Suspicion.

ISLĀMIC PHILOSOPHY

Mu'tazilism; Ash'arism; Sufism: Concept of Love, *Ma'rifah*, Mystic Experience; *Wahdat al-Wujūd*, *Wahdat al-Shuhūd*, **Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindī:** Critique of *Wahdat al-Wujūd*; **Shah Walī Allah:** Reconciliation between *Wujūd* and *Shuhūd*, **Shaikh Ali Hujwerī:** Concept of Knowledge, Sufi Ethics; **Shaikh Nizam al-Din Aūliya:** Concept of God; **Shaikh Sharfal-Dīn Yahya Manyarī:** *Din* and *Sharī'ah*; **Ibn Arabī:** Unity of Being; **Mulla Sadrā:** Analysis of Being; **Al-Fārābī:** Theory of Emanation; **Ibn Sīnā:** Metaphysics of Being; **Al-Ghazālī:** Method of Doubt, Classification of Virtues and Vices, Doctrine of Eternity of the World, Causality; **Ibn Rushd:** Critique of Al-Ghazālī; **Shahabuddin Suharwardi:** Doctrine of light; **Syed Jamaluddin Afghani:** Pan-Islāmism; **Syed Qutb:** Social Justice; **Syed Ameer Ali:** Islāmīc Modernism; **Maūdudī:** *Rubūbiyat*, Interpretation of *Dīn*, Sovereignty; **Sanusī:** Neo- Mysticism; **Mutahharī:** Concept of *Irfān*; **Ali Shariatī:** Critique of Marxism; **Seyyed Hossein Nasr:** Critique of Modernism; **Fazlur Rahman:** Emphasis on *Ijtihād*; Al-Fārābī, Al-Ghazālī, Nasiruddin Tusī: Theories of State; **Ibn Khaldūn:** theories of Social Sciences and Philosophy of History; **Al-Mavardī** and **Syed Ali Hamadāni:** Good Governance; **Ibn Timiyah:** Islāmīc Practices; **Shah Walī Allāh:** Political Thought; **Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan:** Theory of Revelation, Rationalism and Naturalism; **Mohammad Iqbāl:** Intellect and Intuition, Reconstruction of Islāmīc Thought, Ideal Man, Conception of God.

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy of the Vedas; the Upanisadic Concepts of Brahman and Atman, Liberation; **Bhagvad Gita:** *Nishkama Karma*, *Sthitprajna*; **Charvaka:** Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics; **Buddhism:** Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of *Karma*, *Ksanikavada*, *Anatmavada*, *Shunyavada*; **Jainism:** *Anekantavada*, *Syadavada*, Ethics; **Sankhya:** Theory of Causation, *Prakriti* and *Purusha Gunas*; **Yoga:** *Astanga Yoga*; **Nyaya:** *Pramanas*; **Vaisesika:** *Padartha*; **Shankara:** Theory of Knowledge, *Maya*, *Brahman*, *Ishvara*, *Jagat*, *Atman*, *Jiva*; **Ramanuja:** Theory of Knowledge, Critique of *Mayavada*, *Brahman*, *Ishvara*, *Jagat*, *Atman*, *Jiva*; **Madhava:** *Dvaitavada*; **Nimbarka:** *Dvaitadvaita*; **Vallabha:** Rejection of *Mayavada*, **M.N. Roy:** Radical Humanism; **Tagore:** Nationalism, Humanism, Problem of Evil; **Gandhi:** *Ahimsa*, God, Soulforce; **Aurobindo:** Evolution and Involution; **Vivekananda:** Universal Religion; **Ambedkar:** Neo-Buddhism; **Radhakrishnan:** Intellect and Intuition.