

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**VINOBA BHAVE UNIVERSITY, HAZARIBAG.**  
**SYLLABUS FOR Ph. D. ENTRANCE TEST**

**Unit –I: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

General acquaintance with different types of methods commonly used in Philosophical study and research:

1. Deductive and Inductive methods.
2. Analytical and Synthetic methods.
3. Historical and Comparative methods.
4. Dialectical method.
5. Pure and Applied Research in Philosophy.

**Unit –II: INDIAN ETHICS**

1. Dharma, Varnasharma and Ashramadharmas.
2. Law of Karma and Purushartha.
3. Rta and Rna.
4. Karmayoga, Svadharma and Loksangraha.
5. Brahmavihara, Panchashila and Triratna.

**Unit –III: WESTERN ETHICS**

1. Emotivism and Prescriptivism.
2. Ethical Cognitivism and Non-cognitivism.
3. Kantian Ethics.
4. Utilitarianism and its kinds.
5. Virtue Ethics: Cardinal Virtues, Eudaemonism.
6. Feminist Ethics.

**Unit –IV: INDIAN LOGIC**

1. Anumana Pramana: Nature and Kinds.

2. Anumana Pramana: Process and Constituents.
3. Inductive elements in Indian Logic: Vyapti & Vyaptigrahopays.
4. Hetvabhasa: Nature and Kinds.

Unit –V: **WESTERN LOGIC**

1. Truth and Validity.
2. Truth-functions and Propositional Logic.
3. Construction of various types of Truth-tables.
4. Proof-construction in Truth-functional Logic.
5. Arguments, Argument-form and Proving Validity.
6. Quantification and its Rules.

Unit –VI: **INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY**

1. Prama and Aprama.
2. Pramana: Nature, Pratyaksa, Anumana, Sabda &Upamana.
3. Pramanyavada: Swatahpramanyavada & Paratahpramanyavada.
4. Khyativada.

Unit –VII: **WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY**

1. Nature and Definition of Knowledge.
2. Belief, Knowledge and Scepticism.
3. Ways of Knowing: Rationalism, Empiricism and Criticism.
4. Theories of Truth: Correspondence, Coherence and Pragmatic.
5. Problem of Induction.

Unit –VIII: **INDIAN METAPHYSICS**

1. Prameya and Padartha.
2. Man, God and the world.
3. Dravya, Cit, Acit and Atman.
4. Theories of Universals (Samanya).

5. Theories of Causation (Karanta).
6. Space and Time (Dik and Kala).

Unit –IX:                   **WESTERN METAPHYSICS**

1. Appearance and Reality.
2. Being and Becoming.
3. Mind and Matter.
4. Substance and Properties.
5. Causation and Regularity.
6. Space and Time.
7. Universals and Personal Identity.

Unit –X:                   **INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE**

1. The problem of word-meaning.
2. Sphotavada.
3. Conditions for knowing sentence-meaning.
4. Bhartrhari's theory of Sabdabrahman.
5. Anviabhidhanavada and Abhihanavayavada.

Unit –XI:                   **MODERN INDIAN THOUGHT**

1. Swami Vivekananda: Practical Vedanta.
2. Sri Aurobindo: Evolution.
3. Rabindranath Tagore: Religion of Man.
4. S. Radhakrishnan: The Idealist View of Life.
5. M. K. Gandhi: Truth and Non-violence.
6. Vinoba Bhave: Sarvodaya.
7. B. R. Ambedkar: Neo-Buddhism.

Unit – XII:                   **ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY**

1. Moore: Defence of Common Sense.
2. Russell: Logical Atomism.
3. Ayer: Verification Theory of Meaning.
4. Wittgenstein: Picture Theory & Language-game.
5. Ryle: Category Mistake.
6. Austin: Speech Act.

Unit – XIII:               **PHENOMENOLOGY & EXISTENTIALISM**

1. Understanding the Human Condition.
2. Theory of Intentionality.
3. Life-world, situatedness and interpretation.
4. Existentialism: Theistic and Atheistic.
5. Essence and Existence.
6. Freedom and Choice.

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