

**The University of Burdwan**  
**Syllabus for B.A. (General)**  
**(1+1+1 Pattern)**  
**in**  
**PHILOSOPHY**  
**with effect from 2014-2015**

*ABSTRACT*

**THREE YEAR GENERAL**

(Minimum no. of classes per paper of 100 marks: 100)

<b>PART - I</b>		
<b>Paper : I</b>	<b>Indian Philosophy</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>PART - II</b>		
<b>Paper: II</b>	<b>Western Logic and Western Metaphysics</b>	<b>100</b>
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**PART-I**  
Paper I: **Indian Philosophy**  
Marks: 100 (Minimum 100 classes)

1. **General Features of Indian Philosophy:**  
*āstika and nāstika, puruṣārtha-s, karmavāda, Charge of Dogmatism and Pessimism*
2. **Carvāka:**  
*pratyakṣa pramāṇa, Refutation of anumāna, dehātmavāda, nītitattva*
3. **Jainism:**  
*anekāntavāda, syādvāda, mahābrata, anubrata*
4. **Buddhism :**  
*āryasatya-s, kṣaṇabhaṅgavāda and nairātmyavāda*
5. **Nyāya :**  
*pramāṇa-s (especially pratyakṣa and anumāna)*
6. **Vaiśeṣika :**  
*padārtha-s (especially dravya, sāmānya, viśeṣa, samavāya, abhāva)*
7. **Sāṅkhya:**  
*parināmavāda, Nature of and proofs for the existence of puruṣa and prakṛti*
8. **Yoga:**  
*cittavṛtti, aṣṭāṅgayoga*
9. **Mimamsa:**  
*arthāpatti, anupalabdhi*
10. **Advaita Vedānta :**  
*Brahman, jīva and jagat*

**Reference:**

- D.M. Dutta and S.C. Chatterjee : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
- Pradyot Kumar Mondal : *Bhāratīya Darśana*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Bhāratīya Darśana*

## PART-II

### Paper II: **Western Logic and Metaphysics**

Marks: 100

#### **Half-I**

#### **Western Logic**

Marks: 50 (Minimum 50 classes)

1. **Classes and their relations, Boolean Interpretation of A,E,I and O Propositions, Existential Import of Propositions**
2. **Square of Opposition, Conversion, Obversion & Contraposition**
3. **Categorical Syllogism, Figure and Mood, Venn Diagram technique for Testing Validity**
4. **Test of Truth-functional Arguments by Truth-Tables**

#### **Half-II**

#### **Western Metaphysics**

Marks: 50 (Minimum 50 classes)

1. **Metaphysics** : Nature of Metaphysics, Elimination of Metaphysics
2. **Realism** : Naïve, Scientific; Idealism: Subjective, Objective
3. **Theories of Causation** : Regularity Theory and Entailment Theory
4. **Substance** : Views of Descartes, Spinoza, Locke and Berkeley
5. **Relation between Mind and Body**: Interactionism, Parallelism
6. **Theories of Evolution** : Mechanistic and Emergent

#### *Reference:*

- I.M.Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M.Prabhakar: *Introduction to Logic* (13<sup>th</sup> edition) (Relevant Chapters)
- Indra Kumar Roy : *Pratīkī Nyāya*
- Sibapada Chakraborty : *An Introduction to General Philosophy*
- Ramchandra Pal : *Darśan Parichaya*
- Rama Prasad Das & Sibapada Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Rūprekhā*
- Niradbaran Chakraborty : *Pāścātya Darśaner Bhūmikā*

Paper III: **Psychology and Western Ethics**

Marks:100

**Half-I**

**Psychology**

Marks: 50(Minimum 50 classes)

1. **Nature and Scope of Psychology**
2. **Methods of Psychology** :Introspection, Observation Experimental Method
3. **Sensation and Perception** :Attributes of Sensation,Distinction between Sensation and Perception, Gestalt Theory of Perception
4. **Memory** : Factors of Memory, Marks of Good Memory, Causes of Forgetfulness
5. **Attention** : Nature and Condition of Attention
6. **Theories of Learning** : Trial and Error Theory, Gestalt Theory
7. **Consciousness** : Levels of Consciousness, Proofs for the Existence of the Unconscious, Freud's Theory of Dream
8. **Intelligence** : Definition, Measurement of Intelligence, I.Q., Binet-Simon Test of Intelligence

*Reference:*

- Pareshnath Bhattacharya : *A Text Book of Psychology*[three volumes]
- G.F.Stout : *Introduction to Psychology*
- Pareshnath Bhattacharya : *Manovidyā*
- Pritibhushan Chattopadhyay : *Manovidyā*
- Ira Sengupta : *Monovidyā*
- Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Manovidyā*

**Half-II**

**Western Ethics**

Marks:50(Minimum 50 classes)

1. **Nature and Types of Ethics**
2. **Notions of Good, Right and Duty Postulates of Morality**
3. **Nature and Object of Moral Judgment**
4. **Standards of Morality : Hedonism, Utilitarianism& Kant's Theory of Morality**
5. **Theories of Punishment**

*Reference:*

- W.Lillie : *An Introduction to Ethics*
- Piyushkanti Ghosh and Sanjib Ghosh : *Nītividyā*
- Dikshit Gupta : *Nītividyā*
- Somnathy Chakraborty : *Kathāy Karme Ethics*
- Santosh Kumar Pal : *Falita Nītiśāstra* (Pratham Khanda)
- Sefali Moitra : *Nārībād O Naitikatā*
- Rajashree Basu : *Nārivād*
- D. Acharyya & D. Majumder: *Hedonism in Ethics*

**PART-III**

**Paper IV:Philosophy of Religion and Socio-Political Philosophy**

Marks: 100

**Half-I**

**Philosophy of Religion**

Marks: 50(Minimum 50 classes)

- 1. Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion**
- 2. Origin of Religion in the Light of Anthropology**
- 3. Psychological Origin and Development of Religion**
- 4. Historical Development of Religion**
- 5. Arguments for the Existence of God : Ontological, Cosmological and Teleological**
- 6. The Principle of Secularism**

*Reference:*

- M. Edwards : *The Philosophy of Religion*
- A. Bandyopadhyay & K.C. Gupta : *Dharma Darśan*
- Susil Kumar Chakraborty : *Dharma Darśan*
- Samarendra Bhattacharya : *Dharma Darśan*

**Half-II**

**Socio-Political Philosophy**

Marks: 50(Minimum 50 classes)

- 1. Nature and Scope of Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy**
- 2. Basic Concepts : Society, Social Groups, Community, Association, Institution**
- 3. Social Class and Caste : Class and Caste in India**

4. **Current Social Problems** : Justice and Equality, National Integration, Marriage and Divorce
5. **Political Ideas** : Democracy, Socialism, *Sarvodaya* and *Swaraj*

*Reference:*

- R.M.Maclver & C.H.Page : *Society*
- M. Ginsberg: *Sociology*
- P. Gisbert : *Sociology*
- J.S.Mackenzi : *Outlines of Social Philosophy*
- Simon De Beauvoir: *The Second Sex*
- M.K.Gandhi: *Hindswaraj*
- Sandip Das : *Samaj O Rajnaitikdarsan*
- Samarendra Bhattacharya: *Samāj Darshan O Rāṣṭra Darśan*
- F. Engles : *Socialism : Utopian and Scientific*
- Ram Ahuja : *Social Problems in India*
- Jagadiswar Sanyal : *Samāj O Rājnaitikdarśan*
- Dr. Bimalendu Samanta : *Dharma OSamāj Darsan*