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Department of Philosophy

Jnanabharathi Campus, Bangalore- 560 056

**Core Paper for UG course under NEP Programme offered to
I semester BA Course**

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT – 1. Vedic Religion, Development of Vedic religion from Polytheism to Monism, Upanishad – Nature of Atman, Brahman and Jagattu, Self Realization.

UNIT – 2. Bhagvad Gita: Niskama karma, Lokasamgraha , Liberation

UNIT – 3. Philosophy of Charvaka- Ethics- Epistemology

UNIT – 4. Jainism - The Concept of Substance – Jiva and Ajiva – Anekatavada.

Buddhism - Four Noble Truths –Eight fold Paths and Nirvana-
Pratitya Samutpada – Anatmavada and Kshanikavada.

Books for Reference:

1. M. Hiriyanna – Essentials of Indian Philosophy, George Allen and Unwin, London.
2. M. Hiriyanna – Outlines of Indian Philosophy, George Allen and Unwin, London.
3. S. Radhakrishnana- Indian Philosophy, Vol – I, George Allen and Unwin, London.

4. D.M.Datta and S C Cahatterjee – introduction to Indian philosophy,
University of Caluctta.
5. C.D. Sharma – A critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, Motilal
Benarasidas, Delhi.
6. Dr. K.B. Ramakrishna Rao – Bharatiya Tattvashashtrada Moolamsagalu.
7. Dr. Prabhushankara - Bharatiya Tattvashashtrada Roopurekhegalu,
Prasaranga, University of Mysore, Mysore.
8. Dr. Baladeva Upadhyaya – Bharatiya Darshanagalu.
9. Immadi Shivabasavaswamy - Sarvadarshana Samgraha.



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WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

UNIT – 1 - Socrates: Origin and method of knowledge, Virtue is Knowledge
(Socrates)

UNIT – 2- Plato: Theory of Knowledge – Doctrine of Ideas.

UNIT – 3- Aristotle: Theory of Form and Matter, Potentiality and Actuality,
Theory of Causation.

UNIT – 4 Descartes : Method of Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum, Mind body
Dualism

UNIT – 5 Spinoza: Intellectual love of God and Substance, Attribute

UNIT – 6 Leibnitz: Monadology, Truths of fact and Truths of Reason

Books for Reference:

1. Stace W.T. Critical History of Western Philosophy Macmillina, London
2. Frank Thily Revised by Ledger Wood – A History of Philosophy Central
Book Depot Allahabad
3. Wright W.K. – A History of Modern Philosophy, Macmillan, New York.
4. Mayer Fredick – A History of Modern Philosophy Eurasia Publishing
House Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
5. Strumph S.E. – Socrates to Sartre – A History of philosophy McGraw Hill
Book Company New York.



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**Open Elective Paper for UG course under NEP Programme
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Open Elective

Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda

Purpose of the Paper is to acquaint the student with the Life and personality of Swami Vivekananda, and also to acquaint the student with the optimistic, rationalistic, human and patriotic values inspiringly upheld by Swami Vivekananda.

- Unit – 1** Introduction – Two Important Movements prior to Swami Vivekananda – Brahma Samaj and Arya Samaj
- Unit – 2** Life of Swami Vivekananda and Ramakrishna's influence on him
- Unit – 3** Vedanta as Practical – Characteristics of Practical Vedanta – Nature of God, Man and the World
- Unit – 4** Sadhana and Moksha – A brief account of Four Yogas – Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Raja Yoga and Jnana Yoga–Swami Vivekananda's views of religion – his concept of an Universal Religion
- Unit – 5** Swami Vivekananda's social views – problem of caste system and untouchability – Vivekananda's views on the status of women and Education

Reference Books

1. The Life of Swami Vivekananda by His Eastern and Western Disciples
Vol.1, Advaita Ashrama, Kolkota, 2020
2. The Life of Swami Vivekananda by His Eastern and Western Disciples
Vol.2, Advaita Ashrama, Kolkota, 2018
3. The Complete works of Swami Vivekananda Vol.4, Advaita Ashrama,
Kolkota, 2012
4. The Complete works of Swami Vivekananda Vol.3 Advaita Ashrama,
Kolkota, 2012
5. The Complete works of Swami Vivekananda Vol.2 Advaita Ashrama,
Kolkota, 2012



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Unit-I. Vaisesika : Padarthas ; Dravya , Guna , Karma , Samanya , Visesa, Samavaya, Abhava .

Unit-II.Samkhya : Causation ; Satkaryavada ; Prakrti , its constituents , arguments for its existence. Evolution, Purusa, Arguments for its existence, plurality of Purusa .

Unit-III. Yoga: Concept of Citta and Citta – Vṛtti, stages of Cittabhumi, The role of God.

Unit-IV.Purva - Mimamsa : Sruti and its importance, Pramāṇyavāda, Theories of error:

Unit-V. Brahman, Ātman, three grades of sattā, Adhyāsa, māya, Jiva, nirvachniya-khyāti.

Reference Books:

1. M. Hiriyanna: Outlines of Indian Philosophy.
2. C. D. Sharma: A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy.
3. S.N.Das Gupta: A History of Indian Philosophy Vol – I to V
4. S.Radhakrishnan : Indian Philosophy Vol – I & II.
5. J.N.Mahanty : Reason and Tradition of Indian Thought
6. K.C. Bhattacharya: Studies in Philosophy Vol – 1.
7. Datta and Chatterjee : Introduction of Indian Philosophy.
8. R Puligandla: Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy.
9. T. M. P.Mahadevan: A Outline of Hinduism.
10. D.M.Dutta: Six Ways of Knowing.



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**Core Paper for UG course under NEP Programme offered to
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WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**

UNIT – 1 Locke : refutations of innate ideas, ideas and their classification, knowledge and its grades, substance, qualities; primary and secondary.

UNIT – 2 Berkley: rejection of abstract ideas ; rejection of the distinction between primary and secondary qualities, immaterialism , esse est percipi, the problem of solipcism, Concept of God

UNIT – 3 Hume: impression and ideas; causality; self and personal identity.

UNIT – 4 Kant : Critical Philosophy, Synthesis of Rationalism and Empiricism – Synthetic Apriori – Space and Time – Categories – Phenomenon and Neumann.

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1. Stace W.T. Critical History of Western Philosophy Macmillina, London
2. Frank Thily Revised by Ledger Wood – A History of Philosophy
Central Book Depot Allahabad
3. Wright W.K. – A History of Modern Philosophy, Macmillan, New York.
4. Mayer Fredick – A History of Modern Philosophy Eurasia Publishing
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OPEN ELECTIVE

ETHICS AND VALUES

The Purpose of this paper is to make the student aware of the ethical values to be cultivated both in private as well as public life. The purpose is also to acquaint the student with moral values upheld by great moral thinkers – both Indian as well as Western.

- Unit-1** Definition of Ethics – the concept of Dharma – nature and scope of Ethics
- Unit-2** Human Values at the level of Family and Society – Indian concept of Human Values – Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha
- Unit-3** Lesson from the lives of great Leaders, Philosophers and Reformers – Buddha, Socrates, Koutilya, Shankaracharya, Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela
- Unit-4** Ethics in Public Administration – Importance of ethical principles in Public Service – Some important ethical principles
- Unit-5** Conflict of Values – Ethical dilemmas in government and private Institutions – Some examples – Resolve in the dilemmas.

Reference Books

1. William S.Sahakian, History of Philosophy, Barnes and Noble, New York, 1968

2. M.K.Mohanty, Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude (Being Efficient and Being Good), Kitab Mahal, 22-A, Sarojini Naidu Marg, Allahabad, 2015
3. Bharatatattva (Course in Indology), The Ramakrishna Mission, Institute of Culture, Kolkota, 2006
4. Clifford Sawhney, The World's Greatest Seers and Philosophers, Pustak Mahal, Delhi, 2004