

S. Y. B. A
PHILOSOPHY (GENERAL)
Introduction to Applied Ethics (Alternative Course)

[Objectives : To acquaint students with the major issues and perspectives concerning Environmental ethics, Medical Ethics, Business ethics, Media ethics and Social ethics.]

The approximate duration of teaching of each credit : 12 lectures

Term I

Unit 1: Applied Ethics and Environmental Ethics

- A) Applied Ethics
 - 1.1: Nature and significance of Applied ethics

- B) Environmental Ethics
 - 1.2- Nature and scope of Environmental ethics
 - 1.3- Anthropocentrism, Biocentrism, Ecocentrism
 - 1.4- Land Ethics of Aldo Leopold
 - 1.5- Notion of Sustainable Development

Unit 2: Ethical issues concerning Animals

- 2.1- Debate about Animal rights
- 2.2- Vegetarianism
- 2.3- Experimentation of Animals

Unit 3: Medical Ethics

- 3.1- Nature of Medical ethics
- 3.2- Hippocratic Oath and its relevance
- 3.3- Doctor-Patient relationship, Paternalistic approach, Patients' rights
- 3.4- Principles of Medical Ethics: Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-maleficence and Justice

Unit 4: Ethical issues concerning right to life

- 4.1- Abortion
- 4.2- Euthanasia
- 4.3- Capital Punishment
- 4.4- Suicide

Term II

Unit 5: Ethical issues concerning friendship

- 5.1- Classical: Aristotle and Kant
- 5.2- Contemporary: Ringer, Kahlil Gibran
- 5.3- Some issues: Value of friendship, Friendship and Duty

Unit 6: Ethical issues concerning sexual morality and family

- 6.1- Prostitution, Homosexuality and Casual Sex: Conservative and Liberal views
- 6.2- Marriage and Family: Traditional view, Marxist and Feminist View

Unit 7: Corporate Ethics

- 7.1- Nature of Corporate ethics as a sub branch of Business ethics, Corporation as a moral agent
- 7.2- Corporate Social Responsibility: Narrow and Broad view
- 7.3- Ethical issues concerning Employers and Employees: Abusing one's own official position, Whistle Blowing

Unit 8: Media Ethics

- 8.1- Nature of Media ethics, Nature and role of media in Democracy
- 8.2- Ethical issues concerning media: Freedom, Objectivity, honesty and Privacy
- 8.3- Nature and role of Social Media as the fifth estate
- 8.4- Media and Sex; Media and Violence

Books for Study

1. P. Singer (Ed) – Applied Ethics – Oxford University Press, 1988.
2. P. Singer : Practical Ethics – Cambridge University Press, 1999.
3. Dr. S. K. Chahal : Environment and The Moral Life, Ashish Publication House, New Delhi, 1994.
4. S. Luper and C. Brown (Ed) : The Moral Life (2nd Ed) – Trinity University, Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1999.

G-2 (Alternative Course)

Philosophy of Indian Saints

[Objective : To acquaint the student with the metaphysical, Soteriological and social approaches of selected saints]

The approximate duration of teaching of each unit is 12 lectures

Part I

Unit I : Background

- 1) The conception of a saint.
- 2) Nature and role of *Bhakti* Movement in the medieval India.
- 3) Saints as Socio- cultural reformers.

Unit II Basaveśvara

- 1) Basaveśvara's views on *Bhakti* (the relation between devotee and God, the path of *Satsang*).
- 2) *Guru, Linga* and *Jangama*.
- 3) Approach to *Pravṛtti – Nivṛtti*.
- 4) Approach to social reforms (views on caste, equality of men and women, criticism of ritualism)

Unit III Kabir

- 1) Impact of Vaiśnavism and Sufism
- 2) Nature of Ultimate Reality (*Sāhab, Brahma, Rāma*)
- 3) *Nirguṇa Bhakti* and *Sahaja Yoga*.
- 4) Criticism of orthodoxy, ritualism and social customs of Hindus and Muslims, Equality of religions, Equality among human beings.

Unit IV Guru Nanak

- 1) The concepts of Supreme Being (*Niramkara, Omkara, Akāla*) and Divine Ordinance (*Hukum*)
- 2) The concepts of *Raja* and *Bhai* (Will and Fear); *Bhakti* and *Sahaja*.
- 3) Guru Nanak's attitude towards Hinduism and Islam.
- 4) Ethical and social aspects of his thought.

Part II:

Unit V Jñāneśvara

- 1) Impact of Shaivism, *Vedānta* and *Nāth* cult
- 2) Concept of God, significance of *Vishvatmaka Deva*.
- 3) *Chidvilāsavāda*
- 4) Concept of *Bhakti: Avyabhichāri Bhakti, Para Bhakti*

Unit VI Tukaram

- 1) Conception of God
- 2) Conception of true *Dharma* and Criticism of heresies (*Pākhanda*).
- 3) Concepts of *Bhakti* and *Mukti*
- 4) Criticism of social inequalities

Unit VII Bahenābai

- 1) Non-dualism and explanation of *Māyā*
- 2) The status and the conception of Vedic authority
- 3) Concept of a true *Brahman* as described in the light of Vajrasuci-Upaniṣad
- 4) *Jñāna, Bhakti, Karma* (b) 'Loyalty to one's husband' (*Pātivratya*) in conventional and spiritual sense

Unit VIII Ramadasa

- 1) Monotheism, Concepts of *Brahma* and *Māyā*.
- 2) Synthesis of *Prapanca* and *Paramārtha*.
- 3) Views on *Viveka* and *Śahāṇapaṇa*.
- 4) Socio-Political Thought (*Prayatnavāda, Dharma, Mahārāṣṭradharma, Rajakāraṇa, Varṇa* and Caste).

Book for Reading : (Relevant Sections only)

- 1) G.S.Talib : *Guru Nanak, His Personality and Vision*, Guru Das Kapur and Sons (P) Ltd., Chwori-Bazar, Delhi-6 (1969).
- 2) H. Thipperudraswami L, *Basaweshwar, Makers of Indian Literature Series Academy, New Delhi (1975)*.
- 3) Dr. Govind Trigunayat : *Kabir Ki Vichardhara* Sahayat Niketan, Shradhanand park, Kanpur.
- 4) R.C.Dhere (Ed.) : *Dnyanadeva Ani Dnyanadevi*, Shrividya Prakashan, Pune 30 (1990)
- 5) Dr. Ashok Kamat : *BhaktiBharati*, Shivparvati Pratishtan, Nasik.
- 6) R. D. Ranade: *Paramarthasopana*
- 7) Dr. S.G.Tulpule : *Pach Santakavi*, Suvichar Prakashan Mandal, Pune (1984).
- 8) G.B.Sardar : *Santavangmayachi Samajik Phalashruti*, Shreevidya Prakashan, Pune 30 (1982)
- 9) Javadekar, Shalinitai, (Ed.) *Bahenabaincha Gatha*, Continental Prakashan, Pune, 1979
- 10) Prabhakar Pujari : *Samarthyayogi Ramdas*, Continental Prakashan, Pune (1977)
- 11) V.R. Bokil – *Ramdas*.

Philosophy Special - II

Introduction to Indian Philosophy

[Objective: To acquaint students with the major philosophical tenets of Vedic tradition and the nine systems of classical Indian philosophy]

The approximate duration of teaching of each credit : 12 lectures

Unit 1 : Development of Indian philosophical thought

- 1.1 Historical development of Indian philosophical thought – Vedas, Brāhmaṇas, Āraṇyakas, Upaniṣadas
- 1.2 Classifications of Indian systems
- 1.3 General features of Indian philosophy

Unit II : Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika

- 2.1 Definition, nature and classification of *Padārthas*
- 2.2 Definition, nature and classification of *Pramāṇas*
- 2.3 *Anyathākhyāti*
- 2.4 Theory of causation – *Asatkāryavāda- Ārambhavāda*
- 2.5 Nature of God, proofs for existence of God

Unit III : Cārvaka

- 3.1 Lokāyata tradition, Theory of *pramāṇas*
- 3.2 *Bhuta-Caitnyavāda* and *Dehātmanvāda*
- 3.3 *Svabhāva vāda*
- 3.4 Theory of *Puruṣārtha*
- 3.5 Criticism of Vedas and Vedic ritualism

Unit IV Jainism

- 4.1 Founders of Jainism, Jaina sects
- 4.2 Knowledge and its kinds
- 4.3 *Anekāntavāda, Syādvāda*
- 4.4 Nature and kinds of *drvyas* (Jiva, Pudgal, Dharma, Adharma, Akāśa, Kāla)
- 4.5 *Aṇuvratas* and *Mahāvratas*
- 4.6 Theory of bondage and liberation

Unit V Buddhism

- 5.1 Founder of Buddhism, Hinayāna, Mahāyāna
- 5.2 Four noble truths
- 5.3 *Dvādasanidāna, Ārya Asangamārga*
- 5.4 *Avyākṛta prasna, Anityatā, Anātmatā*
- 5.5 *Pṛitīyasamutpāda*
- 5.6 *Nirvāṇa*

Unit VI Saṅkya-Yoga

- 6.1 Saṅkya – *Prakṛti-puruṣa*, their nature and interrelation, Trigunas
- 6.2 Creation and destruction of universe, *Satkaryavāda – parināmavāda*
- 6.3 Bondage and liberation
- 6.4 Yoga- relation between Saṅkya and Yoga, *Citta, cittavrtti, cittavrttinirodha, cittabhumi*
- 6.5 *Asatāṅgayoga, Kriyayoga*
- 6.6 Nature of *Īśvara*

Unit VII Purvamīmāṃsā

- 7.1 Purvamīmāṃsā – Social and philosophical role of Purvamīmāṃsā
- 7.2 *Apauruṣeyattva* of Vedas,
- 7.3 Interpretation of Vedas, *Vidhi-Arthavāda*
- 7.4 Theory of knowledge, six *pramāṇas*
- 7.5 *Akhyāti* and *Viparitakhyāti*

Unit VIII Vedānta

- 8.1 *Kevalavāita* of Sankara - Nature of *Brhmana, Jīva, Jagat*
- 8.2 *Adhyāsa, māyā*, Three levels of existence
- 8.3 *Nirguṇa-saguna Brahmana*
- 8.4 *Brahma-jñāna* and *Mokṣa*
- 8.5 *Dvaitādvaita* of Madva- *Bheda* and its kinds

Books for Study

1. Hiriyanna, M. : *Outline of Indian Philosophy* (Chapters on Upanisads and the Gita only)
2. Datta and Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, University of Calcutta, Calcutta 1950
3. Sharma C.D. : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 1998
4. Dixit, Shririvas : *Bharatiya Tattvajnana*, Phadke Prakashan, Kolhapur, 2002.

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- 1) Hiriyanna, M : *Outline of Indian Philosophy*, London, 1956
- 2) Joshi, G. N., *Bharatiya Tattvajnanaca Brhad Itihasa*, Shubhada Sarasvat Prakashan, Pune
- 3) Tulpule, G. V., *Bhagavadgita-Saksatkaradarsana*, Tulpule, Sangli, 1959
- 4) Laxman Shastri Joshi, *Spiritual Materialism in India*

Philosophy Special - II

Introduction to Western Philosophy

[Objective: To acquaint students with the philosophical positions of major western philosophers of ancient, medieval and modern period.]

The approximate duration of teaching of each credit; 12 lectures

Credit I

- 1.1 Thales (cosmologist). Democritus (Atomist)
- 1.2 Heraclitus: Doctrine of Flux. Parmenides: Doctrine of Being
- 1.3 Sophists: Relativism and Scepticism
- 1.4 Socrates: Need of Critical Enquiry. Virtue is Knowledge

Credit II

- 2.1 Plato's criticism of Sophism/ Plato's response to Sophism.
Distinction between Opinion and Knowledge
- 2.2 Theory of Forms
- 2.3 Knowledge as Recollection
- 2.4 Nature of Soul

Credit III

- 3.1 Aristotle's criticism of Plato's Theory of Forms
- 3.2 Notion of Substance. Form and Matter. Potentiality and Actuality
- 3.3 Problem of Change. Teleological view of Causation.
- 3.4 Nature of Soul

Credit IV

- 4.1 Synthesis of the Greek and Christian views and Faith and Reason
- 4.2 St. Augustine: Nature of God, World and Man
- 4.3 St. Aquinas: Nature of God ,World and Man
- 4.4 Proofs for the Existence of God

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Credit V

- 5.1 Rationalism: Basic Features
- 5.2 Descartes: Method of Doubt and Mathematical Method. Cogito.
Clear and Distinct Ideas. Dualism
- 5.3 Spinoza: Substance-Attributes, modes. Pantheism/Atheism
- 5.4 Leibniz: Monadology. God. Truths of reason and Truths of Facts

Credit VI

- 6.1 Empiricism: Basic Features
- 6.2 Locke: Primary and Secondary Qualities. Rejection of Innate Ideas. Representative Theory of Perception
- 6.3 Berkeley: Criticism of Representative Theory of Perception. Immaterialism.
- 6.4 Hume: Mitigated Scepticism. Matters of Facts-Relations of Ideas. Problem of Causation. Self.

Credit VII

- 7.1 Kant: Critical Philosophy-Response to Rationalism and Empiricism.
- 7.2 Analysis of Knowledge: Manifold of Sensedata-Categories of Understanding
- 7.3 Possibility of Synthetic a priori Knowledge
- 7.4 Space-Time. Noumena-Phenomena

Credit VIII

- 8.1 Hegel: Absolute Idealism
- 8.2 Concept of Dialectic

Prescribed Readings :

1. Roger Scruton : *A short History of Modern Philosophy*, Sortilege and Paul, London, Seal edition, 1995
2. Lavine T. Z.: *From Socrates to Sartre*, The Philosophic Quest, Bantam Books, N. Y., 1984
3. Copleston, S. J., *A History of Philosolphy*, Frederick Image Books Edition, 1962: (Volume 4, Volume5 Part2 Part1, Volum e6 Part 2, Volume 7 Part 1)
4. Thilly and Wood, *A History of Philosophy*, Central Book Depot, Allahabad, 1965.
5. Steven Nadier (Ed.) *A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy*, Blackwell Publishing, 2002.
6. W T Stace, *A Critical History Of Greek Philosophy*, Macmillan Martin's Press,1969.
7. W, K.C. Guthrie, *The Greek Philosophers From Thales To Aristotle*, Methuen and Co. LTD. London, 1967

Readings in Marathi:

1. G. N. Joshi : *Paschatya Tattvadnyanacha Itihas* , Continental Prakashan, Pune, Volume 2 and 3 (Relevant Sections)
2. G. V. Tulpule, *Greek Tattvajnyan (Thales te Socrates)* , Chitrakala Prakation, Pune, 1957.
3. G. V. Tulpule, *Plato*, Chitrakala Prakation. Pune.
4. G. V. Tulpule, *Aristotle*, Chitrakala Prakation Pune.

Prescribed References:

1. Edward Paul and Arthor Pap: *A Modern Introduction to Philosophy*, The Free Press, N. Y., 1973.
2. Relevant Sections from Paul Edwards (ed) *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
3. Anthony Flew *An Introduction to Western Philosophy* Thames and Hudson, 1971.
4. Anthony Kenny *The Oxford, History of Western Philosophy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.
5. Bryan Magee *The Great Philosophers: An Introduction to Western Philosophy*, Oxford University Press: Oxford (1988)
6. Gilson, Etienne, *History of Christian Philosophy*, London, 1980.

References in Marathi:

1. D.Y. Deshpande : *Prajnavada*, Nagpur
2. D.Y. Deshpande : *Anubhavavada*, Nagpur
3. D.Y. Deshpande : *Kant*, Nagpur
4. D.Y. Deshpande : *Arvachin Paschatya Tattvajnana*, Nagpur
5. D.Y. Deshpande : *Chintane* (Marathi Translation of Descarte's *Meditations*),
6. Maharashtra Rajya Sahitya ani Sanskriti Mandal, Mumbai, 1974
7. M.P.Rege : An essay on Kant's Philosophy (An appendix to *Saundaryamimansa* by R.B.Patankar)
8. M.P.Rege : Greek Philosophy Lekhmala (Navbharat)