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Syllabus for the S.Y.B.A.

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Program: B.A. PHILOSOPHY
Paper II and III

Program Code: RJAUPHI301/401

RJAUPHI302/402

DISTRIBUTION OF TOPICS AND CREDITS

S.Y.B.A. PHILOSOHY SEMESTER III

Paper Name: Socio-Political Philosophy

Course	Nomenclature	Credits	Topics
RJAUPHI301	Social Philosophy II	03	Unit 1: Status of Women
			Unit 2: Social
			Obligations to the
			Poor/Needy
			Unit 3: War and
			Pacifism
			Unit4: Multiculturalism
			and Tolerance

S.Y.B.A. PHILOSOPHY SEMESTER III

RJAUPHI302	Indian Philosophy (Vedic,	03	Unit 1: Introduction
	Upanishadic and Heterodox)		and Beginning
			Unit 2: Charvaka
			Philosophy
			Unit 3: Jaina
			Philosophy
			Unit 4: Buddhist
			Philosophy
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S.Y.B.A. PHILOSOPHY SEMESTER IV

Course	Nomenclature	Credits	Topics
RJAUPHI401	Socio-political	03	Unit 1: Political
	Philosophy II		Philosophy-
	(Political Philosophy)		Introduction
			Unit 2: Political I Unit
			3: Justice Ideologies
			Unit 4: Liberty
RJAUPHI402	Western Philosophy:	03	Unit 1: Pre-Socratic
	Greek and Medieval		and Socratic
			philosophy
			Unit 2: Plato
			Unit 3: Aristotle Unit 4: Medieval
			Philosophy

Course Outcome and Learning Outcome

Paper II

SYBA	SEMESTER III
PAPER II	Course Outcome
Name :Socio-Political Philosophy	 To acquaint students with the basic philosophical questions that philosophers in India and the west have addressed. To equip students with argumentative and analytical skills involved in philosophical reasoning. To encourage a spirit of rationality in philosophizing while appreciating and respecting differing philosophical systems and perspectives.
Paper Code: RJAUPHI301 & RJAUPHI401	Learning Outcome 1. It will encourage students to appreciate the relevance of Social and Political Philosophy and its importance in a globalized world and to take the ethical decision in social and political spheres of human life.

	SEMESTER III			Cr
	Paper-II: Social Philosophy	Paper Code: RJAUPHI301	45	3
	UNIT I		12	
	Status of Wom	nen		
1	Aristotle: a case for inferiority of wom	nen		
2	J.S. Mill: a case of perfect equality bet	ween men and women		
3	Feminism: strands of feminism- liber patriarchy, public private, sex and gene			
	UNIT II		13	
	Social Obligations to the P	oor/Needy		
1	Vision of Sarvodaya: Gandhi (also with reference to Vinoba Bhave)			
2	Moral obligations toward the Needy: F	Peter Singer		
3	No Moral Obligations toward the Poor	: Garret Hardin		
	UNIT III		10	
	War and Pacifi	sm		

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1	(a) Principles of Justice		
	of war (jus ad bellum)		
2	(b) Principles of Justice		
	in war (jus in bello),		
	Principle of justice after		
	war (jus post bellum)		
3	Pacifism		
	UNIT IV	10	
	Multiculturalism and Tolerance		
1	Clash of Civilizations: Samuel Huntington		
2	Multiculturalism: Bhikhu Parekh		
3	Wil Kymlicka		

Internal Assessment Topics:

Topic for 1st Internal:

Same sex relations/marriages (MCQ) (Online)

Topic for 2nd Internal:

Philosophy of Education of Mahatma Phule (MCQ) (Online)

SEMESTER IV		L	Cr
Paper-II Political Philosophy	Paper Code: RJAUPHI401	45	3
UNIT I		10	
Political Philosophy-	Introduction		

1	What is political philosophy? (Distinction between descriptive		
	normative approaches; the importance of political philosophy in		
	today's time)		
2	Social Contract: Thomas Hobbes		
3	Social Contract: Jacques Rousseau		
	UNIT II	13	
	Political Ideologies		
1	Marxism		
2	Anarchism		
3.	Democracy		
	UNIT III	10	
	Justice		
1	Justice as fairness: John Rawls		
2	Social justice: B.R. Ambedkar		
3	Justice as Entitlement: Robert Nozick		
	UNIT IV	12	
	Liberty		
1	The Limits of state authority: J.S. Mill		

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2	Ronald Dworkin: Modified liberty	
3	Two Concepts of Liberty: Isaiah Berlin	

Topic for 1st Internal

Absolute obedience to the law: Plato from the dialogue *Crito* (MCQ) (Online)

Topic for 2nd Internal

Justification of non-violent civil disobedience: Martin Luther King (MCQ) (Online)

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Course Outcome and Learning Outcome

Paper III

SYBA	SEMESTER III
PAPER III	Course Outcome
Name: Indian Philosophy (Vedic, Upanishadic and Heterodox)	 To acquaint students with the basic philosophical questions that philosophers in India and the west have addressed To equip students with argumentative and analytical skills involved in philosophical reasoning To encourage a spirit of rationality in philosophizing while appreciating and respecting differing philosophical systems and perspectives.
Paper Code: RJAUPHI302 & RJAUPHI402	Learning Outcome 1. It will encourage students to appreciate the relevance of Indian and Western Philosophy and their importance in the globalized world. It will also make the student understand the basics of Indian and Western Philosophies that will prepare the ground for understand philosophical journey till date.

Paper III

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SEMESTER III	L	Cr
Paper-III: Indian Philosophy (Vedic, Upanishadic and Heterodox)	45	3
UNIT I	12	
Introduction and Beginning		
1 Pre-Upanishadic Philosophy (Vedic Cosmology)		
2 Upanishadic Philosophy (Brahman, Atman and World)		
3 Introduction to six darsanas: General features of the darsanas		
UNIT II	10	
Charvaka Philosophy		
1 Charvaka Metaphysics		
2 Charvaka Epistemology: Acceptance of Perception as the only valid source of knowledge.		
3 Charvaka rejection of other pramanas (other than perception) as valid source of knowledge.		
UNIT III	10	
Jaina Philosophy		
1 Metaphysics: classification of reality		
2 Jaina Epistemology: Syadavada		

3	Jaina theory of Anekantavada		
	UNIT IV	13	
	Buddhist Philosophy		
1	Three signs of reality: impermanence, suffering and non-substantialism		
2	Theory of No-Self (Anatmavada)		
3	Buddhist Ethics: Eight-Fold Path		

Internal Assessment Topics: Medieval Mystical Movements in India:

Topic for 1st Internal: Bhakti Movement (overall perspective) (MCQ) (Online)

Topic for 2nd Internal: Indo-Islamic (Sufi) Movement (MCQ) (Online)

SEMESTER IV		L	Cr	
Pa	per-III: Western Philosophy: Greek and Medieval	Paper Code: RJAUPHI402	45	3
	UNIT I		10	
Pre-Socratic and Socratic philosophy				
1	Natural philosophers (Thales, Anaxima	ander and Anaximenes)		
The problem of change (Parmenides and Heraclitus)				
3	Sophists: epistemology and ethics			
UNIT II		10		
	Plato			

1	Theory of Knowledge		
2	Theory of Form		
3	Tripartite Soul		
UNIT III		12	
	Aristotle		
1	Causation: four causes (reference to the notion of teleology)		
2	Form and Matter; actuality and potentiality		
3	Theory of Soul		
	UNIT IV	13	
Medieval Philosophy			
1	Peter Abelard (Relationship between reason and faith)		
2	Islamic Philosophy (School of reason Mu'tazilites of ibn Rushd),		
	School of faith (Asharites of Al Ghazali)		

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3 Moses Maimonides (Philosophy and Theology)	
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Internal Assessment Topics:

Topic for 1st Internal:

Socrates: Methods and ethics (MCQ) (Online)

Topic for 2nd Internal:

Stoicism and Skepticism (MCQ) (Online)

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