Philosophy – Extra Departmental Courses (B.A.)

Semester I

**Course No. ED 1.20: Outlines of Indian Philosophy**

1. Nature of Indian Philosophy: Plurality as well as common concept.
2. Basic concepts of the Vedic and Upanisadic world-views: Rta (the cosmic order); the divine and the human realms; the centrality of the institution of yajna (sacrifice); Rna (duty/obligation)
3. Atman: jagrat, svapna, susupti, turiya; Brahman; sreyas; preyas; karma; samsara; muktı
5. Jainims: concept of sat, dravya, guna, paryaya, jiva, ajıva; anekantavada, syadvada and nayavada; pramanas; ahimsa; bondage and liberation
6. Buddhism: Theory of pramanas
7. Theory of dependent origination; the Four Noble Truths; doctrine of momentariness; theory of No-Soul. The interpretation of these theories in schools of Buddhism: Vaibhasika, Sautrantika, Yogacara, Madhyamika
8. Nyaya: theory of primness; the individual self and its liberation; the idea of God and proofs for His existence
9. Vaisesika: padarthas: dravya, guna, karma, samanya, visesa, samavayı, asamavayı, nimitta; paramanuvada; adrsta; nihsreyasa

**Course No. ED 1.21: History of Western Thought**

A. Language and Reality

1) Words and Things
2) Vagueness
3) Connection
4) Ostensive Definition
5) Meaninglessness

B. What can we know?

1) What is Knowledge?
2) Source of Knowledge
C. Our Knowledge of the World

1) Realism
2) Anti-realism
3) Causality
4) The Causal Principle

D. A priori Knowledge

1) Distinction between a priori and a posteriori
2) Synthetic a priori

E. Metaphysical Problems

1) Substance
2) Universal

F. Mind, Body and Personal Identity

1) Relation between the Physical and the Mental
2) Consciousness
3) Other Mind
4) Personal Identity

G. Philosophy of Religion

1) Arguments for the Existence of God
2) The Problem of evil

Semester II

Course No. ED 2.9: Logic

1. Distinction between Deduction and Induction
2. Inductive Argument: Analogical argument – criterion of evaluation, simple enumeration – criterion of evaluation, Mill’s methods

Semester III

Course No. ED 3.7: Ethics

1. The nature and aim of ethics: Indian and Western.
2. Presuppositions of Ethics
3. The notions of good, right, obligation studied from both Indian and Western.
4. Objects of moral judgement, vidhi & nisedhas.
5. Free will, Determinism, Karmvada.
6. Different theories of Western Ethics: Teleological, Deontological and Virtue ethics.
7. Need for morality.

Semester IV

Course No. ED 4.11: Psychology

1) Psychology: definition, nature and scope
2) Methods of Psychology: experimental methods and systematic observation
3) Psychological process: memory, thinking and learning
4) Aspects of developmental Psychology: sensory, emotional, cognitive, social, linguistic
5) The Unconscious, dream
6) Psychological concept: motivation, conflict, emotion, attitude & prejudice
7) Brain and its function

Course No. ED 4.12: Emerging Trends of Thought

1. Feminism.
2. Eco-Philosophy
3. Dalit Ideology.
5. Peace Studies.

( at least 2 of the above mentioned subjects are offered )