

Deccan Education Society's
**FERGUSSON COLLEGE,
PUNE (AUTONOMOUS)**

SYLLABUS UNDER AUTONOMY

**FIRST YEAR B.A. PHILOSOPHY
SEMESTER – I**

Academic Year 2016-2017

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Scheme of Course Structure (Faculty of Arts)**

Department: PHILOSOPHY

Semester	Name of Paper (YSP)	Title of Paper	No. of Credits
F.Y. B.A. Sem I	Theory Paper – 1 (PHI1101)	Foundations of Philosophy - I	3
F.Y. B.A. Sem II	Theory Paper – 2 (PHI1201)	Foundations of Philosophy - II	3

F.Y. B.A. Philosophy

Semester I

PHI1101 Foundations of Philosophy – I

Objectives:

- i. To introduce Philosophy as an academic subject
- ii. To acquaint students with main branches of Philosophy
- iii. To inculcate the habit of critical and systematic thinking.
- iv. To create an awareness about significance of philosophical thinking for academics and life in general.

Unit I Introduction

- 1) Definitions of Philosophy, Tattvadnyana, Darshan
- 2) Nature and scope of Philosophy
- 3) Branches of Philosophy
- 4) Methods of Philosophy- Dialogue & Debate

Unit II Epistemology

- 1) Nature of Epistemology and Logic; Concepts of Knowledge, Truth and Consistency
- 2) Nature of Argument, Types of argument: Deductive and Inductive
- 3) Sources of knowledge: Indian view
- 4) Sources of knowledge: Western view

Unit III Metaphysics

- 1) Problems in Metaphysics
- 2) Monism, Dualism, Pluralism
- 3) Indian Metaphysics: Sankhya, Charvaka, Advait Vedanta
- 4) Western Metaphysics: Realism, Idealism, Materialism

Unit IV Philosophy of Religion

- 1) Philosophy of Religion (Indian & Western Approaches)
- 2) Nature and attributes of God
- 3) Deism, Theism, Pantheism, Atheism
- 4) Arguments for the existence of God

Reading Material

- 1) Titus; *Living Issues in Philosophy: An Introductory Text Book*, Euasia Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 1968
- 2) Datta and Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*
- 3) John Hospers; *Introduction to philosophical Analysis*, Allied Publishers, Bombay, 1975
- 4) Bertrand Russell, *Problems of Philosophy*

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SEMESTER – II**

Academic Year 2016-2017

F.Y. B.A. Philosophy

Semester II

PHI1201 Foundations of Philosophy – II

Objectives:

- i. To introduce Philosophy as an academic subject
- ii. To acquaint students with main branches of Philosophy
- iii. To inculcate the habit of critical and systematic thinking.
- iv. To create an awareness about significance of philosophical thinking for academics and life in general.

Unit I Ethics

- 1) Nature of Ethics, Need for Ethics
- 2) Basic concepts in Ethics : Good, Right, Duty, Justice
- 3) Theoretical approaches : Consequentialism, Deontology
- 4) Theoretical approaches : Egoism, Hedonism

Unit II Indian Moral Philosophy

- 1) Concepts of Rta, Dharma, Preyas, Shreyas and Nishreyas
- 2) Theory of Purusharthas: Introduction
- 3) The concept of Dharma, Classification of Dharma
- 4) The Law of Karma, Classification of karma

Unit III Western Moral Philosophy

- 1) Deontological theory of Kant: Good will, Moral law
- 2) Categorical imperative and its formulations
- 3) Utilitarianism, Bentham's hedonistic calculus
- 4) J.S. Mill's version of utilitarianism

Unit IV Social Values

- 1) Concept of Freedom
- 2) Concepts of Equality and Justice
- 3) Types of Justice
- 4) Theories of Punishment

Reading material

- 1) Kedarnath Tiwari, *Classical Indian Ethical Thought*; Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1998,
- 2) H.H. Titus, *Ethics for Today*, Eurasia Publishing house Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 1966,
- 3) William Lillie; *An Introduction to Ethics*, Allied Publishers Limited, New Delhi (Indian Edition, 2001)