

Methods of Philosophy

I Analysis (Study of following articles)

- a) 'Defense of Common Sense' - G.E. Moore
- b) 'Systematically Misleading Expressions'- Gilbert Ryle

II Phenomenology

- a) Husserl on Phenomenology as rigorous science. Critique of Naturalism and Psychologism
- b) Brentano and Husserl – Intentionality
- c) Epoche as Method, Three kinds of Reduction

III Hermeneutics

- a) Dilthey's Conception of Understanding
- b) Gadamer's Critique of Hermeneutics as a Method
- c) Ricoeur's Theory of Interpretation

IV Critical Thinking

- a) Horkheimer's Critique of Marxism and Logical Positivism
- b) Habermas on Knowledge and Human Interests

Moral Philosophy

I

- a) Subject matter of ethics
- b) Normative ethics, applied ethics, meta-ethics and their interrelation

II

- a) Concept of Eudemonia Ethics
- b) Aristotle on virtue, excellence of character, virtue and happiness
- c) Problem of weakness of the will

III

- a) Kant : Deontological Ethics
- b) Kant on goodwill, duty, categorical imperative

IV

- a) Mill - Utilitarianism
- b) Principle of utility, problem of sanction and justification of morality, utility and Justice.

Schools of Vedant (II)

I

Rāmānuja

- a) Criticism of Māyāvāda of Śaṅkara, nature of Brahman, Jīva; Cit, Acit and Īśvara and their inter-relation
- b) Criticism of Nirvikalpajñāna, Satkhyātivāda
- c) Concepts of Mokṣa and Bhakti, Synthesis of Jñāna, Karma and Bhakti

II Vallabha

- a) Concepts of Brahman, Jīva, Jagat and their inter-relation
- b) Nature & kinds of Pramāṇas & Prameyas, Anyathākhyāti
- c) The concepts of Mokṣa, Bhakti, Mukti, Puṣṭi and Īśvara and their relationships

III Madhva

- a) Criticism of Advaita, Concept and kinds of Bheda
- b) Concepts of Īśvara, Jīva, Jagat and their inter-relationship
- c) Concepts of Svatantra, Asvatantra, Bhakti and Mokṣa

IV Nimbārka

- a) Nature of Brahman, Jīva, Cit and Acit, The doctrine of Bhedābheda
- b) Concept of Mokṣa and means to attain it, Nature and kinds of Prapatti
- c) Doctrine of Bhakti

Bioethics

I

- a) Nature and scope of Bioethics, Bioethics as a discipline-Daniel Callahan
- b) Principles of Biomedical ethics, Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-maleficence, Justice

II

- a) Sanctity of Life, unsanctifying human life, respect for person, slippery slope argument
- b) Abortion - rights of the fetus, rights of the mother, rights of the father

III

- a) To Save or Let Die : The Dilemma of Modern Medicine- Richard A. McCormick
- b) Euthanasia - types of euthanasia, rights of the patient, euthanasia and justice
- c) Mediation ethics

IV

- a) Genetic engineering ,genetic screening, prenatal diagnosis, assisted Reproduction
- b) feminist ethics and in vitro fertilization-Susan Sherwin
- c) Gene Therapy, stem cell research, cloning, organ donation