

# SYLLABUS FOR THE SUBJECT OF PHILOSOPHY

## Paper – I

Total Marks: 100

### Western Philosophy

1. **Introduction:** Nature and Value of Philosophy
2. **Greek Philosophers:**
  - a) Plato: Metaphysics, Theory of Knowledge, Theory of State
  - b) Aristotle: Metaphysics, Theory of Knowledge and Logic
3. **Modern Philosophers:**
  - a) Descartes: Doubt as a key to certainty, Dualism
  - b) Spinoza: Doctrine of substance, Ethics
  - c) Locke: Representative Realism
  - d) Berkeley: Subjective Idealism
  - e) Hume: Skepticism
  - f) Kant: Transcendental Idealism
  - g) Hegel: Dialectical Method, Absolute Idealism
  - h) Nietzsche: Superman, Will to Power
4. **Contemporary Philosophical Movements:**
  - a) Existentialism: Jean Paul Sartre
  - b) Logical Positivism: Criterion of Verifiability, Refutation of Metaphysics
  - c) Neo-Pragmatism:  
Richard Rorty: Objectivity, Relativism and Truth

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

1. *Brooke Noel Moore & Kenneth Bruder [2002] Philosophy: The Power of Ideas, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, McGraw Hill, London.*
2. *Bertrand Russell [2003] History of Western Philosophy, Routledge, London & New York.*
3. *Roger Scruton [2002] A Short History of Modern Philosophy, Routledge.*
4. *Frederick Copleston [1993] History of Philosophy, Reprint edition, Image.*
5. *Frank Thilly [1993] A History of Philosophy, Sabharwal Book Whole.*
6. *Jean-Paul Sartre [1977] Existentialism & Humanism, M.S.G. House*
7. *A.J. Ayer [1978] Logical Positivism, Greenwood Press*

## Paper – II

**Muslim Philosophy**

1. Genesis and Development of Theological and Philosophical Thought in Islam
2. **Muslim Theology:**
  - a) Mutazilites: Five Principles, Naturalistic Ethics
  - b) Asharites: Divine Attributes, Createdness / Uncreatedness of the Quran, Human Freedom
3. **Sufism:**
  - a) Origin of Sufism and its Characteristics
  - b) Metaphysics: Wahdat al Wajud and Wahdat al Shuhud
4. **Muslim Philosophers:**
  - a) Ibn Sina: Concept of Being, Doctrine of Emanation, Psychology
  - b) Al Ghazali: Method, Refutation of Philosophers
  - c) Ibn Rushd: Reconciliation between Philosophy and Religion, Theory of Knowledge
  - d) Ibn Khaldun: Concept of History, Refutation of Metaphysics
5. **Modern Reconstructionists of Islamic Thought:**
  - a) Shah Waliullah: Metaphysics, Social Philosophy
  - b) Sir Syed Ahmed Khan: God, Man and Universe, Concept of Religion and Ethics
  - c) Allama Muhammad Iqbal: Epistemology, Doctrine of Ego, Concept of Ijtihad
6. **Contemporary Debates:**
  - a) Religious Modernism
  - b) Religious Fundamentalism
  - c) Islamization of Knowledge

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1. *Seyyed Hossein Nasr & Oliver Leaman [1996] History of Islamic Philosophy, Vol. I & II, Routledge, London & New York.*
2. *Majid Fakhari [2004] A History of Islamic Philosophy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Columbia University Press, New York.*