

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

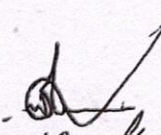
- i. Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Anaxagoras, Leucippus, and Democritus
- ii. Sophists and Socrates
- iii. Plato: Theory of Ideas
- iv. Aristotle: Theory of Causation, Form and Matter, Potentiality and Actuality

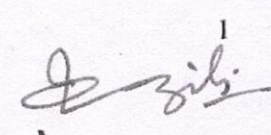
Unit-V: Medieval Philosophy

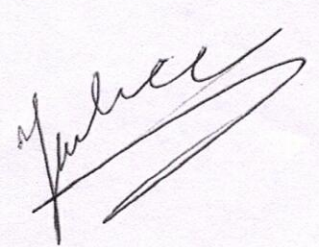
- i. St. Augustine: Problem of Evil
- ii. St. Anselm: Concept of God and Ontological Argument
- iii. St. Thomas Aquinas: Faith and Reason
- iv. William of Ockham: Metaphysics and Epistemology

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


Dr. Shabir Ahmad


Dr. Zia


Dr. Farooq

- 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. *Nyāya*: Theory of Knowledge

Unit-X: Classical Indian Philosophy-II

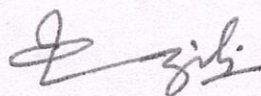
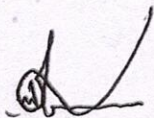
- i. *Vaiśeṣika*: Concept of *Padārtha*
ii. *Sāṅkhya*: *Prakṛti* and *Puruṣa*
iii. Patañjali's Theory of *Pramāṇa*; *Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā*: Theory of Knowledge
iv. *Advaita Vedānta*: Concept of *Brahman* and *Ātman*; Rāmānuja's Conception of the World

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 *Ṛta* and Law of *Karma*
iii. *Varnāshrama*, *Dharma*, *Sādhāraṇa Dharma*
iv. *Bhagavad-Gītā*: *Niṣkāmakarma* and *Lōkasangraha*



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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

