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Syllabus for B.A. (Honours and General)
under revised new course structure
for Part - I, Part - II and Part - III

in

PHILOSOPHY



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B.A. Part – I (Honours)

Paper – I

Outline of Indian Philosophy

Full Marks – 100

1. Nature of Indian Philosophy : Plurality as well as common concerns.
2. Basic concept of the Vedic and the Upanisadic world – views : Ātman, Jāgrata, Svapna, Susupti, Turiya, Brahman, Karma, Samsara, Mukti.
3. Cārvāka school : its epistemology, metaphysics and ethics.
4. Jainism : Concepts of sat, dravya, guna, paryaya, jiva, ajiva, anekāntavāda, syādvāda and nayavāda; pramānas, ahimsā, bondage and liberation.
5. Buddhism : theory of pramanas, theory of dependent origination; the four Noble Truths; doctrine of momentariness; theory of no-soul. The interpretation of these theories in schools of Buddhism : Vaibhāsika, Samutrantika, Yogācāra, Madhyamika.
6. Nyāya : theory of pramanas; the individual self and its liberation; the idea of God and proofs for His existence.
7. Vaisesika : padarthas; dravya, guna, karma, samanya, samavaya, visesa, abhava; Causation : asatkaryavada; karana; samavayi, asamavayi, nimitta; paramanuvada; adrsta; nihsreyasa.
8. Sāmkhya : Causation : satkāryavāda; prakṛti : its constituents, arguments for its existence. Evolution, purusa : arguments for its existence; plurality of purusas; relationship between prakṛti and purusa; kaivalya; atheism.
9. Yoga : yoga, citta and cittavṛtti; eightfold path; God.
10. Purva Mimamsa : Śruti and its importance; classification of Sruti Vākyas : Vidhi, nisedha, arthavāda; dharma; bhāvana; sabdanityatvavāda; jatisaktivāda, atheism. The debate between Kumarilas and Prābhākaras : triputisamvit, Jñatata, abhāva, anupalabdhi, anvitabhidhanavada, abhihanavayavāda.
11. Advaita concept of nirguna Brahman; adhyāsa; rejection of difference; vivartavāda; māyā; three grades of satta; pramānas, jiva, jivanmukti.

12. Visistadvaita : Concept of saguna Brahman; refutation of māyā; parināmvāda; aprthaksiddhi; jiva; bhakti and prapatti; rejection of jivanmukti.

Suggested Readings :

1. M. Hiriyanna : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*.
2. C. D. Sharma : *A critical survey of Indian Philosophy*.
3. S. N. Dasgupta : *A History of Indian Philosophy* Vol – I to V.
4. S. Radhakrishnam : *Indian Philosophy* Vol. I & II.
5. T. R. V. Murti : *Central Philosophy of Buddhism*.
6. J. N. Mahanty : *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought*.
7. R. D. Ranade : *A constructive Survey of Upanisadic Philosophy*.
8. P. T. Raju : *Structural Depths of Indian thought*.
9. K. C. Bhattacharyya : *Studies in Philosophy* Vol. I
10. Datta & Chatterjee : *Introduction of Indian Philosophy*.
11. A. K. Warder : *Indian Buddhism*
12. R. Puligandla : *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*.
13. T. M. P. Mahadevan : *An outline of Hinduism*
14. D. M. Dutta : *Six ways of Knowing*
15. Amal Kr. Harh : *Knowing a Negative Fact : Anupalabdhi*

In Bengali

16. *Bharatiya Darsan* by Dr. Debabrata Sen.
17. *Nyaya-Vaisesika Darsan* by Dr. Karuna Bhattacharyya.
18. *Samkhya Patanjala Darsana* by Sri Kanak Prabha Banerjee (W. B. Book Board)
19. *Bharatiya Darsan* by Nirod Baran Chakraborty
20. *Carvaka Darsan* by Pt. Panchanan Sastri
21. *Bauddha Darsan* by Dr. Bhupendra Nath Bhattacharya.

22. *Samkhya Darsan* by Dr. Bhupendra Nath Bhattacharya.
23. *Sankhya Tattva kaumadi with Adhyapana Tika* by Narayan Goswami
24. *Nyaya Parichaya* by Pt. Phanibhusan Tarkabagisa
25. *Sāmkhya Darsan* by Dr. Panchanan Ghatak (Progressive)
26. *Bharatiya Darsan* by Prodyot Mondal.

Paper – II
Group – A (Ethics)

Full Marks – 50

1. What is ethics ?
2. The Nature of ethics, positive, normative.
3. Statement of fact and statement of value.
4. Moral and Non-moral action
5. The nature and object of moral judgment.
6. Postulates of Morality.
7. Problem of freedom of will.
8. Right and Good : Teleology and Deontology, concept of justice & equality.
9. Psychological Hedonism, utilitarianism (Bentham, J. S. Mill), Kantian Ethics.
10. Niskamakarma : Sthitaprajña – The ethics of the Gita.
11. Jaina Ethics, eight fold path in Buddhism.
12. Gandhian Ethics : Satya, Ahimsa, Ends and Means.
13. Virtue ethics : Plato and Aristolle.
14. Theories of punishment.

Suggested Readings :

1. S. K. Moitra : *The Ethics of the Hindus*

2. Saral Jhingran : *Aspects of Hindu Ethics* (Motilal Baanarasidas)
3. Roderick Hindry : *Comparative Ethics in Hindu and Buddhist tradition* (Motilal Banarasidas)
4. Gopinath Bhattacharya : *Essays in Analytic Philosophy* (Select portions).
5. W. K. Frankena : *Ethics* (Chapter – 2 & 3).
6. Lillie : *An Introduction to Ethics*.
7. Mackenzie : *Manual of Ethics*
8. J. D. Mabbott : *Introduction to Ethics*.
9. J. Hospers : *Human conduct*.
10. Rosalind Hursthorne : *Virtue Ethics*.

In Bengali

11. *Nitividyar Tattvakatha* by Somnath Chakraborty.
12. *Manab dharm* by Dr. Mahanambrata Brahmachari.

Paper – II

Group – B (Logic, Part - A)

Full Marks – 50

1. What is Logic ?
2. Premise, conclusion, argument.
3. Truth falsity.
4. Validity and Invalidity
5. Criterion of validity (I. M. Copi)
6. Categorical proposition, quality, quantity and Distribution, Translation, Categorical proposition into standard form.
7. Immediate Inference : Conversion, Obversion and their combined application, square the opposition of proposition, Determine the truth-value of another proposition from the truth value of given proposition.

8. Categorical syllogism : General rules. To test syllogistic arguments for validity (by applying general rules for syllogism.)
9. Boolean Interpretation of categorical propositions : Use of Venn Diagrams to test arguments for validity : Formal Fallacies, Informal fallacies as discussed in Irving Copi's *Introduction to logic* (8th Edition).
10. Truth – functions: Negation, Conjunction Alteration (or Disjunction), Conditional (or Material Equivalence).
11. Quantification theory: (a) Syllogistics and the method of antilogism. (b) Translating ordinary language into the language of quantification.
12. Proof procedure: To Construct formal proof of validity of arguments and argument - forms involving (monadic) quantification. To prove invalidity of quantification – arguments and argument –forms.
13. Induction i) What is Induction ? ii) Induction by Simple Enumeration, iii) Distinction between Induction and Deduction.
14. Argument by Analogy. Appraising analogical arguments.

Suggested Readings :

1. *Introduction to Logic* - I.M.Copi (Relevant Chaps.)
2. *Methods of Logic* - Quine (Part –I, Chap.5,7 & 9)
3. (Chap. XI & XIII) *Elements of Logic* - Stephen F. Barker.
4. *Elements of Logic* - Stephen F. Barker
5. *An Introduction to Symbolic Logic* - Basson & O'Connor.

In Bengali

6. *Nabya Yuktivijnan* : Rama Prasad Das (Part – I to IV)
7. *Pratiki Yuktivijnan* : by Indra Kumar Roy

B.A. Part – II (Honours)
Paper – III
(History of Western Philosophy)

Full Marks - 100

1. Plato : theory of knowledge; Knowledge (episteme) and opinion (doxa). Theory of Forms; Soul; Idea of the Good.
2. Aristotle : Critique of Plato's theory of Forms; theory of causation; form and matter; potentiality and actuality; Soul; God; ethics.
3. Descartes : methods and the need for methods in Philosophy; methods of doubt; *cogito ergo sum*; types of ideas; mind and matter; mind – body – Interactionism; God; nature and proofs for His existence.
4. Spinoza : substance, attributes and modes, the concepts of 'God or Nature'; pantheism; mind-body problem; three orders of knowing.
5. Leibniz : monadology; doctrine of pre-established harmony; truths of reason and truths of fact; innateness of all ideas; principles of non sufficient reason and identity of the indiscernibles; God; nature and proofs for His existence.
6. Locke : refutation of innate ideas; ideas and their classification. Knowledge and its grades; substance; qualities; primary and secondary.
7. Berkely : rejection of abstract ideas; rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, immaterialism; *esse est percipi*; the problem of solipsism, role of God.
8. Hume : impressions and ideas; judgments concerning relations of ideas and judgments concerning matters of fact; causality; external world; self and personal; rejection of metaphysics; skepticism.
9. Kant : Conception of critical philosophy; classification of judgments; analytic, synthetic, a priori, a posteriori; possibility of synthetic a priori judgments; the forms of sensibility; intuition and concepts, categories of the understanding; the metaphysical and the transcendental deduction of categories; schematism of the categories; phenomena and neumena : the refutation of idealism, transcendental

Ideas of pure reason; Soul, God and the world as a whole; rejection of transcendent metaphysics.

Suggested Readings :

1. F. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy*
2. D. J. O. Connor : *A critical History of Western Philosophy*
3. C. R. Morris : *Locke, Berkeley and Hume*
4. A. K. Rogers : *A student's History of Philosophy*
5. W. K. Wright : *A History of Modern Philosophy*
6. S. Korner : *Kant*
7. W. T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*
8. Roger Scruton : *A History of Philosophy from Descartes to Wittgenstein.*
9. Jonathan Bennett : *Locke, Berkely, Hume.*
10. John Cottingham : *The Rationalists*
11. Dr. R. R. Das : *A Handbook of Critique of Pure Reason.*
12. Falckenberg : *A History of Modern Philosophy*
13. Thill & Wood : *History of Philosophy*
14. Wolfgnag Stegmuller : *Main Currents in contemporary German, British and American.*
15. : *Philosophy*; D. Reidal Publication Co.
16. J. Barners : *Early Greek Philosophy*, Penguin Books
17. J. Burnet : *Greek Philosophy, Thales to plato*
18. S. S. Barlingay and P. B. Kulkarni : *A Critical survey of Western Philosophy* (Macmillan)
19. W. C. K. Gutrie : *History of Greek Philosophy* Vol. I & II.

In Bengal

20. N. B. Chakraborty : *Paschatya Darsaner Itihas* (Plato, Aristotle)

21. Chandradayo Bhattacharya : *Paschtya Darsaner Itihas.*
22. R. P. Das & S. P. Chakraborty : *Paschatya Darsaner Ruprekha.*
23. Dr. Nirod Baran Chakraborty : *Locke, Berkeley, Hume.*
24. Kalyan Chandra Gupta : *Paschyatya Darshaner Itihas (Progressive)*
25. Rashbehari Das : *Kanter Darsan (W. B. State Book Board).*
26. Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *Kanter Suddha Prajnar Bichar (Burdwan University).*

Paper – IV
Group – A
(Logic Part – B)

Full Marks – 50

1. Truth functions : Shaffer's stroke function. Interdefinability of different truth-functions.
2. (a) Truth tables as decision procedure *Reductio-ad-absurdum* method. Truth-tree method; (b) Alternational (or Disjunctive) and conjunctive Normal Forms as decision procedure.
3. Casual connection : Mills Method of Experimental Inquiry : Cause and effect. Meaning of 'Cause'. The singularity of causes, laws and the uniformity of nature.
4. Mills Method : Method of Agreement, Method of Difference, Joint Methods of Agreement and Difference, Method of Residuals, Methods of concomitant variation.
5. Science and Hypothesis : Explanation : Scientific and unscientific evaluating scientific explanations. The Problem, Preliminary Hypothesis, Collecting Additional Facts, Formulating the Hypothesis, Deducting further consequences, testing the consequence, Application.
6. Probability.

Suggested Readings :

1. *Methods of Logic* : Quine (Part – 1, Chap. 5, 7 & 9)
2. *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method* : Cohen and Nagel.
3. (Chap. – XI & XIII) *Elements of Logic* : Stephen F. Barker.
4. *Formal Logic : Its Scope and Limits* : Richard Jeffrey.
5. *Probability and Inductive Logic* : Kyburg H. E. (Jr.) (Chap. 1, 2, 6, 10, 12, 13)

In Bengali

6. *Nabya Yuktivijnan* : Rama Prasad Das (Pts. I, II, IV).

Paper – IV

Group – B

(Philosophy of Religion)

Full Marks – 50

1. Concept of Religion : Indian & Western Standpoint.
2. The origin of Religion in the light of Anthropology : The Psychical Origin and development of Religion.
3. Concept of God.
4. Notions of God : Personalistic, Impersonalistic, Naturalistic.
5. Religious Consciousness.
6. Proofs for the existence of God and their criticisms.
7. Summary of different Religions, Hinduism, Buddha, Islam and Christianity.
8. Immortality of Souls; Liberation.
9. Problem of Evil
10. Religious knowledge : Reason, Revelation and Mysticism.
11. Religion without God.
12. Religion and Morality.

2. Introduction to Analytic Philosophy – Ammerman(Introduction only)
3. Philosophy of Language – William P. Alston
4. Problem of knowledge – A. J. Ayer
5. Analytic Philosophy – Barry R. Gross.

In Bengali:

1. Ramaprasad Das – Bagarthatattva
2. Samarendranath Bhattacharya – Darsanik Bislesaner Ruprekha
3. Samari Kanta Samanta – Darsanik Bislesaner Bhumika
4. Rabindranath Das – Paschatya Darsaner Bhumika
5. J.N. Sinha – Paschatya Darsaner Bhumika

Paper –VII

Social and practical philosophy

100 marks

1. Basic Concepts: Society, Social group, Community
2. Ideas of freedom, equality, justice, liberty
3. The Concept Welfare State
4. Individual and State
5. Humanism
6. Secularism
7. Foundation of applied ethics – problem of applied ethics.
8. Business ethics
9. Environmental ethics – ecology – man – nature relationship the environment and the human community, Future generation.
10. Medical ethics- Euthanasia, suicide, abortion.
11. Frankens ethics – Chapters – 5 & 6
12. Human rights, discrimination on the basis of sex, race, caste, religion. Feminism – an analysis; Marriage Dowry and divorce.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Society – Maciver and page
2. Problems of Political Philosophy – D.D. Raphael
3. Fundamental of Sociology – P. Gisbert.
4. Western Political Thought – A. K. Mukhopadhyay
(K. P. Bagchi and Company)
5. Intro. To Modern Political Theory – C.I.M. Joad
6. Hindu Political Theories – U.N. Ghosal
7. Practical Ethics Theories – U.N. Ghosal
8. Practical Ethics – Peter Singer
9. A Companion to Ethics – Peter Singer
10. Ethics – Frankena

In Bengali

1. Samaj Tattva – Parimal Bhushan kar (W.B. Book Board)
2. Samaj Darshan Dipika – Priti Bhushan Chattopadhyay

3. Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika – Dilip Kumar Chattopadhyay (W.B. Book Board)
4. Darsan O Tar Prayog – Dr. P. Roy, Dr. R.N. Ghosh
5. Nitividya – Mrinal Kanti Bhadra
6. Rastradarsaner Dhara – Dr. Amal K. Mukhopadhyay (W.B. Book Board)
7. Man and technology – Dr. Pavitra Kumar Roy, Jadavpur University.
8. Vyabharik Nitividya – Pradip Kumar Roy, Dhaka University, Bangladesh.
9. Paribesh Bidya – Nirmalya Chakraborty

Paper VIII

Special Paper- anyone of the following texts:

100 marks

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| A. | Phenomenology & Existentialism | – D. Sinha |
| B. | Problems of Philosophy | – B. Russell |
| C. | Philosophy of Logic | – Ed. Strawson |
| D. | Philosophy of Mind | – J.A. Shaffer |
| E. | Vedantasara | – Sadananda Yoginodra |

SUGGESTED READING: (In Bengali)

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| 1. | Darsan Samasya | – Sushil Kumar Chakraborty |
| 2. | Vedantasara | – Bipad vanjan Paul |
| 3. | Vedantasaraa | – Kalibar Vedentabagish |
| 4. | Monodarsan | – Arabinda Basu, Nibedita Chakraborty. |

B.A. Part – I (General)

Paper – I

(Indian Philosophy Part – A)

Full Marks – 50

1. Introduction :

- i. Nature of Indian Philosophy
- ii. Division of Indian Philosophy : Āstika and Nāstika Systems.
- iii. Nāstika Systems : Cārvāka, Buddha, Jaina.
Āstika Systems : Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Sāṃkhya, Yoga, Purva Mimāṃsā, Uttar Mimāṃsā or Vedānta.

2. The Cārvāka System :

- i. Positive teachings; Admission of four bhūtas – Origin of consciousness.
Ātmā as embodied consciousness (Caitanyavisista deha eva atma)
Admission of artha and kārna as Purusarthas – perception as only pramāna
– Kārya – Kāraṇ – Vada.
- ii. Non-admission of byoma (ākāśa) – Rejection of Dehātirikta Atma-
Rejection of Dharma and Moksa as purusarthas – Rejection of Inference
and Testimony as sources of knowledge – Rejection of Vedapramanya –
Rejection of Paraloka.

Conclusion :

The Importance of Carvaka philosophy.

3. The Buddha System :

- ii. Nairātmyavāda
- iii. Ksanikavada
- iv. Four Nobel Truths.

4. The Jaina System :
 - i. Introduction
 - ii. Syādvāda and its relation to anekantavāda
 - iii. Jaina categories and Moksa.

Reference Books :

1. Dutta and Chatterjee : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy.*
2. Dr. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratiya Darsan*
3. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Bhāratiya Darsan.*
4. C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian philosophy.*
5. M. Hiriyanna : *Outlines of Indian Philosophy.*

Paper – II

(Western Metaphysics and Epistemology)

Full Marks – 50

1. Theories of the Origin of Knowledge : Rationalism, Empiricism & Kant's critical theory.
2. Realism and Idealism as theories of reality :
 - i. Realism : Naïve Realism, Scientific Realism, New and Critical Realism.
 - ii. Idealism : Subjective Idealism (Berkeley) Objective Idealism (Hegel).
3. Causality : Entailment Theory : Regularity Theory.
4. Mind-Body Problem : Inter-actionism, Parallelism and the Identity Theory.

Reference Books :

1. Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Paschatya Darshaner Bhumika.*

2. Ramaprasad Das & Shiba Pada Chakraborty – *Pashatya Darshaner Ruprekha.*
3. Promod Bandhu Sengupta : *Paschatya Darsan.*
4. Jagadiswar Sanyal : *Paschatya Darsan*
5. John Hospers : *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis.*
6. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Pāschātya Darsan*
7. S. P. Chakraborty : *Darsan Bhumia.*
8. Satyajyoti Chakraborty : *General Philosophy*

Paper – III

(Psychology)

Full Marks – 50

1. Definition & scope of Psychology, nature of Psychology as a science. Methods of psychology – subjective, objective and experimental.
2. Sensation : Nature, classification and attribute of sensation.
3. Perception : Nature of Perception and its relation to sensation. Gestalt theory of perception : perception of distance. Solidity and motion, illusion and hallucination.
4. Percept and Image : Memory - its factor and range, marks of good memory. Law of Association, Forgetfulness and its causes.
5. Attention : Its nature and types, conditions of attention.
6. Learning : The Trial and Error theory, the Gestalt theory, Pavlov's Conditioned Response theory.
7. Emotion : Nature of emotion, James Lange theory of emotion.
8. Consciousness : Conscious, Sub-conscious, Unconscious – Its evidence, Freud's theory of Dream.
9. Personality : Factors of Personality, Heredity and Environment.
10. Intelligence : Measurement of intelligence; Binet-simon test.

Reference Books :

1. P. N. Bhattacharya : *Text Books of Psychology.*
2. P. N. Bhattacharya : *Manovidya.*
3. Deviprasad Chottopadhyay : *Manovijnan*
4. J. Sanyal : *Manovidya.*
5. G. D. Boaz : *General Psychology*
6. P. B. Sengupta : *Monovidya*
7. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Monovidya*
8. Sengupta, Basu & Ghosh : *Manovidya Samaj – O Darsan O Rastradarsan.*
9. Dr. Pritibhusan Chattopadhyay & Sandeep Das : *Monovidya Samaj O Rastradarsan.*

B.A. Part – II (General)

Paper – I

(Indian Philosophy, Part – B)

Full Marks – 50

1. The Nyāya System :
 - i. The Nature of Perception ordinary (Laukika) & extraordinary (Alaukika) perception. Determinate (Savikalpaka) & Indeterminate (Nirvikalpaka) perception.
 - ii. Anumana : Sādhya, Paksa, Hetu, Vyāpti, Vyāptigraha, Svarthanumiti and parārthanumiti, Pañchavayava (five membered syllagism).
2. The vaishesika system :

Vaishesika : Seven categories (Padārthas). Dravya, Guna, Karma, Sāmānya, Samavaya, Visesa, abhāva.
3. The Sāmkhya System :

Causation, Purusa, Prakriti and its gunas, Evolution.

Reference Books :

1. Dutta and Chatterjee : *An-Introduction to Indian Philosophy.*
2. Dr. Niradbaran Chakraborty: *Bhāratiya Darsan.*
3. Dr. Karuna Bhattacharjee: *Nyāya Vaishesika Darsan.*
4. Dr. Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Bhāratiya Darsan.*
5. C.D. Sharma: *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.*
6. M. Hiriyanna: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy.*

Paper: II
(Western Logic)

Full Marks: 50

1. Proposition, Categorical Propositions and classes: Quality, quantity and distribution.
2. Traditional Square of Oppositions.
3. Further immediate Inference : Conversion, Obversion and Contraposition.
4. Existential Import of propositions: Boolean Interpretation of Categorical Proposition. Translating categorical propositions into standard forms.
5. Categorical syllogism: Figure, Mood, Testing syllogism for validity, Testing arguments by Venn Diagram. Rules and Fallacies. Disjunctive and hypothetical syllogism. The Dilemma.
6. Symbolic Logic: The value of special symbols for conjunction, Negation and Disjunction, implications and material implications. Argument Forms and Argument statements. Truth-Table Method for testing arguments.
7. Inductive Logic: Analogy, Hypothesis- Nature and condition. Scientific Method- its different steps.

Reference Books:

1. I. M. Copi : *Introduction to Logic*.
2. Rama Prasad Das : *Paschatya Darsan O Juktivijan*
3. Jagadiswar Sanyal : *Juktivijan*.

Paper- III
(Social and Political Philosophy)

Full Marks: 50

1. Nature and scope of Social Philosophy.
2. Primary concepts: Society, Community, Association, Institutions.
3. Social groups: its different forms.
4. Social codes: Religious and Moral codes, Custom & Law, Culture and Civilization.
5. Social class and Caste; Principles of class and caste, Attitudes and class-consciousness.
6. Political Ideals: Equality, Justice and Liberty. Democracy and its different forms.
7. Socialism and Marxism.

Reference Books:

1. Dr. Sararendra Bhattacharyya : *Samaj Darsan O Rastra Darsan.*
2. Dr. Pritibhusan Chattopadydday : *Monovidya, Samaj O Rastradarsan.*
3. MacIver and Page : *Society*
4. Parimal Bhusan Kar : *Samaj Tattwa.*
5. Sudarsan Roychowdhury : *Rastra*
6. Dilip Kr. Chattopaddhyay : *Adhunik Rastra Matabader Bhumika.*
7. Sengupta, j Basu and Ghosh : *Monovidya, Samaj O Darsan O Rastradarsan.*

Part – III
Paper – IV

100 marks

Theoretical and applied ethics

1. What is ethics?
2. Moral and non-moral actions.
3. Postulates of morality.
5. Utilitarianism – Bentham and Mill.
6. Kant's conception of good will, duty and categorical imperative.
7. Problem of the freedom of will.
8. Ethics of Niskāma Karma. (Gita)
9. Capital Punishment: Theories of Punishment.
10. Concepts of Applied Ethics.
11. Equality, Discrimination and preferential treatment.
12. Value of life: Suicide and Euthanasia.
13. Environmental Ethics: The environment and the human community, Future generations, Reverence for Life, Deep ecology.
14. Mahatma Gandhi's Conception of Ahimsa (non-violence) Satyagraha (zest for truth) and means-ends relationship.

Reference Books:

1. W. Lillie – Introduction to Ethics.
2. Samarendra Bhattacharya – Nitividya.
3. Peter Singer – Practical Ethics (Chaps. I and VII)
4. James Rachals (ed) – Moral Problems (Part-I, Part-III, Part-VI Relevant Portions).
5. Bernard Williams: – Morality-An Introduction to Ethics.
6. J. Rackels: – The End of life - Euthanasia and Morality.
7. W. K. Frankena – Ethics.
8. Raghvan Aiyer – Moral and Political Thought of Mahatama Gandhi.
9. J. J. C. Smart and Bernard Williams – Utilitarianism: For and Against.
10. Peter Singer – Applied Ethics for Environment Ethics.
11. J. L. Mackie- Ethics – Inventing right and wrong.
12. Peter Singer (ed) – A Companion to Ethics.
13. J. Rachels – Elements of Moral Philosophy.
14. R.A. Duff – Trials and Punishments.

(In Bengali)

1. Nitividya O Tār prayog – Dr. Dikshit Gupta
2. Kathay O Karma Nitividya – Somnath Chakraborty
3. Vyavaharik Nitividya – Pradip Kumar Roy, Bangla Academy, Dacca.