

## Paper I

### Philosophical Reasoning

1. **Metaphilosophy and the Problem of Method**  
(a) The Task of Philosophy (b) Nature of Philosophical Discourse (c) Hermeneutics and Philosophical Enterprise (d) Metaphors, Rhetoric and Rational Argumentation.
2. **Logic and Philosophical Reasoning**  
(a) Infinite Regress and Two-Worlds Argument (b) Self – Refutation and Categories (c) Arguments of Meaninglessness and Paradigms  
(d) Verifiability Argument.
3. **Methods in Classical Indian Philosophy**  
(a) Sixteen Pādārthas, Nāgārjuna’s criticism of Sixteen Pādārthas (b) Paradoxicality of Scepticism (c) Philosophy versus Soteriology and Negation versus Refutation.
4. **Philosophical Analysis**  
(a) Substantive versus Methodological (b) Dominance of Ordinary Language Analysis (c) Beyond Analysis (Rorty).
5. **Phenomenological Method**  
(a) Intentional Analysis (b) Phenomenological Description (c) Existence, Evidence and Truth.

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## **Paper II**

### **Recent Philosophical Trends**

#### **Applied Ethics**

1. **To Save or Let Die: The Dilemma of Modern Medicine** by Richard A. McCormick.
2. **Feeding People versus Saving Nature:** Holmes Rolston III.

#### **Feminism**

1. **Introduction: When Feminisms Intersect Epistemology** – Linda Alcoff and Elizabeth Potter.
2. **Whatever Happened to the Vedic Dasi? Orientalism, Nationalism and a Script for the Past** – Uma Chakravarti.

#### **Continental Philosophy**

1. **Roland Barthes** – The Structuralist Activity.
2. **Jacques Derrida** – Structure, Sign and Play in the discourse of Human Sciences.

#### **Indian Philosophers**

1. **Gita an Exemplification of Hermeneutics** – V. Mukundan.
2. **Philosophy of Innovation**– R. Sundara Rajan (First Chapter).

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