

## **F.Y. B.A. (Philosophy)**

### **(SYLLABUS APPROVED BY B.O.S. in Philosophy)**

#### **G1: Introduction to Philosophy**

**(Objective: 1) To acquaint the student with the major areas in philosophy 2) To bring out the relevance of philosophy by introducing some aspects of theoretical and applied ethics.**

**Weightage of units: 12 lectures per unit)**

#### **Term I**

- Unit 1:** (a) The definitions, nature and scope of Philosophy  
(b) Introduction to the branches of Philosophy  
(c) Value of Philosophy
- Unit 2 :** Methods of Philosophy :  
(a) Doubt(Descartes),  
(b) Dialogue(Socrates, Plato),  
(c) Debate(*Vada-Jalpa-Vitanda*),  
(d) Conceptual Analysis
- Unit 3:** (a) The basic features of Indian Philosophy  
(b) Introduction to the systems of Indian Philosophy (Overview of the three heterodox and six orthodox systems of Indian Philosophy)
- Unit 4:** Introduction to Western Epistemology and Metaphysics :  
(a) Knowledge as Justified true belief  
(b) Theories of reality: Idealism (Plato, Berkeley), Materialism (Democritus), Dualism(Descartes).  
(c) Causation (Aristotle, Hume)

## **Term II**

**Unit 5:** Theory of values:  
(a) What is value? Nature and kinds of values  
(b) Basic ethical concepts: Good, Right, Duty, Virtue  
(c) Theories of morality: Teleological: Hedonism, Egoistic and Universalistic; Deontological: Categorical imperative

**Unit 6:** Major concepts in Indian Moral Thought: *Rta, Rna, Dharma, Karma, Niskama Karma, Purusartha, Preyas* and *Sreyas*

**Unit 7 :** (a) Socio-political concepts: Right, Duty, Obligation, Freedom, Justice  
(b) Theories of Punishment

**Unit 8 :** Professional Ethics  
(a) The distinction between business and profession  
(b) Moral duties and responsibilities of teachers, students, lawyers, doctors, businessmen

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- 2) Titus; *Living Issues in Philosophy*, Asian Publishing House New Delhi 1968 (Chap. I)
- 3) Russell Bertand; *Problems of Philosophy* OUP London 1978 9 (Chapter on Value of Philosophy)
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- 6) Bahm Archie J; *Philosophy: An Introduction* Asia Publishing House Bombay 1953 (Chaps. 4,13,22)
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- 9) Sinha Jadunath, *A Manual of Ethics*; New central Book Agency Ltd. Calcutta 1998 (Relevant sections from Chaps. VI, IX & XIV)
- 10) Tiwari Kedarnath, *Classical Indian Ethical Thought*; Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1998, (Chap. 10)
- 11) Feineberg Joel *Social Philosophy* Prentice Hall New Jersey 1973 ( Chapters 1 and 4)
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- 1) Lillie William; *An Introduction to Ethics*, Allied Publishers Limited, New Delhi (Indian Edition, 2001)
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- 3) Shand John; *Fundamentals of Pphilosophy*, Routledge, London and New York, 2003
- 4) Pojman Louis P.; *Philosophy, The Quest for Truth*, Oxford University Press, 2000
- 5) Deshpande D. Y.; *Tattvajnanacya Mulabhuta Samasya*, Continental Prakashan, Pune (1990)
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- 8) Rege, M. P., *Pascaty Nitisastraca Itihasa*, Prdnya Pathshala Prakashan, Wai
- 9) Bakhle, S. W., *Samajika va Naitika Tattvajnana*