

**Department of Philosophy**  
**University of Kashmir, Srinagar**  
**Entrance Test Syllabus for M.A. Philosophy 1-Year Programme**

**Unit-I: Introduction to Philosophy**

- i. Branches of Philosophy: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics, and Logic
- ii. Rationalism and Empiricism
- iii. Idealism and Realism
- iv. Scepticism and Intuitionism

**Unit-II: Applied Philosophy**

- i. Euthanasia; Doctor-Patient Relationship
- ii. Cloning and Aging: Ethical Implications
- iii. Environmental Ethics; Climate Change
- iv. Animal Rights

**Unit-III: Metaphysics**

- i. Nature of Ultimate Reality
- ii. Monism, Dualism, and Pluralism
- iii. Materialism and Idealism
- iv. Mind-Body Problem: Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz

**Unit-IV: Greek Philosophy**

- i. Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Anaxagoras, Leucippus, and Democritus
- ii. Sophists and Socrates
- iii. Plato: Theory of Ideas
- iv. Aristotle: Theory of Causation, Form and Matter, Potentiality and Actuality

**Unit-V: Medieval Philosophy**

- i. St. Augustine: Problem of Evil
- ii. St. Anselm: Concept of God and Ontological Argument
- iii. St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason
- iv. William of Ockham: Metaphysics and Epistemology

**Unit-VI: Modern Western Philosophy-I**

- i. Continental Rationalist: Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz
- ii. British Empiricist: John Lock; Ideas and their Classification, Primary and Secondary Qualities
- iii. Berkeley: Primary and Secondary Qualities, Immaterialism, Critique of Abstract Ideas, *Esse est Percipi*

  
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- iii. Berkeley: Primary and Secondary Qualities, Immaterialism, Critique of Abstract Ideas, *Esse est Percipi*
- iv. Hume: Personal identity, Rejection of Metaphysics

#### **Unit-VII: Modern Western Philosophy-II**

- i. Kant: Classification of judgements, Synthetic a priori judgements
- ii. Hegel: The conception of Geist (spirit), The Dialectical Method, and Absolute Idealism
- iii. Karl Marx: Historical Materialism
- iv. John Rawls: Theory of Justice

#### **Unit-VIII: Logic**

- i. Types of Propositions and Arguments
- ii. Four Categorical Propositions
- iii. Inductive and Deductive Reasoning
- iv. Symbolic Logic

#### **Unit-IX: Classical Indian Philosophy**

- i. *Cārvāka*: Epistemology and Metaphysics
- ii. Jaina: *Anekāntavāda* and *Syādvāda*
- iii. *Bauddha*: Four Noble Truths
- iv. *Nyāyā*: Theory of Knowledge

#### **Unit-X: Logical Reasoning**

- i. Direction, Analogy; Blood Relation, Number Series
- ii. Cube and Dice; Calendar
- iii. General Mental Ability; Reciting Chronological order
- iv. Coding and Decoding

#### **Unit-XI: General Knowledge**

- i. Politics: Political Posts, Country and State Capitals, Awardees
- ii. Sports: Cricket, Olympics, Para-Olympics, etc.
- iii. Rivers: International, National and Local
- iv. History: Major International and National Events; Economics: Currency, GDP, GNP, etc.

#### **Unit-XII: English Comprehension and Verbal Ability**

- i. English Grammar including parts of speech, phrases, clauses and sentences
- ii. English Usage, Jumbled Para
- iii. Sentence Correction, Sentence Improvement
- iv. Reading Comprehension, Paragraph Completion

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### Unit-XIII: Western Socio-Political Philosophy

- i. Plato: Ideal State
- ii. Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau: Social Contract Theory
- iii. Rawls: Distributive Justice
- iv. Isaiah Berlin: Conceptions of Liberty

### Unit-XIV: Logic-II

- i. Modern Logic and its Symbolic Language
- ii. The Symbols of Conjunction, Negation, and Disjunction
- iii. Quantification Theory
- iv. Singular Propositions

### Unit-XV: 'Islāmic Philosophy

- i. Origin and development of 'Islāmic Philosophy
- ii. *'Ilm-al-Kalām*
- iii. *Mu'tazilism*
- iv. *Ash'arism*

### Unit-XVI: Contemporary Western Philosophy

- i. Richard Rorty: Anti-Representationalism
- ii. Hilary Putnam: Critique of Metaphysical Realism
- iii. Hannah Arendt: Conception of Modernity
- iv. Stanley Cevell: Philosophy and/as Autobiography

