

**Department of Philosophy**  
**University of Kashmir, Srinagar**  
**Entrance Test Syllabus for M.A. Philosophy 2-Year Programme**

The Syllabus comprises of 12 Units, 9 Units are from Philosophy, and the other 3 Units are from Logical Reasoning, General Knowledge, and English Comprehension and Verbal Ability.

**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



- 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**

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

**Unit-X: Classical Indian Philosophy-II**

- i. *Vaiśeṣika*: Concept of *Padārtha*  
ii. *Sāṅkhya*: *Prakṛti* and *Puruṣa*  
iii. Patañjali's Theory of *Pramāṇa*; *Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā*: Theory of Knowledge  
iv. *Advaita Vedānta*: Concept of *Brahman* and *Ātman*; Rāmānuja's Conception of the World

**Unit-XI: Western Ethics**

- i. Meta-Ethics, Normative Ethics and Applied Ethics  
ii. Ethical Subjectivism and Objectivism  
iii. Emotivism and Prescriptivism  
iv. Utilitarianism: Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill

**Unit-XII: Indian Ethics**

- i. Concept of *Puruṣārthas*, *Śreyas* and *Preyas*  
ii. Concept of *Rta* and Law of *Karma*  
iii. *Varṇāshrama*, *Dharma*, *Sādhāraṇa Dharma*  
iv. *Bhagavad-Gītā*: *Niṣkāmakarma* and *Lōkasāṅgraha*