

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY****VINOBA BHAVE UNIVERSITY****HAZARIBAG.****SYLLABUS****For****Ph. D. ENTRANCE TEST**

The Test will be held in a sitting of three hours duration comprising questions of 100 marks.

The questions shall be set from the topics contained in the core (compulsory) papers of the concerned Master's level course of the University including the basics of the subject concerned as mentioned in the succeeding pages.

The questions shall be divided in two Sections A & B.

Section 'A' shall comprise 30 objective questions each carrying 2 marks of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) nature.

Section 'B' shall comprise 12 short answer type questions of 5 marks each out of which 8 questions have to be answered.

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Unit I:

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

General acquaintance with different types of methods commonly used in Philosophical study and research:

1. Deductive and Inductive methods.
2. Analytical and Synthetic methods.
3. Historical and Comparative methods.
4. Dialectical method.
5. Pure and Applied Research in Philosophy.

Unit - II:

**INDIAN ETHICS**

1. Dharma, Varnasharma and Ashramadharmas.
2. Law of Karma and Purushartha.
3. Rta and Rna.
4. Karmayoga, Svadharma and Loksangraha.
5. Brahmvihara, Panchashila and Triratna.

Unit - III:

**WESTERN ETHICS**

1. Emotivism and Prescriptivism.
2. Ethical Cognitivism and Non-cognitivism.
3. Kantian Ethics.
4. Utilitarianism and its kinds.
5. Virtue Ethics: Cardinal Virtues, Eudaemonism.
6. Feminist Ethics.

Unit - IV:

**INDIAN LOGIC**

1. Anumana Pramana: Nature and Kinds.
2. Anumana Pramana: Process and Constituents.
3. Inductive elements in Indian Logic: Vyapti &
4. Hetvabhasa: Nature and Kinds.

Vyaptigrahopays.

Unit - V

**WESTERN LOGIC**

1. Truth and Validity.
2. Truth-functions and Propositional Logic.
3. Construction of various types of Truth-tables.
4. Proof-construction in Truth-functional Logic.
5. Arguments, Argument-form and Proving Validity.
6. Quantification and its Rules.

Unit - VI:

**INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY**

1. Prama and Aprama.
2. Pramana: Nature, Pratyaksa, Anumana, Sabda & Upamana.
3. Pramanyavada: Swatahpramanyavada & Paratahpramanyavada.

4. Khyativada.

## Unit -VII:

**WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY**

1. Nature and Definition of Knowledge.
2. Belief, Knowledge and Scepticism.
3. Ways of Knowing: Rationalism, Empiricism and Criticism.
4. Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic.
5. Problem of Induction.

## Unit -VIII:

**INDIAN METAPHYSICS**

1. Prameya and Padartha.
2. Man, God and the world.
3. Dravya, Cit, Act and Atman.
4. Theories of Universals (Samanya).
5. Theories of Causation (Karanta).
6. Space and Time (Dik and Kala).

## Unit -IX:

**WESTERN METAPHYSICS**

1. Appearance and Reality.
2. Being and Becoming.
3. Mind and Matter.
4. Substance and Properties.
5. Causation and Regularity.
6. Space and Time.
7. Universals and Personal Identity.

## Unit -X

**INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE**

1. The problem of word-meaning.
2. Sphotavada.
3. Conditions for knowing sentence-meaning.
4. Bhartrhari's theory of Sabdabrahman.

5. Anviabhidhanavada and Abhlhitanvayavada.

Unit – XI:

### MODERN INDIAN THOUGHT

1. Swami Vivekananda: Practical Vedanta.
2. Sri Aurobindo: Evolution.
3. Rabindranath Tagore: Religion of Man.
4. S. Radhakrishnan: The Idealist View of Life.
5. M. K. Gandhi: Truth and Non-violence.
6. Vinoba Bhave: Sarvodaya.
7. B. R. Ambedkar: Neo-Buddhism.

Unit – XII:

### ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

1. Moore: Defence of Common Sense.
2. Russell: Logical Atomism.
3. Ayer: Verification Theory of Meaning.
4. Wittgenstein: Picture Theory & Language-game.
5. Ryle: Category Mistake.
6. Austin: Speech Act.

Unit – XIII:

### PHENOMENOLOGY & EXISTENTIALISM

1. Understanding the Human Condition.
2. Theory of Intentionality.
3. Life-word, situated ness and Interpretation.
4. Existentialism: Theistic and Atheistic.
5. Essence and Existence.
6. Freedom and Choice.

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