

VINOBA BHAVE UNIVERSITY,

HAZARIBAG

UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF

PHILOSOPHY

**(CONDENSED COURSE 2018-20)**

CBCS SYLLABUS

FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

# INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

Semester – I Foundation Paper  
(PHI-F-101)

Full Marks-70+30

Paper - I

Credits: 5

Time- Three Hours

*Students are required to answer five questions out of nine.*

1. Cognition: Its definition and nature : Valid (Prama) and Invalid (Aprama); Validity (Pramanya) : its nature and definitions; valid cognition (prama): classification;
2. Validity (Pramanya) : its nature and definitions; svatahpramanyavada; paratahpramanyavada.
3. A brief study of pramanas: pratyaksa, anumana, upmana, shabda, arthapatti, anuplabdhi.
4. The theory about invalid perceptual cognitions (khyativada): akhyati, anyathakhyati, vipritkhyati, atmakhyati, asatkhyati, anirvachaniyakhyati, satkhyati, sadasatkhyati.

## **Suggested Readings:**

Debabrata Sen: *The concept of knowledge*. Calcutta, 1984.

Swami Satprakashananda: *Methods of Knowledge*. London, 1965.

D. N. Datta: *The six ways of knowing*. Calcutta, 1960.

Govardhan P. Bhatt: *Epistemology of the Bhatta school of Purva Mimansa*. Varanasi 1962.

P. S. Sastri: *Indian Idealism*, Vol. I & II. Delhi 1975-76.

J. N. Mohanty: *Gangesa's Theory of Truth*. Visva Bharti, 1966.

B. K. Matilal: *Perception*. Oxford University Press. 1986.

Srinivasa Rao: *Perceptual Error: The Indian Theories*. University Press of Hawaii, Honolulu, 1998.

Dharmakirti: *Nyayabindu*.

# WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY

Semester – I Core Paper  
(PHI-C-102)

Full Marks-70+30

Paper - II

Credits: 5

Time- Three Hours

*Students are required to answer five questions out of nine.*

1. Scepticism and the possibility of knowledge.
2. Nature and definition of knowledge.
3. Gettier problem and responses to it.
4. Theories of perception.
5. Problems of memory: knowledge of the past.
6. Knowledge of other minds.
7. Theories of truth: self-evidence, correspondence, coherence, pragmatic and semantic.

## **Suggested Readings:**

- K. Lehrer: *Knowledge*.  
R. M. Chisholm: *Theory of Knowledge*.  
A. J. Ayer: *The Problem of Knowledge*.  
A. C. Danto: *Analytical Philosophy of Knowledge*.  
J. Hintikka: *Knowledge and Belief*.  
B. Russell: *Human Knowledge: Its Scope and Limits*.  
N. Rescher: *Coherence Theory of Truth*.  
S. Bhattacharya: *Doubt, belief and knowledge*.  
D. P. Chattopadhyaya: *Induction, Probability, Scepticism*.  
J. L. Pollock: *Knowledge and Justification*.  
A. Stroll (Ed.): *Epistemology: New Essays in the Theory of Knowledge*.  
L. Wittgenstein: *On Certainty*.

## INDIAN METAPHYSICS

Semester – I Core Paper

(PHI-C-103)

Full Marks-70+30

Paper –III

Credits: 5

Time- Three Hours

*Students are required to answer five questions out of nine.*

1. Prameya: Padartha.
2. Man, God and the World as the basic general categories of Metaphysics.
3. Reality: Being and Becoming.
4. Man: Self as Atman; Nairatmavada; Atman and Jiva; The Jiva as karta, bhokta and jnata: different perspectives.
5. Human Mind.
6. Universals: The debate amongst the different schools.
7. Causation: The different views and debates.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Stephen H. Phillips: *Classical Indian Metaphysics*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas, 1997.

Jadunath Sinha: *Indian Realism*. London, Kegan Paul, 1938.

P. K. Mukhopadhyaya: *Indian Realism*. Calcutta: K. P. Bagchi, 1984.

Harsh Narain: *Evolution of the Nyaya-Vaisesika Categoriology*. Varanasi, Bharati Prakashan, 1976.

Sadananda Bhaduri: *Nyaya Vaisesika Metaphysics*.

Jayarasi Bhatta: *Tattvopaplavasimha*.

S. L. Pandey: *Bhartiya Darshan ka Sarvekchhan*. Central Publishing House, Allahabad.

S. N. Dasgupta: *Bhartiya Darshan ka Itihas*. Hindi Granth Academy, Rajsthan, Vol.1-5.

S. Radhakrishnan: *Bhartiya Darshan*. Vol. 1-2, Motilal Banarsidas

C. D. Sharma: *Bhartiya Darshan: aalochana and anushilan*. Motilal Banarsidas.

M. Hiriyanna: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*. Motilal Banarsidas.

## WESTERN METAPHYSICS

Semester – I Core Paper

**(PHI-C-104)**

Full Marks-70+30

Paper - IV

Credits: 5

Time- Three Hours

*Students are required to answer five questions out of nine.*

1. Metaphysics: Possibility, Scope and concerns.
2. Appearance and Reality.
3. Being, becoming; essence and existence.
4. Substance: according to Aristotle, Rationalists and Empiricist.; process view of reality.
5. Causation: causation and regularity;
6. Mind and Body: Contemporary debates.

### **Suggested Readings:**

F. H. Bradley: *Appearance and Reality* (Oxford).  
Richard Taylor: *Metaphysics* (Prentice-Hall).  
Richard Swinburne: *Space and Time* (Methuen).  
H. M. Bhattacharya: *Problems of Western Philosophy*.  
Y. Masih: *Paschatya Darshan ki Saikshatmaka Vyakhya*.  
Blackwell: *Companion to Contemporary Philosophy of Mind*.  
David Hales (Ed.): *Metaphysics: Contemporary Readings*.  
H. N. Mishra: *Samkalin Paschatya Darshan*.