

Department of Philosophy
University of Kashmir, Srinagar
Entrance Test Syllabus for M.A. Philosophy 2-Year Programme

Unit-I: Introduction to Philosophy

- i. Branches of Philosophy: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics, and Logic
- ii. Rationalism and Empiricism
- iii. Idealism and Realism
- iv. Scepticism and Intuitionism

Unit-II: Applied Philosophy

- i. Euthanasia; Doctor-Patient Relationship
- ii. Cloning and Aging: Ethical Implications
- iii. Environmental Ethics; Climate Change
- iv. Animal Rights

Unit-III: Metaphysics

- i. Nature of Ultimate Reality
- ii. Monism, Dualism, and Pluralism
- iii. Materialism and Idealism
- iv. Mind-Body Problem: Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz

Unit-IV: Greek Philosophy

- i. Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Anaxagoras, Leucippus, and Democritus
- ii. Sophists and Socrates
- iii. Plato: Theory of Ideas
- iv. Aristotle: Theory of Causation, Form and Matter, Potentiality and Actuality

Unit-V: Medieval Philosophy

- i. St. Augustine: Problem of Evil
- ii. St. Anselm: Concept of God and Ontological Argument
- iii. St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason
- iv. William of Ockham: Metaphysics and Epistemology

Unit-VI: Modern Western Philosophy-I

- i. Continental Rationalist: Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz
- ii. British Empiricist: John Lock; Ideas and their Classification, Primary and Secondary Qualities

- iii. Berkeley: Primary and Secondary Qualities, Immaterialism, Critique of Abstract Ideas, *Esse est Percipi*
- iv. Hume: Personal identity, Rejection of Metaphysics

Unit-VII: Modern Western Philosophy-II

- i. Kant: Classification of judgements, Synthetic a priori judgements
- ii. Hegel: The conception of Geist (spirit), The Dialectical Method, and Absolute Idealism
- iii. Karl Marx: Historical Materialism
- iv. John Rawls: Theory of Justice

Unit-VIII: Logic

- i. Types of Propositions and Arguments
- ii. Four Categorical Propositions
- iii. Inductive and Deductive Reasoning
- iv. Symbolic Logic

Unit-IX: Classical Indian Philosophy-I

- i. *Cārvāka*: Epistemology and Metaphysics
- ii. Jaina: *Anekāntavāda* and *Syādvāda*
- iii. *Bauddha*: Four Noble Truths
- iv. *Nyāyā*: Theory of Knowledge

Unit-X: Classical Indian Philosophy-II

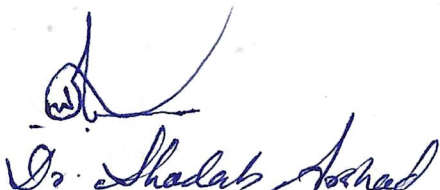
- i. *Vaiśeṣika*: Concept of *Padārtha*
- ii. *Sāṅkhya*: *Prakṛti* and *Puruṣa*
- iii. Patañjali's Theory of *Pramāṇa*; *Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā*: Theory of Knowledge
- iv. *Advaita Vedānta*: Concept of *Brahman* and *Ātman*; Rāmānuja's Conception of the World

Unit-XI: Western Ethics

- i. Meta-Ethics, Normative Ethics and Applied Ethics
- ii. Ethical Subjectivism and Objectivism
- iii. Emotivism and Prescriptivism
- iv. Utilitarianism: Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill

Unit-XII: Indian Ethics

- i. Concept of *Puruṣārthas*, *Śreyas* and *Preyas*
- ii. Concept of *Rta* and Law of *Karma*
- iii. *Varṇāshrama*, *Dharma*, *Sādhāraṇa Dharma*
- iv. *Bhagavad-Gītā*: *Niṣkāmakarma* and *Lōkasaṅgraha*


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