

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**  
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**Syllabus for Ph.D Admissions Test 2022-23 onwards**

**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 *Existent* **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.

## ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY

**Mu'tazilism; Ash'arism; Sufism:** Concept of Love, *Ma'rifah*, Mystic Experience; *Wahdat al-Wujud*, *Wahdat al-Shuhud*, **Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi:** Critique of *Wahdat al-Wujud*; **Shah Wali Allah:** Reconciliation between *Wujud* and *Shuhud*, **Shaikh Ali Hujweri:** Concept of Knowledge, Sufi Ethics; **Shaikh Nizam al-Din Auliya:** Concept of God; **Shaikh Sharfal-Din Yahya Manyari:** *Din* and *Sharfah*; **Ibn Arabi:** Unity of Being; **Mulla Sadra:** Analysis of Being; **Al-Farabi:** Theory of Emanation; **Ibn Sina:** Metaphysics of Being; **Al-Ghazali:** Method of Doubt, Classification of Virtues and Vices, Doctrine of Eternity of the World, Causality; **Ibn Rushd:** Critique of Al-Ghazali; **Shahabuddin Suharwardi:** Doctrine of light; **Syed Jamaluddin Afghani:** Pan-Islamism; **Syed Qutb:** Social Justice; **Syed Ameer Ali:** Islamic Modernism; **Maududi:** *Rububiat*, Interpretation of *Din*, Sovereignty; **Sanusi:** Neo-Mysticism; **Mutahhari:** Concept of *Irfan*; **Ali Shariat:** Critique of Marxism; **Seyyed Hossein Nasr:** Critique of Modernism; **Fazlur Rahman:** Emphasis on *Ijtihad*; Al-Farabi, Al-Ghazali, Nasiruddin Tusi: Theories of State; **Ibn Khaldun:** theories of Social Sciences and Philosophy of History; **Al-Mavardi** and **Syed Ali Hamadani:** Good Governance; **Ibn Timiyah:** Islamic Practices; **Shah Wali Allah:** Political Thought; **Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan:** Theory of Revelation, Rationalism and Naturalism; **Mohammad Iqbal:** Intellect and Intuition, Reconstruction of Islamic 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.