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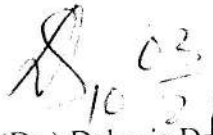
It is notified for information of all concerned that the Syndicate at its meeting held on 10.02.2020 (vide Item No.20) subsequently confirmed by the Syndicate on 25.01.2021 (Item No.01) approved certain amendments in the syllabus of Skill Enhancement Elective Courses (SEC) pertaining to the Semester- 3 & 4 of Philosophy (Honours) Courses of Studies and Semesters-3,4,5,6 of Philosophy (General) Courses of Studies (vide CSR/12/18, dt. 04.6.2018) of this University and the new amended syllabus for the said courses is laid down in the accompanying pamphlet.

The above shall be applicable for all the candidates of Semester-3,4 of Philosophy (Honours) Course and Semesters-3,4,5,6 of Philosophy (General) Course & will take effect from the Even Semester examinations, 2021 & onwards.

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## SEC Course

### Marks division for SEC ( Honours and General )

- a) Distribution of marks for **Core Course** remains **unchanged**
- b) Distribution of marks for **SEC** (80 marks for theoretical segment):  
Question pattern for descriptive segment of 70 marks- [5 short questions out of  $8(5 \times 5 = 25)$  + 3 questions out of 5 ( $15 \times 3 = 45$ ) ] + 10 questions out of 12 ( $10 \times 1 = 10$ ).

### Skill Enhancement Elective Course (Hons):

#### Semester 3

PHI-A-SEC-A (Any one from the following options)

- a) Logical Reasoning and Application: Indian and Western
- b) Man and Environment

#### Semester 4

PHI-A-SEC-B( Any one from the following options)

- a) Emerging Trends of Thought
- b) Philosophy of Human Rights

#### Semester 3

**a) Logical Reasoning and application : Indian and Western (2 Credits per week)**

1. The main objective of logical reasoning.
2. Definitions: Pakṣa, sādhyā, hetu, sapakṣa and Vipakṣa.
3. Construction of kevalānvayī, kevalavyātirekī anvayvyātirekī anumiti.
4. Hetvābhāsa and its different kinds.
5. Reasoning in practice: i) Fallacy of relevance, Fallacies of ambiguity, Fallacies of weak induction, Avoiding fallacies  
ii) Functional applications of ordinary operative relations between sense-organs and respective objects.
6. Analogy and Probable Inference
  - i) Argument by Analogy
  - ii) appraising Analogical arguments
  - iii) Refutation of Logical Analogy

## 7. Scientific Explanation

- i) The value of Science
- ii) Explanations: Scientific and Unscientific
- iii) Evaluating Scientific Explanations

## 8. Inductive reasoning in Law

- (i) The method of Inquiry in Law
- (ii) Causation in Legal reasoning
- (iii) Analogical Reasoning in legal argument
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### **b) Man and Environment (2 Credits per week)**

#### A. Classical Indian Attitude to Environment

- i) The Upanisadic world-view,
- ii) Tagore's understanding of nature,

#### B. Respect for Nature

- i) The attitude of respect,
- ii) Bio-centric outlook to nature,

iii) Ethical standards and rules that follow from the attitude of respect to nature,

iv) The idea of inherent worth of nature.

C. Intrinsic Value of nature

(i) Moore's talk of 'intrinsic properties',

ii) Attfield on the intrinsic value of nature,

iii) Callicott's idea of intrinsic value of nature,

iv) Rolston III on intrinsic value of nature

v) intrinsic value: subjective and objective

D. Deep Ecology and its Third World Critique

i) Arne Naess on Deep Ecology,

ii) Ramchandra Guha's critique of Deep Ecology

E. Eco-feminism

i) Understanding nature and the feminine,

ii) Dualisms in Western tradition,

iii) Masculinity, humanity and nature.

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## **Semester 4**

**PHI-A-SEC- B**(any one from the following options)

**a) Emerging trends of thought**(2 Credits per week)

(any two from the following)

- A. Business Ethics
- B. Environmental Philosophy
- C. Feminist Philosophy
- D. Peace Studies
- E. Dilemmas and Moral Issues

### **A. Business Ethics**

1. Why Study Business Ethics?
  - i) Ethical Issues in business
  - ii) Ethical principles in business
2. Environment and Business Ethics
  - i) Business ethics and environmental values
  - ii) Ethics of conserving depletable resources
3. Ethics in Management
  - i) Management by Value Programmes: a qualitative appraisal

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- Management Ethics-integrity at work: J.A.Patrick & John F. Quinn
- Business Ethics and Corporate Governance, Pearson Education India
- Business Ethics-an introduction to the ethics of values:Lucjan Klimsza

### **B. Environmental Philosophy**

- A. The meaning of the word 'nature'. Narrow and broad sense of nature. Attitudes ought to be towards nature.
- B. Attitude of respect. Ethical standards and rules that follow from the attitude of respect to nature.
- C. G.E. Moore's theory of intrinsic value. Place of intrinsic value in Environmental Ethics. Epistemology and Environmental value. Values and disvalues in nature. Ethics of respect for nature.
- D. Meaning of Shallow and Deep Ecology movements. Principles of diversity and of symbiosis. Fight against pollution and resource depletion.

Local autonomy and decentralisation.

E. Assimilation of domination of Nature to domination of women. The rationale underlying this assimilation.

The basic tenets and methodology of ecofeminism. Social ecology, deep ecology and ecofeminism: overlap and conflicts

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5. Nature, Self and Gender: Feminism, Environmental Philosophy and the Critique of Rationalism, Val Plumwood, Environmental Ethics (ed.) Robert Elliot, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1998

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### **C. Feminist Philosophy**

- A. The sex/gender dichotomy.
- B. Three forms of gender discrimination: sexism, patriarchy and Androcentrism or Phallogentrism
- C. Androcentrism in philosophy: feminist approach. (Objective versus subjective, context neutral versus context dependent, universal versus particular, reason versus emotion)
  - a) The distinction between liberal and radical feminist approach.
  - b) A brief overview of feminist approach to different branches of philosophy: metaphysics, epistemology and ethics.

### **Suggested Readings:**

#### **English:**

- 1) Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Introduction, Rosemarie Tong, Vol 1&2, Third Edition, Westview Press, 2009

- 2) Feminist Thought, Shefali Moitra, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt .Ltd in association with Centre of Advanced Study in Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 2002
- 3) The Second Sex, Simone De Beauvoir, Vintage Books, London, 2001
- 4) A Companion to Feminist Philosophy (ed. Alison, M, Jaggar and Iris Marion Young), Willey-Blackwell, 1999
- 5) Feminist Knowledge (RLE Feminist Theory) Critique and Construct, (ed.Sneja Gunew),Routledge Library Editions,2014
- 6) Representing Reason: Feminist Theory and Formal Logic, (in ed.Rachel Jaffe Falmange and Marjorie Hans), Rowman and Littlefield Publisher, 2002

### **Bengali:**

- 7) Narivad, Rajasree Basu, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata, 2012. (Bengali)
- 8) Naitikata o Narivad, Shefali moitra ,New age Publishers Pvt Ltd, Kolkata, 2003. (Bengali)

### **D. Peace Studies**

- A. The meaning of peace : Some historical views of peace
  - a) Some eastern concepts of peace
  - b) Some judeo-christian concepts of peace
- B. Peace movements
  - a) Popular attitudes toward peace
  - b) The semantics of peace and peace movements
  - c) Some conceptualizations of peace
    - \* Religious & renaissance traditions
    - \* Democratic theory
    - \* Secular peace movements
- C. An assessment of peace movements
  - a) Some criticisms of peace movements
  - b) Maintaining the momentum of peace movements

- D. Building positive peace
  - a) Human rights and peace
  - b) Ecological well-being
    - \* Enhanced environmental awareness
    - \* From 1980 to the present
    - \* The environment and national security
  - c) Economic well-being

E. Advances in international standards : women's equality and peace

### **Suggested Readings:**

#### **English:**

- 1) Introduction to Peace Studies, David P. Barash , Belmont: Wadsworth, 1991.
- 2) 'International Relations', in The English Writings of Rabindranath Tagore: A Miscellany, (ed) Sisir Kumar Das, New Delhi: Sahitya Akademi, reprint 2006.
- 3) Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies, Charles Webel and Johan Galtung(eds.): Routledge, London and New York, 2007

### **E. Dilemmas and some Moral Issues**

Moral Dilemmas.

1. Moral dilemmas: Indian Perspectives.

- a) Meaning of dilemma.
- b) what is moral dilemma?
- c) Difference between moral dilemma and moral conflict.
- d) Examples of dilemmas in the Mahābhārata.
- e) Difference between dilemmas and paradoxes.

2. Moral dilemmas: Western Perspectives.

- a) Rationalists' theories of moral dilemmas.
- b) R.M. Hare's view to revise the moral principles in the light of conflict situations

3. Moral luck:

- a) Meaning of moral luck.
- b) Examples of Moral luck from epics and ethics.
- c) Role of moral luck in solving moral dilemmas.



### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Matilal Bimal Krishna – Niti Jukti O Dharma
2. S.P. Dubey's paper on The concept of moral dilemma in the context of Mahabharata.
3. Matilal B.K.-Moral Dilemmas: Insights from Indian Epic.
4. Jurain De Haan's paper-The definition of Moral Dilemmas: A logical problem.
5. [www.jstor.org/stable/27504192](http://www.jstor.org/stable/27504192) pagecount19.
6. John F. Fitzgibbon: Ethics: Fundamental Principles of Moral philosophy, University Press of America, 1983
7. Moral Dilemmas, Christopher W. Gowans (ed): Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1987
8. Walter Sinnott-Armstrong: Moral Dilemma, Basil Blackwell, U.S.A., 1988
9. Daniel Statman (ed.): Moral Luck, State University of New York Press, New York, 1993
10. Bernard Williams: Moral Luck Philosophical Papers 1973-1980, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1981
11. Justine D'Arms & Daniel Jacobson (ed): Moral Psychology & Human Agency Philosophical Essays on the Science of Ethics, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2014
12. Paul Katsafanas: Agency and the Foundations of Ethics—Nietzschean Constitutivism, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2013
13. John Martin Fischer and Mark Ravizza (ed): Perspectives on Moral Responsibility, Cornell University Press, Ithaca and London, 1993.

### **b) Philosophy of Human Rights (2 Credits per week)**

1. A Definition and Nature of Human Rights
2. The Idea of Human Rights: Its Origins and Historical Developments during Ancient period, Modern period and Contemporary period

3. The Idea of Natural Law and Natural Rights: Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.
4. The Natural Rights Tradition: Some Reactions from Jeremy Bentham, Edmund Burke and Thomas Paine
5. Natural Right, Fundamental Right and Human Right
6. Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties (Indian Constitution)
7. Contemporary Perspectives: Joel Feinberg—Basic Rights

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- Patrick Hayden (ed.): *The Philosophy of Human Rights*, Paragon House, St. Paul, First Edition, 2001.
- Morton E. Winston (ed.): *The Philosophy of Human Rights*, Wadsworth Publishing Co. Belmont, California, 1989.
- Jeremy Waldron (ed.): *Theories of Rights*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1984
- Ashwani Peetush and Jay Drydyk: *Human Rights: India and West*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2015.
- James Nickel: *Making Sense of Human Rights*, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, 2007.
- Henry Shue: *Basic Rights: Subsistence, Affluence and U. S. Foreign Policy*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1980.
- Gary, B. Herbert: *Philosophical History of Human rights*, Transaction Publishers, New Jersey, 2002.
- Michael Freeden: *Rights*, Worldview Publications, New Delhi, 1998.
- Lynn Hunt: *Inventing Human Rights: A History*, Norton & Company, New York, 2007.
- Jack Donnelly: *Universal Human rights in Theory and Practice*, Manas Publications, New Delhi, 2013.

### **Skill Enhancement Elective course (General)**

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**b) Value Education (2 Credits per week)**

- i) Meaning, Characteristics, significance and objectives of Value education
- ii) Values in different contexts: Individual, Social, Cultural, Moral and Global and Spiritual.
- iii) Meaning and Characteristics of Peace education
- iv) Aims and Objectives of Peace Education
- v) Types of peace education
- vi) Peace and Value Education in Global Perspective.

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  - Peace and Value Education: Babu Muthuja.
  - Philosophy of Value: Aditya Mohanty
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