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Contemporary Metaphysics
(PYM X011)

Credits: 04
M. Marks: 25+75=100

M.A. IVth Semester

UNIT- I

(i) The Nature of Metaphysics
(ii) Descriptive and Reversionary Metaphysics (Susan Haack)
(iii) Identity and Substitutivity (Richard Cartwright)

UNIT- II

(i) Possible Worlds and Possibles (William G. Lycon)
(ii) Possible World (David Lewis)
(iii) Way Worlds Could Be (Peter Forrest)

UNIT- III

(i) Universal and Properties (George Bearer)
(ii) A Theory of Structural Universe (John Bijelow & Robert Pargetter)
(iii) Bare Particulars (Ddwin Allcire)

Suggested readings:

1. Stephen Laurence (ed) : Contemporary Readings in the Foundation of Metaphysics
2. Michael Louxe : Metaphysics; A Contemporary Introduction
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Feminism
(PYM X012)

CREDITS: 04
M. MARKS: 25+75=100

MA IVTH SEMESTER

UNIT- I

(i) Idea of a Feminist Philosophy
(ii) Liberal Feminism
(iii) Radical Feminism

UNIT- II

(i) Ecofeminism
(ii) Postmodernism and Feminism
(iii) Psychoanalytic Feminist Theory

UNIT- III

(i) Feminist Ethics
(ii) Feminist Epistemology
(iii) Feminist Linguistic Theories

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Moira Gatens : Feminism and Philosophy
2. Jagger & Young : A Companion to Feminist Philosophy
3. Jackson & Jones : Contemporary Feminist Theories
4. Linda Kauffman : Gender and Theory
5. Vandana Shiva : Staying Alive
Philosophy of Religion
(PYM X015)

Credits: 04
M. Marks: 25+75=100

M.A. IVth Semester

UNIT- I

(i) Problem of Religious Knowledge
(ii) God: Personal and Absolute
(iii) Proofs for the Existence of God

UNIT- II

(i) Nature of Religious Language
(ii) Interpretation of Religious Text (Schleiermacher)
(iii) The Idea of Holy (Rudolph Otto)

UNIT- III

(i) Sociogenic origins of Religion (Durkheim)
(ii) Historical Critique (Marx)
(iii) Psychoanalysis and Religion (Freud)

Suggested readings:

1. Peter Anthony Bertocci: Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion
2. Weinberg and Yandell: Philosophy of Religion
3. Basil Mitchell: Philosophy of Religion
5. Albernethy & Langford: Philosophy of Religion
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Buddhism
(PYM X017)

CREDITS: 04
M. MARKS: 25+75=100

M.A. IVth Semester

UNIT- I

(i) Four Noble Truths
(ii) Theory of Dependent Origination (Pratitiya Samutpada)
(iii) Rebirth and Nirvana

UNIT- II

(i) Kshanikavada
(ii) Anatmavada
(iii) Shunyavada

UNIT- III

(i) Himayana and Mahayana
(ii) Vaibhasika and Sanrntika
(iii) Vijnanavada of Yogchara

Suggested readings:

1. Radhakrishnan : History of Indian Philosophy Vol. I
2. Dasgupta : History of Indian Philosophy Vol. I & II
3. H. J. Thomas : History of Buddhist Thought
4. A. K. Warden : Indian Buddhism
5. T. R. V. Murti : The Central Philosophy of Buddhism
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AESTHETICS  
(PYM X034)  

CREDITS: 04  
M. MARKS: 25+75=100

M.A. IVth Semester

UNIT - I

(i) Nature of Aesthetics  
(ii) Aesthetic Language  
(iii) Nature of Aesthetic Experience  
(iv) The Function of Art

UNIT - II

(i) Beauty: Subjectivism and Objectivism  
(ii) Beauty in Nature and in Art  
(iii) Truth, Beauty and Goodness  
(iv) Music: Language of Emotions: Susanne Langer

UNIT - III

(i) Expressionism: Croce, Tolstoy, Collingwood  
(ii) Structuralist and Post-Structuralist Aesthetics  
(iii) Comparative Aesthetics: Indian (Rasa); Islamic (Sufis-Poetry and Music (Sama’): Rumi, Ali Hujwiri); Western (Mystical Aesthetics: Plotinus).

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. P.C. Chatterji : Fundamental Questions in Aesthetics  
2. Morris Weitz : Problems in Aesthetics  
3. Oswald Hanfling : Philosophical Aesthetics: An Introduction  
4. Dabney Townsend : An Introduction to Aesthetics  
5. Harold Osborne : Aesthetics  
11. Herbert Read, : Aesthetics  
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MUSLIM POLITICAL THOUGHT
(PYM X016)

CREDITS: 04
M. MARKS: 25+75=100

M.A. IV SEMESTER

UNIT- I
(i) Theoretical Foundations of Islamic State
(ii) Theories of State: al-Farabi; Nasiruddin Tusi
(iii) Theories of State: al-Ghazali; Ibn Khaldun

UNIT- II
(i) Good Government: al-Mavardi
(ii) Justice, Equality and Social Justice in Islam
(iii) Rights and Duties in Islam

UNIT- III
(i) Islamic Practices: Ibn Taimiyah
(ii) Political Thought: Shah Waliullah
(iii) Concept of Sovereignty: Maududi

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. H.K. Sherwani : Early Muslim Political Thought and Administration
2. E.I.J. Roesenthal : Political Thought in Medieval Islam
3. Watt : Islamic Political Thought
4. S.A. Kamali : Types of Islamic Thought
5. G. Allana : Muslim Political Thought Through the Ages (1562-1947)
6. Hamid Enayat : Modern Islamic Political Thought
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Hermeneutics
(PYM X033)

Credits: 04
M. Marks: 25+75=100

M.A. IVth Semester

UNIT- I

(i) Schleiermacher: Theory of Interpretation of the Bible
(ii) Dilthey: Meaning and Explanation
(iii) Dilthey: Cultural products and the spirit of an age; The Hermeneutic Circle

UNIT- II

(i) Heidegger: Man as Dasein;
(ii) : Language as the house of being
(iii) Gadamer: Theory of fore-conceptions and prejudices;
                Consciousness as effective-historical

UNIT- III

(i) Hirsch: In Defence of Objectivity
(ii) Habermas: Communicative Rationality
(iii) Ricour: Hermeneutic of Suspicion;
                Disagreement of Interpretation

Suggested readings:
