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B. A. Honours degree in philosophy is a four year programme. There will be twenty three core courses and five area courses of a total value of 120-credit consisting of 3000 marks. All the courses are compulsory. Students are required to obtain at least D grade (40 to less than 45 marks) for an Honours degree. A final examination will be held at the end of every semester for each course. There will be two mid-term examinations and an oral examination in every semester.

**Marks distribution for each four credit (one unit) course**

1. Two mid-term examinations of 15 marks each: 15+15 = 30 marks
2. Class attendance and participation : 10 marks
3. Semester final examination of 3 hour duration : 4 x 15= 60 marks

Total marks	: 100
Total classes	: 60
Total hours	: 60
Total credit hours	: 4

**Marks distribution for each one credit ( $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>th</sup> unit) course**

Class attendance and participation	5
Viva-voce	20
Total marks	25

**First Year B. A. Honours**  
(Examinations of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

<b>1st semester</b>		
Course No.	Course title	Marks
101	Introduction to Philosophy	100
102	History of Western Philosophy (Ancient and Medieval)	100
103	English Language	100
	One partial unit (oral) 5+20	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>325</b>

<b>2nd semester</b>		
104	General Logic	100
105	Introduction to Ethics	100
106	Psychology	100
	One partial unit (oral) 5+20	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>325</b>

**Second Year B. A. Honours**  
(Examinations of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

<b>3rd semester</b>		
201	History of Western Philosophy (Modern)	100
202	Political Philosophy (Ancient to Modern)	100
203	Economics	100
	One partial unit (oral) 5+20	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>325</b>

**4th semester**

204	Symbolic Logic	100
205	Ancient Philosophical Classics: Plato and Aristotle	100
206	Anthropology and Sociology	100
	One partial unit (oral) 5+20	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>

**Third Year B. A. Honours**

(Examinations of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

**5th semester**

301	Muslim Philosophy	100
302	Indian Philosophy	100
303	Social Philosophers	100
304	Moral theories of Kant, Mill and Rawls	100
	One partial unit (oral) 5+20	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>425</b>

**6th semester**

305	Modern Philosophical Classics: Hume and Kant	100
306	Philosophy of the Bangalee (Ancient to Modern)	100
307	Philosophy of Mind	100
308	Philosophy of Education	100
	One partial unit (oral) 5+20	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>425</b>

**Fourth Year B. A. Honours**

(Examinations of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

**7th semester**

401	Contemporary Western Philosophy	100
402	Philosophy of Religion	100
403	Philosophy of Science	100
404	Applied Philosophy	100
	One partial unit (oral) 5+20	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>425</b>

**8th semester**

405	Theory of Knowledge	100
406	Research Methodology	100
407	Environmental Philosophy	100
408	Aesthetics	100
	One partial unit (oral) 5+20	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>425</b>

Year	1st Semester	Credit	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	Credit	Total marks	Total Credit
1 <sup>st</sup>	300+25	12+1	300+25	12+1	650	26
2 <sup>nd</sup>	300+25	12+1	300+25	12+1	650	26
3 <sup>rd</sup>	400+25	16+1	400+25	16+1	850	34
4 <sup>th</sup>	400+25	16+1	400+25	16+1	850	34
	<b>Total</b>				<b>3000</b>	<b>120</b>

## **COURSE OUTLINE FOR FIRST YEAR B. A. HONOURS**

**1st year  
1st semester**

### **Course No. 101**

### **Introduction to Philosophy**

#### **Course Description**

This course explores the basic concepts, and main issues and problems of philosophy. It is divided into two parts. First part deals with methodology, epistemology, theories of truth and theories of origin and nature of the earth. Second part is concerned with cosmology, ontology (metaphysics), philosophical anthropology, axiology and philosophy of religion. This course is designed to help the students to understand critical as well as comprehensive outlook of life and the universe.

#### **Course content**

##### **Group A**

##### **Meaning and Nature**

Origin, nature and scope of philosophy  
Objective and functions of philosophy; utility of philosophy  
Methods of Philosophy: authoritarianism, dialectic, dogmatism, criticism and analysis.  
Philosophy and other pursuits: science, religion and common-sense.

##### **Epistemology**

Sources of knowledge: rationalism, empiricism, critical theory of Kant, intuitionism.

The nature and object of knowledge: idealism and realism.

The problem of the possibility of knowledge: scepticism and reactions to scepticism. Agnosticism and phenomenalism.

##### **Theories of truth**

Correspondence, coherence and pragmatic theories.

##### **Origin and Nature of the earth**

Creation and Evaluation

Theories of evolution: mechanical, teleological, creative and emergent.

##### **Group B**

##### **Cosmology**

Concepts of matter, space and time

The nature of life: mechanism, vitalism and the concept of emergence.

##### **Ontology**

Theories of reality: idealism and materialism; monism, dualism and pluralism.

##### **Philosophical Anthropology**

Mind-body problem

Freedom of will

Immortality of the soul

##### **Axiology**

The problem of value: types of value, subjectivity and objectivity of value.

##### **Philosophy of Religion**

The idea of God: Religious and philosophical, God and the world, Arguments for and against God's existence; Problem of evil.

##### **Books Recommended**

Bunnin, Nicholas and E.P. Tsui-James (Ed.) *The Blackwell Companion to Philosophy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Oxford: Blackwell, 2003.

- Edwards, P. and A. Pap (Eds.) *A Modern Introduction to Philosophy*, New York: Free Press of Galence, 1963.
- Hawking, Stephen, *A Brief History of Time*, London: Bentam Books, 1995.
- Hirst, R. J. (Ed.), *Philosophy*, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1970.
- Honer, H.M. and T.C. Hunt, *Invitation of Philosophy*, California: Wadsworth, 1982.
- Hospers, J., *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, New Delhi: Allied Publishers, 1975.
- Kirilenko, Galina and Lydia Korshunova. *What Is Philosophy*, Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1985.
- Joad, C.E.M., *Introduction to Modern Philosophy*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1953.
- Matin, A., *An Outline of Philosophy*, Dhaka: Adhuna Publishers, 2006.
- Morton, Adam, *Philosophy in Practice*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. USA: Blackwell Publishing, 2004.
- Patrick, G.T.W., *Introduction to Philosophy*, New York: George Allen and Unwin, 1968.
- Pritchard, D. (Ed.) *What is this thing called Philosophy?* London: Routledge, 2016.
- Saunders, Clare et al. *Doing Philosophy: a Practical Guide for Students*, London: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2007
- Taylor, A.E., *Elements of Metaphysics*, London: University Paperbacks, 1961.
- Titus, H.H., *Living Issues in Philosophy*, New Delhi: Eurasia Publishing House, 1968.
- Warburton, N., *Philosophy: The Basics*, London: Routledge, 1999.

Westphal, Jonathan. *Philosophical Propositions: An Introduction to Philosophy*, London and New York: Routledge, 1998.

ইসলাম, আমিনুল, *জগৎ জীবন দর্শন*, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০১১।

\_\_\_\_\_, *দর্শন ভাবনা, সমস্যা ও সম্ভাবনা*, ঢাকা: অ্যাডর্ন পাবলিকেশন, ২০০৯।

খান, গালিব আহসান, *দর্শনের প্রয়োজনীয়তা*, ঢাকা: প্যাপিরাস, ২০০৪।

দেব, গোবিন্দচন্দ্র, *তত্ত্ববিদ্যা সার*, ঢাকা: কেন্দ্রীয় বাংলা উন্নয়ন বোর্ড, ১৯৬৬।

বারী, মুহম্মদ আবদুল, *দর্শনের কথা*, ঢাকা: হাসান বুক হাউস, ১৯৮৮।

মতীন, আবদুল ও প্রদীপ রায় (অনুদিত), *দর্শনের রূপরেখা*, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১৫।

রহমান, এম. মতিউর ও আবদুল হাই ঢালী, *দর্শনের মূলনীতি*, ৫ম সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১৫।

## Course No. 102

### History of Western Philosophy (Ancient and Medieval)

#### Course Description

This course is intended to introduce the students to Ancient and Medieval philosophy and its historical development through a close study of the thoughts of the “pre-Socratic” philosophers, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle and the philosophers of medieval period.

#### Course content

A brief introduction to Greek philosophy – Milesian philosophy, Pythagorean philosophy, Philosophy of change and permanence, pluralistic philosophy and Anaxagoras, philosophies of the Sophists, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle and Neo-Platonists.

A brief introduction to medieval philosophy, Scholasticism, philosophies of St. Augustine, St. Anselm, St. Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, William of Ockham and Ibn Rushd.

### Books Recommended

Allan, D.J., *The Philosophy of Aristotle*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1970.

Aristotle, *Metaphysics*, Eng. tr. W.D. Ross, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1970, বাংলা অনুবাদ, আবদুল জলিল মিয়া, *এরিস্টটলের অধিবিদ্যা*, ঢাকা : বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৮।

Armstrong, A.H., *An Introduction to Ancient Philosophy*, London: Clarendon Press, 1959.

Burnet, J., *Early Greek Philosophy*, London: Adam and Charles Blach, 1963.

Burnet, J., *Greek Philosophy: Thales to Plato*, London: Macmillan, 1960.

Cornford, F.M., *Before and After Socrates*, Cambridge: The University Press, 1965.

Copleston, F., *A History of Philosophy*, Vol. 1, New York: Image Books, 1962.

Furley, David. (Ed.), *From Aristotle to Augustine: Routledge History of Philosophy*, (V. 2), London and New York: Routledge, 2003.

Gottlieb, Anthony. *The Dream of Reason: A History of Philosophy from the Greeks to the Renaissance*, New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2002.

Guthrie, W.K.C., *A History of Greek Philosophy*, Cambridge: The University Press, 1969.

Marenbon, John. (Ed.), *Medieval Philosophy: Routledge History of Philosophy*, (V. 3), London and New York: Routledge, 2003.

Mckeeon, R., *Introduction to Aristotle*, New York: Modern Library, 1947.

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Sharif, M.M., *A History of Muslim Philosophy*, Vol. 1, Delhi: Adam Publishers & Distrifutors, 2001.

Shields, Christopher (Ed.), *The Blackwell Guide to Ancient Philosophy*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2003.

Stace, W.T., *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, London: Macmillan, 1962.

Stumpf, S.E., *Socrates to Sartre: A History of Philosophy*, New York: McGraw-Hill Book, 1975.

Taylor, A.E. (Ed.), *Aristotle*, London: Prentice Hall, 1963.

Taylor, C.C.W. (Ed.), *From the Beginning to Plato: Routledge History of Philosophy*, (V. 1), London and New York: Routledge, 2003.

Thilly, F.A., *A History of Philosophy*, Allahabad: Central Book Depot, 1973.

Zeller, E., *Outlines of the History of Greek Philosophy*, New York: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1963.

ইসলাম, আমিনুল, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: থেলিস থেকে হিউম*, ১ম খণ্ড, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।

ইসলাম, আমিনুল, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন: প্রাচীন ও মধ্যযুগ*, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০১৪।

ফারুক, গোলাম, *পে-টো: দর্শন ও রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা*, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০০২।

রায়, তারকচন্দ্র, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: প্রাচীন ও মধ্যযুগ*, প্রথম খণ্ড, গ্রীক দর্শন ও মধ্যযুগের দর্শন, কলিকাতা: কলিকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ১৩৬২।

হালিম, আবদুল, *গ্রীক দর্শন: প্রজ্ঞা ও প্রসার*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৭৫।

হালিম, আবদুল, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: মধ্যযুগ*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ২০১০।

### Course No. 103: English Language

#### Course Description

This course is mainly aimed at making students able to acquire basic knowledge of how to construct sentences, write paragraphs, essays and other kinds of writing and engage them in reading and writing communication. Students are expected to read at least two essays, selected by the Academic Committee of the Department, and then to employ their reading experience in their writing so that they can interconnect the two skills and add to their analytical and thinking ability.

#### Course content

I. Grammar: Tenses, articles, prepositions, subject-verb agreement, clauses, conditionals. Transformation of Sentences: Active-passive; reported speech, sentence variation.

II. Vocabulary building: Correct and precise diction; affixes, prefixes and suffixes; idiomatic expressions; level of appropriateness; colloquial and informal; standard and formal.

III. Working with sentences and paragraphs: Sentence variety; generating sentences. Sentence clarity and correctness. Linking sentences to form paragraphs. Paragraph structure: Topic sentence, developing paragraphs with specific details and examples, terminator; paragraph unity and coherence.

IV. Shifting ideas from paragraph to essay: Essay development by examples, comparison and contrast, definition and classification.

V. Reading Strategies and Speed reading: Skimming, scanning, predicting, internecline, analyzing and interpreting variety of text, précis writing.

*Anthology of Prose:* Students are required to read essays selected by the Academic Committee of the Department and then use their reading experiences in their own writing so that they can interlink the two skills.

1. English prose (Topics will be changed every year)
  - a. Bertrand Russell, *The Rise of Greek Civilization*
  - b. Bertrand Russell, *The Italian Renaissance*
  - c. Bertrand Russell, *The Romantic Movement*
  - d. Immanuel Kant, *What is Enlightenment?*
  - e. Jean Jacques Rousseau, *The Object of Education*
  - f. Mary Wollstonecraft, *The Rights and Involved Duties of Mankind Considered*
  - g. John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty: Introductory*
  - h. Leo Tolstoy: *Three Questions*
  - i. Rabindranath Tagore, *The Religion of Man- Man's Universe*
  - j. Rabindranath Tagore, *The Relation of Individual to the Universe*
  - k. Rabindranath Tagore, *East and West*
  - l. Govinda Chandar Dev, *Basic Human Values*
  - m. Govinda Chandar Dev, *New Morality*
  - n. Abdul Matin, *Successful Living End and Means*
  - o. G.R. Kirby & J.R. Goodpaster, *Creative Thinking*

VI. Listening and Note-taking: Listening to recorded texts and class lectures and learning to take useful notes based on the listening.

VII. Oral Presentation/ Oral Speaking: Brainstorming, discussing and reporting, extempore speech, interviews, role plays/ simulations.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

### Course No. 104 General Logic

#### 1. Course Description

This course is designed as an introductory survey of *general logic* that covers not only *deduction* and *induction* but also *logic and language* containing some topics in informal logic. The course is based on I. M. Copi's classic text *Introduction to Logic* and divided into two parts – Part One: Deduction and Part Two: Induction – each carrying half of the total marks.

#### Group A: Deduction

**Text:** I. M. Copi, *Introduction to Logic*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, New York: Macmillan, 1970 (chapters: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7).

Students will be required to have a thorough knowledge of the problems dealt within the prescribed text.

The nature and subject-matter of logic

Argument: premise and conclusion

Sentence, proposition and terms

Truth and validity

Language: its nature and functions; different uses of language.

Informal fallacies

Definition: purposes and types of definition; techniques for defining.

Kinds of meaning: intension and extension.

Propositions: simple and compound.

The square of opposition

Existential import

Syllogism: rules of categorical syllogism; classification of syllogism; Venn diagrams.

Dilemmas

#### Group B: Induction

**Text:** I. M. Copi, *Introduction to Logic*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, New York: Macmillan, 1970 (chapters: 11, 12, 13, 14)

Students will be required to have a thorough knowledge of the problems dealt within the prescribed text.

The nature of inductive argument: induction as compared with deduction.

Argument by analogy; appraisal of analogical arguments

Cause, causal law, and the plurality of causes

Mill's methods of experimental inquiry

Criticism and vindication of Mill's methods

The nature and value of scientific inquiry

Science and hypothesis; Value of science

Explanation: scientific and unscientific, nature and evaluation.

Crucial experiments and ad hoc hypotheses; classification as hypothesis

Conceptions of probability

The probability calculus

Expectation or expected value

#### Books Recommended

Cohen, M.R. and E. Nagel, *An Introduction to Logic and Scientific Method*, New Delhi: Allied Publishers, 1990.

Copi, I.M. and K.B. Jackson, *Informal Logic*, 2nd ed., New York: Macmillan, 1992.



Joseph, H.W.B., *An Introduction to Logic*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1967.

Stebbing, L.S., *A Modern Introduction to Logic*, London: Methuen, 1963.

রহমান, এম. মতিউর, *প্রচলিত পাশ্চাত্য যুক্তিবিদ্যা*, ৫ম সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: নভেল পাবলিশিং হাউস, ২০১০।

\_\_\_\_\_, *সাবেকী ও প্রতীকী যুক্তিবিদ্যা*, ৪র্থ সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: পুঁথিঘর, ২০০৮।

হোসাইন, সৈয়দ কমরুদ্দিন, *যুক্তিবিদ্যা পরিচয়*, ২য় সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: প্রভাতী লাইব্রেরী, ২০০১।

### Course No. 105

#### Introduction to Ethics

#### Course Description

This course will introduce the students with moral issues of everyday life—issues of right and wrong and good and evil that have puzzled and provoked thinkers for hundreds of years. It will deal with some important ethical theories including: the duty ethics of Kant, the utilitarianism of Bentham and Mill; ethical relativism and the virtue ethics of Plato and Aristotle. It will address the issue—whether there are objective truths about how we ought to live, or ethics is ultimately a matter of subjective opinions and desires.

The course is divided into two parts. Part A deals with ethical issues and Part B with different ethical theories.

#### Part A: Ethical Issues

- Normative ethics; Metaethics; Practical ethics; Environmental ethics; Utility of ethics
- Ethics, religion, psychology and sociology
- Postulates of morality
- Moral judgment – its nature, subject and object
- Theories of relationship between individual and society
- Theories of punishment, Islamic concept of punishment

- Moral progress, Islamic ethics: enjoining good and forbidding bad

#### Part B: Ethical Theories

- Greek virtue ethics: Aristotle's theory of virtue
- Moral relativism
- Moral Intuitionism
- Hedonism and utilitarianism
- Kant's Deontological theory
- Perfectionism

#### Books Recommended

Al-Ghazali, *Ihya Ulum al Din*, Vol. 2, tr. Fazl-ul-Karim, Karachi: Darul Ishaat, 1993.

Ashby, Warren. *A Comprehensive History of Western Ethics: What Do We Believe?* New York: Prometheus Books, 1997.

Benson, J., *Environmental Ethics: An Introduction with Readings*, London: Routledge, 2000.

Doi, Abdur Rahman I., *Shari'ah : The Islamic Law*, London, 1984.

Frankena, W.K., *Ethics*, New Delhi: Prentice-Hall, 1995.

Honer, S.M. et. al. (Eds.), *Invitation to Philosophy*, California: Wadsworth, 1982.

Jardins, J.R.D., *Environmental Ethics: An Introduction to Environmental Philosophy*, Belmont: Wadsworth, 2001.

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- Taylor, P.W., *Principles of Ethics: An Introduction*, California: Wadsworth, 1975.
- Warburton, N., *Philosophy: the Basics*, London: Routledge, 2003.
- Wellmar, C., *Morals and Ethics*, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1988.
- ইসলাম, আমিনুল, *জগৎ জীবন দর্শন*, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০১১।
- খানম, রাশিদা আখতার, *নীতিবিদ্যা: তত্ত্ব ও বিশ্লেষণ*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় গ্রন্থ প্রকাশন, ২০০২।
- খালেক, এ.এস.এম. আবদুল, *প্রায়োগিক নীতিবিদ্যা*, ঢাকা: অনন্যা, ২০০৩।
- চালী, আবদুল হাই, *নীতিবিদ্যা: আদর্শনিষ্ঠ ও পরানীতিবিদ্যা*, ঢাকা: পুঁথিঘর, ১৯৯৪।
- বারী, মুহম্মদ আবদুল, *নীতিবিদ্যা*, ঢাকা: প্রজ্ঞালোক, ১৯৯৫।

## Course No. 106

### Psychology

#### Course Description

This course is designed to provide the students with necessary knowledge and understanding of the nature and scope of psychology as a biological science. It deals with the methods, sub-field of psychology, psychological basis of behavior and the central nervous system, and investigates the nature of motivation, emotion, conflict and adjustment, mental health and re-adjustment techniques, attention, perception, learning, remembering and forgetting, intelligence and testing personality.

- Origin of psychology; Nature of psychology as a science; Methods of psychology; Scope of psychology; Sub-field of psychology; Psychological basis of behaviour
- The nervous system; Motivation; Emotion; Conflict and adjustment
- Mental health and re-adjustment techniques
- Attention; Perception; Learning; Remembering and forgetting. Intelligence; Testing personality.

#### Books Recommended

- Andrews, T.G. (Ed.), *Methods of Psychology*, New York: Wiley, 1948.
- Bartlett, F.C., *Remembering: A Study in Experimental and Social Psychology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
- Boring, E.G., *Sensation and Perception in the History of Experimental Psychology*, New York: Appleton-Century Crofts, 1989.
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আলী, মোহাম্মদ রওশন, *আধুনিক মনোবিজ্ঞান*, ঢাকা: মল্লিক ব্রাদার্স, ১৯৯২।  
সরকার, নীহার রঞ্জন, *মনোবিজ্ঞান ও জীবন*, ৮ম সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: জ্ঞানকোষ প্রকাশনী,  
১৯৯১।

## COURSE OUTLINE FOR SECOND YEAR B. A. HONOURS

### 2nd year 3rd semester

Course No. 201

### History of Western Philosophy (Modern)

#### Course Description

This course covers the major figures of the history of Western thought in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. It will make a brief review of the developments in the Renaissance, the Reformation, and the Scientific Revolution which set the stage for the appearance of the modern world view, The course will focus on the chronological development of the philosophies of Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Kant, Fichte, Schelling and Hegel. Particular attention will be given in metaphysics, epistemology and philosophy of mind.

Renaissance and the Age of Reason

Continental Rationalism: Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz;  
British Empiricism: Locke, Berkeley and Hume.

Philosophy of Immanuel Kant

Post-Kantian philosophy: Fichte, Schelling and Hegel.

#### Books Recommended

Basson, A.H., *David Hume*, London: Pelican Philosophy Series, 1958.

Brown, Stuart. (Ed.), *British Philosophy and the Age of Enlightenment: Routledge History of Philosophy*, (V. 5), London and New York, Routledge, 1996.

Chappell, V.C. (Ed.), *Hume*, New York: Doubleday, 1966.

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Kemp J., *The Philosophy of Kant*, London: Macmillan, 1968.

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Smith, Norman Kemp, *The Philosophy of David Hume*, London: Macmillan, 1966.

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Strawson P.F., *Scepticism and Naturalism: Some Varieties*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1985.

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ইসলাম, আমিনুল, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: খেলিস থেকে হিউম*, ১ম খণ্ড, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।

\_\_\_\_\_, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: রুশো থেকে সমকাল*, ২য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।

\_\_\_\_\_, *আধুনিক পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন*, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ৮ম মুদ্রণ, ২০০৭।

উল্লাহ, আহসান, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস, আধুনিক যুগ*, ঢাকা: বিদিত, ২০০৩।  
 দাস, রমাশ্রীসাদ, *হিউমের ইন্ক্যারি: একটি উপস্থাপনা*, কলিকাতা: পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য  
 পুস্তক পর্ষদ, ১৯৯১।  
 দাস, রাসবিহারী, *কান্টের দর্শন*, কলিকাতা: পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, ১৩৮৭।  
 রায়, তারকচন্দ্র, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: নব্য দর্শন*, দ্বিতীয় খণ্ড, কলিকাতা:  
 কলিকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ১৯৬২।  
 হোসাইন, সৈয়দ কমরুদ্দীন, *কান্টের দর্শন*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৬।

## Course No. 202

### Political Philosophy (Ancient to Modern)

#### Course Description

This course deals with the thoughts of the major political philosophers from Plato to Hegel. The students are expected to have a thorough knowledge about the nature of politics and the state formulated in classical works of ancient, medieval and modern political philosophers. The course explores the basic concepts of political philosophy such as, rights, freedom, sovereignty, power, constitution and rule of law with special reference to the political philosophy of Bangladesh. It will also focus on the eastern political thoughts such as the thoughts of Kautilya, Manu, Al-Farabi and al-Ghazali.

#### Selected Readings

A. J. Skoble, & T. R. Machan, (Ed.), *Political Philosophy: Essential Selections*, Delhi: Pearson Education, & Dorling Kindersley Publishing, 2007.

#### Course Content

Plato: Nature of the State, the Statesman and Law  
 Aristotle: Origin and Nature of the State, Rule of Law, Theory of Slavery, Theory of Revolution  
 Saint Augustine: Political Philosophy, City of God  
 St. Thomas Aquinas: Political Philosophy, Theory of Law.

Machiavelli: Machiavellism, Religion and Morality, Modern and Secular Political Thought, Nationalism.  
 Hobbes: State of Nature and Human Nature, Theory of Social Contract, Theory of Sovereignty  
 Locke: State of Nature, Theory of Property, Theory of Social Contract and Government by Consent, Theory of Sovereignty  
 Rousseau: State of Nature and Human Nature, Theory of Social Contract, Idea of General Will, Theory of Sovereignty  
 Hegel: Theory of the State, Nationalism, Idea of Freedom, Civil Society

#### Books Recommended

Al Farabi, Abu Nasr, *On the Perfect State (Al Madinat al Fadhilah)*, Eng. trans. Richard Walzer, Kazi publications, Revised ed., 1989. <https://www.amazon.com>  
 Al Ghazali, Abu Hamid, *Counsel for Kings (Nasihat al Muluk)*, Eng. trans., Bagley, F.R.C., London: Oxford University Press, 1964  
 Barker, E., *Greek Political Theory*, London: Methuen, 1967.  
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 \_\_\_\_\_, *Principles of Social and Political Theory*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1951.  
 Bird, Colin. *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.  
 Figgis, J.N., *The Political Aspects of Saint Augustine's City of God*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1921.  
 Goldsmith, M.M., *Hobbes' Science of Politics*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1966.  
 Harmon, M.J., *Political Thought from Plato to the Present*, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1964.  
 Knowles, Dudley. *Political Philosophy*, London: Routledge, 2001

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- Macfarlane, L.J., *Modern Political Theory*, Great Britain: Nelson, 1972.
- Parel, A.J., & R. C., Keith (Ed.), *Comparative Political Philosophy*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1992.
- Raphael, D.D., *Problems of Political Philosophy*, London: Macmillan, 1976.
- Rawls, John, *Lectures on the History of Political Philosophy*; edited by Samuel Freeman, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008
- Russell, B., *History of Western Philosophy*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1946. অনুবাদ, প্রদীপ রায়, পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০০৩।
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- Wright, E.H., *The Meaning of Rousseau*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1929.
- গুলিয়েভ, ভ. ইয়ে, ও অন্যান্য, রাজনৈতিক মতবাদের ইতিহাস, মূল রুশ থেকে অনুবাদ, ননী ভৌমিক, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০০৯।
- চক্রবর্তী, দেবশিস, *রাষ্ট্রচিন্তার ধারা*, কলকাতা: সেন্ট্রাল বুক পাবলিশার্স, ১৯৯৯।
- দাশ, প্রাণগোবিন্দ, *রাষ্ট্রচিন্তার ইতিবৃত্ত*, কলকাতা: নিউ সেন্ট্রাল বুক এজেন্সি, ২০০০।

## Course No. 203

### Economics

#### Course Description

This course consists of two sections of which the first one is an introduction to the basic concepts and principles while the second is an introduction to the economy of Bangladesh. The course is designed to provide the students with basic

knowledge of economics, theory of consumer behavior and demand, theory of cost and supply, the present economic condition of Bangladesh.

#### Group A: Economic Theory

**Basic Concepts:** Scarcity & Choice; Mankiw's Ten principles of Economics; the Circular Flow Model of an Economy; the Production Possibilities Model; Comparative Advantage and International Trade; Role of Markets and Government in a Modern Economy

**The Supply and Demand Model:** Supply, Demand, Equilibrium, and Elasticity

**Theory of Consumer Behavior and Demand:** Consumer Equilibrium under Marginal Utility Analysis and Indifference Curve Analysis; Derivation of Individual Demand Curve and Market Demand Curve; Consumer's Surplus

**Theory of Firm, Production, Cost, and Supply:** Production Function; Law of Diminishing Returns vs. Returns to Scale; Production with a Single Variable Input – Total, Marginal and Average Products; Least-Cost Factor Combination – Equilibrium position of Tangency of the Isoquant and the Isocost line; From Production to Cost – Derivation of TC Curve from Expansion Path, Derivation of other Cost Curves from TC Curve, Opportunity Costs containing Explicit and Implicit Costs, Social Costs containing Private and External Costs

**Market Structures, Pricing, and Output:** Perfect Competition, Monopoly, Oligopoly, and Monopolistic Competition; Profit Maximization Hypothesis, Optimal Output Decision, Shutdown Point and Break-even Point, Necessary and Sufficient Condition for Optimization, Derivation of a

Competitive Firm's Supply Curve; Efficiency of Competitive Equilibrium – Producer's Surplus

**Additional Topics:** Factor Pricing and Income Distribution; Uncertainty and Information; Strategic Behavior; National Income – Its Measurement and Uses; Money, Banking, and Taxation

### **Group B: The Economy of Bangladesh**

**Economic Resources:** Natural Resources – Bangladesh as a Developing Country – Obstacles and Preconditions for Economic Development – Sustainable Development for Bangladesh

**Population:** its Growth, Structure and Distribution – Population Problem and Family Planning

**Industry:** The fourth industrial revolution; Problem of Development Planning and Development Plans in Bangladesh; Role of Foreign Aid and International Co-operation

Fiscal Policy and Budget

Free Market Economy and Globalization

### **Books Recommended**

Awh, Robert Y., *Microeconomics: Theory and Applications*, NY: John Wiley & Sons, 1976.

Begg, D., S. Fischer and R. Dornbusch, *Economics*, 9th ed., New York: McGraw-Hill, 2008.

Bilas, Richard, *Microeconomic Theory*, 2nd ed, NY: McGraw-Hill, 1971.

Ferguson, C.E., *Micro-Economic Theory*, New Delhi: All India Traveller Book Seller, 1983.

Khan, A.R., *The Economy of Bangladesh*, London: Macmillan, 1972.

Lipsey, R.G., *An Introduction to Positive Economics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., London: ELBS, 1971.

Mankiw, N, Gregory. *Economics: Principles and Applications*, New Delhi: Cengage Learning, 2007

Nicholson, W. and C. Snyder, *Intermediate Microeconomics & Its Application*, 11th ed., New York: Dryden, 2010.

Roll, Eric, *History of Economic Thought*, London: Faber and Faber, 1961.

Salvatore, D., *Theory and Problems of Microeconomic Theory*, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1983.

Samuelson, P.A., & W.D. Nordhaus, *Economics*, 19<sup>th</sup> ed., New York: McGraw-Hill, 2010.

Stanlake, G.F., *Introductory Economics*, 5th ed., Singapore: Longman, 1996.

Stonier, A.W. and D.C. Hague, *A Textbook of Economic Theory*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., London: Longman, 1973.

U.N. *Measures of the Economic Development of Underdeveloped Countries*

Varian, Hal, *Intermediate Microeconomics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., New York: Norton, 1993.

চক্রবর্তী, মনতোষ, ও দিপালী চক্রবর্তী, *ব্যাপ্তিক অর্থনীতি*, ১ম অংশ. কলিকাতা: ইকনমি পাবলিশার্স, ১৯৯৪।

ফারুক, আবদুল্লাহ, *বাংলাদেশের অর্থনৈতিক ইতিহাস*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৭৪।

রহমান, আনিসুর, *বাংলাদেশের অর্থনীতি*, ঢাকা: পুথিঘর, ১৯৮৯।

রহমান, মফিজুর, *ধন-বিজ্ঞান সার*, ঢাকা: বইঘর, ১৯৭০।

সিকদার, মো. জাহিরুল ইসলাম, *বাংলাদেশের অর্থনৈতিক উন্নয়ন*, ঢাকা: ২০০০।

## **4<sup>th</sup> Semester**

### **Course No. 204**

### **Symbolic Logic**

### **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to mathematical or symbolic logic. It has been designed to formalize the thinking process of the students to avoid making ordinary mistakes. This logic has two parts viz. sentential (propositional) logic and predicate

(quantification) logic. Students will be required to have thorough knowledge in determining whether an argument is valid or invalid in both parts. The prescribed text for this course is *Symbolic Logic* written by IM Copi.

**Text:** I. M., Copi, *Symbolic Logic*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., New York: Macmillan, 1983 (chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5).

Students will be required to have a thorough knowledge of the problems dealt within the prescribed text.

### **Group A: Propositional Calculus**

### **Group B: Predicate Calculus**

#### **Books recommended**

Carney, J.D. and P.K. Scheer, *Fundamentals of Logic*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., New York: Macmillan, 1974.

Jeffrey, R.C., *Formal Logic: Its Scope and Limits*, New York: Macmillan, 1967.

Lemon, E.J., *Beginning Logic*, London: Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1965.

মতীন, আবদুল, *প্রতীকী যুক্তিবিদ্যা*, ৪র্থ সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: নিউ এজ, ২০০১।

রহমান, এম. মতিউর, *প্রতীকী যুক্তিবিদ্যা: বাচনিক কলন*, ৫ম সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১৪।

\_\_\_\_\_, *প্রতীকী যুক্তিবিদ্যা: প্রারম্ভিক বিধেয় কলন*, ৩য় সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১৪।

### **Course No. 205**

### **Ancient Philosophical Classics: Plato and Aristotle**

#### **Course Description:**

This course examines in-depth one of the most important works in the history of Western philosophy, Plato's *Republic*, and offers students the opportunity to engage the broad range of philosophical topics covered by the text, including ethics, politics, psychology, metaphysics, and aesthetics. It will address some of the important issues discussed in Aristotle's

*Metaphysics*, issues like relation of Aristotle's philosophy to his predecessors, notion of being, four causes in different sciences, form and matter, concept of substance, concepts of potentiality and actuality, and notion of God.

#### **Group A: Text**

Plato. *The Republic*, translated with an introduction by Desmond Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Penguin Books, 1993.

অনুবাদ: সরদার ফজলুল করিম, *প্লেটোর রিপাবলিক*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮২।

#### **Group B: Text**

Aristotle, *Metaphysics*, Eng. tr. W.D. Ross, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1970, বাংলা অনুবাদ, আবদুল জলিল মিয়া, *এরিস্টটলের অধিবিদ্যা*, ঢাকা : বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৮।

#### **Books Recommended**

Allan, D.J., *The Philosophy of Aristotle*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1970.

Armstrong, A. H., *An Introduction to Ancient Philosophy*, London: Clarendon Press, 1959.

Barnes, Jonathan. (Ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Boyd, W., *An Introduction to the Republic of Plato*, London, 1962.

Burnet, J., *Early Greek Philosophy*, London: Adam and Charles Blach, 1963.

Burnet J., *Greek Philosophy: Thales to Plato*, London: Macmillan, 1960.

Copleston, F., *A History of Philosophy*, Vol. I, New York: Image Books, 1962.

Conford, F.M., *The Republic of Plato*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1945.

- Cornford, F.M., *Before and After Socrates*, Cambridge: The University Press, 1965.
- Furley, David. (Ed.), *From Aristotle to Augustine: Routledge History of Philosophy*, (V. 2), London and New York, Routledge, 2003.
- Gottlieb, Anthony. *The Dream of Reason: A History of Philosophy from the Greeks to the Renaissance*, W. W. Norton & Company, 2002.
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- Radhakrishnan, S. (Ed.), *History of Philosophy: Eastern and Western*, Vol. 2, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1953.
- Ross, W.D. *Aristotle*, with an introduction by John L. Ackrill, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., London: Routledge, 1995.
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- Shand, John. (Ed.), *Central Works of Philosophy: Ancient And Medieval*, Montreal: McGill - Queens University Press, 2005.
- Shields, Christopher John. *Aristotle*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., New York: Routledge, 2014.
- Shields, Christopher (Ed.), *The Blackwell Guide to Ancient Philosophy*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2003.
- Stace, W.T., *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, London: Macmillan, 1962.
- Stumpf, S.E., *Socrates to Sartre: A History of Philosophy*, New York: McGraw-Hill Book, 1975.
- Taylor, A.E. (Ed.), *Aristotle*, London: Prentice Hall, 1963.
- Taylor, C.C.W. (Ed.) *From the Beginning to Plato: Routledge History of Philosophy*, (V. 1), London and New York, Routledge, 2003.
- Thilly, F., *A History of Philosophy*, Allahabad: Central Book Depot, 1973.
- Zeller, E., *Outlines of the History of Greek Philosophy*, New York: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1963.
- ইসলাম, আমিনুল, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: থেলিস থেকে হিউম, ১ম খৃঃ*, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন: প্রাচীন ও মধ্যযুগ*, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০১৪।
- ফারুক, গোলাম, *প্লেটো: দর্শন ও রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা*, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০০২।
- রায়, তারকচন্দ্র, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: প্রাচীন ও মধ্যযুগ*, প্রথম খৃঃ, গ্রীক দর্শন ও মধ্যযুগের দর্শন, কলিকাতা: কলিকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ১৩৬২।
- হালিম, আবদুল, *গ্রীক দর্শন: প্রজ্ঞা ও প্রসার*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৭৫।

### Course No. 206

### Anthropology and Sociology

### Course Description

This course deals with the elementary concepts and theories covering different areas of man and society. It will help the students understand the impact of social and cultural factors upon human behavior in such areas as family, socialization, stratification, social groups, marriage, religion, sociology of economics, social evolution and environment. The course aims at generating knowledge of sociological and anthropological



key concepts as they apply to the interplay among societies, groups and individuals.

### **Group A : Anthropology**

Definition, nature and scope of anthropology

Branches of anthropology: physical anthropology, social/cultural anthropology, linguistics and archaeology.

Schools of anthropology: evolutionism, diffusionism, functionalism and structuralism.

Social organization: marriage— different types of marriage, family— origin of the family, different types of family, kinship and kinship-terminology.

Economic organization: primitive economy, nature of property ownership and inheritance in primitive societies.

Origin of religion: sociological and psychological theory, animism, animatism and other forms of primitive religion, relation between magic, religion and science.

### **Group B: Principles of Sociology**

Definition of sociology; historical background of sociology; nature and scope of sociology; relation of sociology to other disciplines (anthropology, political science etc)

#### **Some social concepts:**

**Family:** Definition of family, types of family, the common and distinct feature of family, functions of family according to R.M. MacIver, G.P. Murdock, Kingsley Davis, Ogburn and Nimkoff.

**Community and association:** Definition and nature of community and association, similarity and dissimilarity of them, role in our social life.

**Culture and civilization:** Definition of culture and civilization, different types of culture, characteristics of culture, similarity and dissimilarity of them, impact of our social life.

**Social group:** Definition and nature of social group, different types of social group and their relation.

**Social stratification:** Definition and characteristics of social stratification, different types of social stratification and their importance in our society.

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- সামাদ, এবনে গোলাম, *নৃ-তত্ত্ব*, ঢাকা: কেন্দ্রীয় বাংলা উন্নয়ন বোর্ড, ১৯৬৭।
- রহমান, মুহাম্মদ হাবিবুর, *সমাজবিজ্ঞান পরিচিতি*, ঢাকা: হাসান বুক হাউস, ১৯৯৮।
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## COURSE OUTLINE FOR THIRD YEAR B. A. HONOURS

3rd year  
5<sup>th</sup> Semester

### Course No. 301

#### Muslim Philosophy

##### Course Description

This course is designed to have a thorough knowledge on the origin and development of Muslim philosophy to evaluate the scope of philosophical investigations in Islam. It will explore the historical development of the main schools of thought in Islamic tradition. Special emphasis will be given on the nature, scope and sources of Muslim philosophy, causes of the rise of different schools of thought in Islam and their main doctrines. The course will help the students to understand the relation between Islam and the modern science, human rights in Islam and the rights and the status of women in Islam. The goal of this course is not to simply fill students' minds with the information about Islam, but rather to teach them the historical context of Muslim philosophy along with different schools of thought in Islam.

##### Group A

#### Muslim Philosophy

Students are required to be familiar with the historical context of the development of the main schools of thought in the Islamic tradition with a particular emphasis on the following topics:

Nature, scope and sources of Muslim Philosophy

Causes of the rise of different Schools of thought in Islam and their main doctrines: the Sunnis, the Shias, the Kharijis, the

Qadariyas and the Jabariyas, the Mutazilas, and the Ashariyas, Ikhwan al-Safa and Sufism.

Islam and modern science; Human rights in Islam; Rights of women in Islam

## Group B

### Muslim Philosophers

Students are required to have a general knowledge of the main thoughts of the following Muslim Philosophers: al-Kindi, al-Farabi, Ibn Miskawayh, Ibn Sina, al-Ghazali, Ibn Bajjah, Ibn Tufail, Fakhr al-Din Razi, Ibn Khaldun, Mulla Sadra, Shah Waliullah & Muhammad Iqbal.

### Books Recommended

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De Boer, T.J., *The History of Philosophy in Islam*, tr. by E.R. Jones, London: Lugac, 1965.

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Hussain, F., (Ed.), *Muslim Women*, London: Croom Helm, 1984.

Iqbal, M., *The Secret of the Self* (Asrar-e-Khudi) tr. by R.A. Nicholson, Lahore: Sh. Muhammad Ashraf, 1950.

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\_\_\_\_\_, *ইসলাম ধর্ম ও মুসলিম দর্শন*, ঢাকা: উত্তরণ প্রকাশ, ২০০৪।

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রহমান, মো. বদিউর, *মুসলিম দর্শনের ইতিহাস*, ১ম খণ্ড, ঢাকা: নওরোজ কিতাবিস্থান, ২০০৫।

হালিম, মো. আবদুল, *মুসলিম দর্শন: চেতনা ও প্রবাহ*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৮।

**Course No. 302****Indian Philosophy****Course Description**

This course is designed to provide the students with necessary knowledge and understanding of meaning, nature and fundamental concepts of Indian Philosophy. It is an introduction to the major philosophical schools of India focusing on their logical, epistemological, metaphysical and ethical views. The course consists of two parts: Part A will deal with Indian epistemology and logic; Part B with Indian metaphysics and ethics.

**Part A: Epistemology and Logic**

Sources of Indian Philosophy: the Vedas, the Upanisads and the Gita. Objections against Indian Philosophy and replies to the objections

Types and problems of knowledge: prama, prameya and pramana. Classifications of pramana: pratyaska, anumana, shavda, upamana, arthapatti and anupalavadhi.

The nature and sources of knowledge; Problems relating to Indian knowledge: jnana (knowledge), classification of jnana, objections against the indirect sources and replies to the objections. Schools dealing with epistemology: Carvaka, Jaina, Sankhya, Nyaya, Mimamsa and Vedanta. The nature, classifications and the pramanya (validity) of anumana (inference) and the hetvabhasa (fallacies) with particular reference to the Nyaya school; utpatti (origin) and jnapti (ascertainment) of pramanya. Anumana and anumiti.

**Part B: Metaphysics and Ethics**

In studying Indian metaphysics, initial focus will be on Carvaka and Buddhist anti-metaphysical attitudes along with the later development of Buddhist metaphysical schools.

Emphasis will be given on:

Carvaka materialism.

Jaina realism: nature and classification of substance, the Jiva and the Ajivas,

Sankhya theory of the evolution: doctrine of Purusa and prakriti. The nature of causality: satkaryavada and asatkaryavada.

Yoga Psychology: eight-fold path, Nyaya theism,

Vaisesika atomism

Mimamsa atheism and the transcendental idealism of Vedanta.

Brahma, Maya and the relation between Jiva and Brahma

In studying the ethical problems, students will examine the problems of suffering and salvation and implications of these in Indian philosophical schools.

Emphasis will be given on moral teachings of the Upanisads, the Gita and of different schools of Indian philosophy

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- অনির্বাণ, শ্রীমৎ, *বেদ মীমাংসা* (৩ খণ্ড), কলকাতা: সংস্কৃত কলেজ গ্রন্থমালা, ১৩৭৫-১৩৭৭।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *উপনিষৎ প্রসঙ্গ* (৩ খণ্ড), কলকাতা: বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ১৯৮৪।
- ঘোষ, রমেন্দ্রনাথ, *ভারতীয় দর্শন*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮২।
- চট্টোপাধ্যায়, দেবীপ্রসাদ, *ভারতীয় দর্শন*, কলকাতা: ন্যাশনাল বুক, ২০০৩।
- চক্রবর্তী, ধ্যানেশনারায়ণ, *ভারতীয় সংস্কৃতির উত্তরাধিকার*, কলকাতা: প্রোগ্রেসিভ বুক ফোরাম, ১৯৮৯।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *হিন্দুশাস্ত্র: অখণ্ড সংস্করণ*, কলকাতা: নিউলাইট, ১৪৯০।
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- বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, কালীকৃষ্ণ, *ন্যায়তত্ত্ব পরিক্রমা: ঈশ্বর ও জগৎ*, কলকাতা: প্যাপিরাস, ১৯৮৬।
- বাগচী, যোগেন্দ্রনাথ, *ন্যায় ও মীমাংসা দর্শনে প্রামাণ্যবাদ*, কলকাতা: সংস্কৃত পুস্তক ভাণ্ডার, ১৯৭৪।

- মিশ্র, সবিতা, *নব্যন্যায়ের অনুমিতি*, কলকাতা: সংস্কৃত পুস্তক ভাণ্ডার, ১৩৭৫।
- রহমান, এম. মতিউর, *ভারতীয় দর্শন ও সংস্কৃতি*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০০৮।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *বৌদ্ধ দর্শন: তত্ত্ব ও যুক্তি*, ১ম খণ্ড, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১৩।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *বৌদ্ধ দর্শন: তত্ত্ব ও যুক্তি*, ২য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা : জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১৩।
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### Course No. 303

### Social Philosophers

### Course Descriptions

This course is planned to engage participants with classical social thoughts. It will explore the legendary social thinkers' contributions, their limitations and impact on theoretical debates in social philosophy. Students are required to have comprehensive knowledge of the main thoughts of Ibn Khaldun, Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Vilfredo Pareto, Max Weber and Talcott Parsons.

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- Afanasyev, V.G., *Marxist Philosophy*, Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1980.
- Alpert, Harry, *Emile Durkheim and His Sociology*, New York: Russell and Russell, 1961.
- Aron, R., *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*, London: Penguin Books, 1968.
- Barnes, H.E. (Ed.), *Introduction to the History of Sociology*, Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1970.

- Bendix, Reinhard, *Max Weber: An Intellectual Portrait*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1998.
- Black, Max. (Ed.), *The Social Theories of Talcott Parsons: A Critical Examination*, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1961.
- Cuzzort, R.P. and E.W. King, *Humanity and Modern Social Thought*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Illinois: Dryden Press, 1976.
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- Ibn Khaldun, *The Muqaddimah: An Introduction to History*, tr. by Franz Rosenthal, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1958. অনুবাদ : গোলাম সামদানী কোরাযশী, আল-মুকাদ্দিমা, ১ম ও ২য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮১।
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- Lawrence, Bruce B., (Ed.), *Ibn Khaldun and Islamic Ideology*, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1984.
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রশীদ, হাব্বুন, *মার্কসীয় দর্শন*, ২য় সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।

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### Course No. 304

#### Moral Theories of Kant, Mill and Rawls

Students will be required to have a thorough knowledge of the problems discussed in the following texts.

#### Group A: Text

I. Kant, *Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysic of Morals*, tr. by T. K. Abott, London: 1949. বাংলা অনুবাদ: সাইয়েদ আবদুল হাই, *নৈতিকতার দার্শনিকতত্ত্বের মূলনীতি*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮২।

#### Group B: Text

J. S. Mill, *Utilitarianism*, Indianapolis: Hackett Publisher, 1979. বাংলা অনুবাদ: হাসনা বেগম, *উপযোগবাদ*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৮।

#### Group C: Text

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, Revised ed., Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1999. (Chapters I, II, III, & IV)

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Acton, H.B., *Kant's Moral Philosophy*, London: Macmillan, 1970.

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Semester

### Course No. 305

### Modern Philosophical Classics: Hume and Kant

#### Course Description

This course is concerned with the views of two classical philosophers—Hume and Kant. It is designed to provide the students with necessary knowledge of their major theories and basic concepts as well as their contributions to epistemology, metaphysics, ethics and society. Students are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the texts. The course is divided into two Parts: first part deals with Hume's *Treatise of Human Nature* and second with Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*.

#### Group A: Text

David Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, Book one, P.H. Nidditch (Ed 2nd ed., Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1978. অনুবাদ: আবু তাহা হাফিজুর রহমান, *মানব প্রকৃতির স্বরূপ অন্বেষণ*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮১।

(Emphasis will be given on Hume's theories of perception, abstract ideas, relation of ideas and matters of fact, causality, external world and scepticism)

#### Group B: Text

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Eng. tr. Norman Kemp Smith, London: Macmillan, 1964.

(Emphasis will be given on Kant's epistemological and metaphysical views, focusing on his theory of synthetic a priori judgment, space and time as a priori forms of intuition, nature and role of categories of understanding, and the limits of metaphysical knowledge.)



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- Laird, J., *Hume's Philosophy of Human Nature*, London: Oxford University Press, 1967.
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- Macnabb, D.G.C., *David Hume: His Theory of Knowledge and Morality*, London: Oxford University Press, 1993.
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- Russell, B., *History of Western Philosophy*, London: George Allen & Unwin, 1946. অনুবাদ, প্রদীপ রায়, পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০০৬।
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\_\_\_\_\_, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: রুশো থেকে সমকাল*, ২য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।

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দাস, রাসবিহারী, *কান্টের দর্শন*, কলিকাতা: পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, ১৩৮৭।  
হোসাইন, সৈয়দ কমরুদ্দীন, *কান্টের দর্শন*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৬।

### Course No. 306

#### Philosophy of the Bangalee (Ancient to Modern)

#### Course Description

This course is designed to provide the students with a clear idea about the ancient and medieval period of the philosophy of the Bangalee. It is divided into two parts. Part one includes: secular and theological trends of Bangla philosophical thoughts in the ancient and medieval period, reason and logic in ancient Bengal, contributions of the Hindu and Buddhist thinkers with special reference to Shanta Rakshit, Shantidev, Shila Bhadra and Atish Dipankara. Part two deals with Charyapada, Joydev, Vidyapati and Chandidas, Vaisnabism and mysticism in Medieval Bengal.

#### Group A

Secular and theological trends in Bangla philosophical thoughts in the ancient and medieval period

Reason and logic in ancient Bengal

Contributions of the Hindu and Buddhist thinkers with special reference to Shanta Rakshit, Shanti Dev, Shila Bhadra and Atish Dipankara

### Group B

Philosophy in Charyapada, Joydev, Vidyapati and Chandidas Vaisnabism, with special reference to Caitanya Dev and his *Parshada*.

Mysticism in Medieval Bengal: contributions of the Sufis and the Bauls.

### Books Recommended

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Chakrabarty, S.C., *The Development of Vaisnava Philosophy in Bengal*, Calcutta: Visva-Bharati Granthan Vibhag, 1973.

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\_\_\_\_\_, *বাংলাদেশে দর্শন ও অন্যান্য প্রবন্ধ*, ঢাকা: ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ২০০৫।

হাই, সাইয়েদ আবদুল, *ভারতীয় দর্শন*, ঢাকা: দি ইউনিভার্সিটি প্রেস লি., ২০০৭।

শরীফ, আহমদ, *বাঙালীর চিন্তা-চেতনার বিবর্তন ধারা*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৭।

\_\_\_\_\_, *বাউল তত্ত্ব*, ঢাকা: পডুয়া, ২০০৩।

\_\_\_\_\_, *বাঙলা, বাঙালি ও বাঙালিত্ব*, ঢাকা: অনন্যা, ২০০৭।

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সাইদ, শামসুল আলম, *চর্যাপদ, তাত্ত্বিক সমীক্ষা*, ঢাকা: অ্যাডর্ন পাবলিকেশন, ২০০৯।

ঠাকুর, রবীন্দ্রনাথ, *মানুষের ধর্ম*, কলিকাতা: বিশ্বভারতী গ্রন্থন বিভাগ, ১৯০৮।

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মুধা, শহীদুল-হা, *মহাস্থবির শীলভদ্র*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৪।

চট্টোপাধ্যায়, দেবী প্রসাদ, *ভারতীয় দর্শন*, কলকাতা: ন্যাশনাল বুক এজেন্সি প্রাইভেট লিমিটেড, ২০০৩।

\_\_\_\_\_, *লোকায়ত দর্শন*, কলকাতা: নিউ এজ পাবলিশার্স প্রা. লি., ৩য় সংস্করণ, ১৪০৫

সরকার, মো. সোলায়মান আলী, *বাংলার বাউল দর্শন*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯২।

রহমান, ড. এম. মতিউর, *বাঙলার দার্শনিক মনীষা*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২য় মুদ্রণ, ২০১৭।

\_\_\_\_\_, *বাঙালির দর্শন: মানুষ ও সমাজ*, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২য় সংস্করণ, ২০১৩।

\_\_\_\_\_, *বাঙালির দর্শন: ব্রাহ্ম ভাবধারা*, ১ম খণ্ড, ঢাকা: বাংলাদেশ এশিয়াটিক সোসাইটি, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১২।

\_\_\_\_\_, *বাঙালির দর্শন: ব্রাহ্ম ভাবধারা*, ২য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: বাংলাদেশ এশিয়াটিক সোসাইটি, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১২।

- \_\_\_\_\_, *বাঙালির দর্শন: ব্রাহ্ম ভাবধারা*, ৩য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: বাংলাদেশ এশিয়াটিক সোসাইটি, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১২।
- \_\_\_\_\_, (সম্পা.), *বাঙালির দর্শন: প্রাচীন যুগ*, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১৫।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *বাঙালির দর্শন: মধ্য যুগ*, ১ম খণ্ড, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১৫।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *বাঙালির দর্শন: মধ্য যুগ*, ২য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১৫।
- \_\_\_\_\_, (সম্পা.) *শ্রী হীরেন্দ্রনাথ দত্ত-র দার্শনিক বঙ্কিমচন্দ্র*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২য় মুদ্রণ, ২০১৭।
- রাইন, রায়হান, *বাংলার দর্শন প্রাক-উপনিবেশ পর্ব*, ঢাকা: প্রথমা, ১৯১৯।
- \_\_\_\_\_, (অনূদিত) *আচার্য শান্দ্রক্ষিতের মাধ্যমকলঙ্কার*, ঢাকা: সংবেদ প্রিন্টিং পাবলিকেশন, ২০১৭।
- রায়, অজয়, *আদি বাঙালি: নৃতাত্ত্বিক ও সমাজতাত্ত্বিক বিশ্লেষণ*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৭।
- হারুন, শরীফ (সম্পাদনা), *বাংলাদেশে দর্শন: ঐতিহ্য ও প্রকৃতি অনুসন্ধান*, ১ম খণ্ড, ২য় খণ্ড, ৩য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৪।
- সুর, ড. অতুল, *বাঙলা ও বাঙালীর বিবর্তন*, কলকাতা : সাহিত্য লোক, ১৯৯৪।
- রায়, নীহার রঞ্জন, *বাঙ্গালীর ইতিহাস আদি পর্ব*, কলকাতা : আশ্বিন ১৪০২।
- মজুমদার, রমেশচন্দ্র, *বাংলাদেশের ইতিহাস প্রাচীন যুগ*, কলিকাতা: জেনারেল প্রিন্টার্স এবং পাবলিশার্স প্রাইভেট লি:, ২০০৫।
- দে, শ্রী সত্যব্রত, *চর্যাগীতি পরিচয়*, *জিজ্ঞাসা*, কলকাতা: শ্রীগোপাল প্রেস, ১৩৬৭।
- চৌধুরী, ড. আব্দুল মমিন, *প্রাচীন বাংলার ইতিহাস ও সংস্কৃতি*, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।
- আহসান, সৈয়দ আলী, *চর্যাগীতিকা*, ঢাকা: নিউ এজ পাবলিকেশন।

## Course No. 307

### Philosophy of Mind

#### Course Descriptions

This course, as a field of linguistic philosophy, is concerned with the idea of mind as an existing entity. It deals with the debate concerning Descartes' dualist theory of mind and body where he recognizes the existence of mind as a separate mental

entity different from the existence of body as a physical entity. The debate involved here is regarding two questions: (a) how a physical (physiological) process can result in a mental event; and (b) the difficulty in explaining how a mental event can result in a physical event. Another important question is that since the brain is an enormously complex system of brain cells, where and how does the conscious thinking take place? The entire issue will be discussed in the context of the two views forwarded by Shaffer and Ryle.

Students are required to have a thorough knowledge of the problems dealt with in the following texts.

#### Group A: Text

Gilbert Ryle, *The Concept of Mind*, New York: Penguin Books, 1983. অনুবাদ, আলী আফজাল কোরেশী, *মনের ধারণা*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ২০০৬।

#### Group B: Text

J.A. Shaffer, *Philosophy of Mind*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1968. অনুবাদ, জহুরুল হক, *মনোদর্শন*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৩।

#### Books Recommended

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- Chappell, V.C., *The Philosophy of Mind*, New York: Englewood Cliffs, 1968.
- Glover, J. (Ed.), *The Philosophy of Mind*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1980.
- Graham, G., *Philosophy of Mind: An Introduction*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1998.
- Gustafson, D.F., *Essays in Philosophical Psychology*, London: Macmillan, 1967.

Guttenplan, S. (Ed.), *A Companion to the Philosophy of Mind*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1998.

Heil, J., *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1998.

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### Course No. 308

### Philosophy of Education

#### Course Description

This course explores the theory and practice of education from philosophical perspective. This course is designed to provide the students with necessary knowledge and understanding of the nature, meaning and aim of education, philosophical foundation of education, necessity of education, education and social order, education and culture, education and religion and value of education. It will critically treat the development of educational thoughts and ideas with reference to the main trends of philosophy like Idealism, Materialism, Naturalism, pragmatism and Existentialism.

#### Part A.

Concept and scope of education. Aim of education.

Philosophical foundation of education

Necessity of philosophy of education in life

Philosophy of education and social order

Concept of freedom in education

Education and culture

Education and religion

Islamic approach to education

Concept of moral and value education

Development of educational thoughts and ideas: Idealism, Materialism, Naturalism, Marxism, Pragmatism and Existentialism.

#### Part B.

Educational philosophers and thinkers: Jean Jacques Rousseau, John Dewey, Bertrand Russell, Madam Maria Montessori, Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda.

#### Books recommended

Butler, J.D., *Four Philosophies and Their Practice in Education and Religion*, New York: Harper Brothers Publishers, 1957.

Dewey, J., *Philosophy of Education*, Ames, Littlefield, 1956.

Dewey, J., *Democracy and Education*, New York: The Macmillan Company, 1916.

Horne, H.H., *The Philosophy of Education*, New York: The Macmillan Co., 1930.

Herbert, J.S., *A Philosophy of Education*, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1963.

Kilpatrick, W.H., *Philosophy of Education*, New York: Macmillan, 1963.

Memon, Nadeem A., & Zaman, Mujadad, (ed.) *Philosophies of Islamic Education: Historical Perspective and Emerging Discourses*, New York: Routledge, 2016.

Moore, T.W., *Philosophy of Education: An Introduction*, London: Routledge, 2010.

Park, J., (ed.), *Selected Readings in the Philosophy of Education*, New York: Macmillan Co., 1986.

Russell, B., *Education and the Social Order*, London: Allen & Unwin, 1932.

Russell, B., *On Education*, London, Allen & Unwin, 1932. বাংলা অনুবাদ : শেখ মাকসুদ কামাল, শিক্ষা প্রসঙ্গে বার্ট্রান্ড রাসেল, বাংলা একাডেমি, ঢাকা, ২০১৮। কামরুন্নেছা, শিক্ষা প্রসঙ্গে রাসেল, ১৯৯৮।

Wingo, G.M., *Philosophies of Education: An Introduction*, New Delhi: Sterling Publishers Private Limited, 1975.

খাতুন, শরিফা, *দর্শন ও শিক্ষা*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৯।

গুহ, বিভূতিরঞ্জন, *শিক্ষায় পথিকৃত*, কলিকাতা: ইন্ডিয়ান এ্যাসোসিয়েটেড পাবলিশিং কো: প্রা: লি:, ১৩৬৩।

ঘোষ, অরুণ, *শিক্ষা বিজ্ঞানের দর্শন ও মূলতত্ত্ব*, কলিকাতা: এডুকেশনাল এন্টারপ্রাইজারস, ১৯৮৬।

হালদার, গৌরদাস, *শিক্ষা প্রসঙ্গে শিক্ষাতত্ত্ব ও পাঠক্রম চর্চা*, কলিকাতা: ব্যানার্জী পাবলিশার্স, ১৯৯৩।

ঠাকুর, রবীন্দ্রনাথ, *শিক্ষা*, কলিকাতা: বিশ্বভারতী গ্রন্থন বিভাগ, ১৯৩৭।

## COURSE OUTLINE FOR FORTH YEAR B. A. HONOURS

### 4th year

### 7th Semester

#### Course No. 401

#### Contemporary Western Philosophy

This course covers the main philosophical trends and movements of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Western philosophy. It is divided into two parts. First part deals with the main trends of Post-Hegelian Western philosophy including British and Italian idealism, dialectical materialism, intuitionism, existentialism, pragmatism, neo-realism, and post-modernism. Second part concerns the rise and development of Anglo-American Analytic philosophy. Philosophers such as Frege, Russell, Moore, Wittgenstein, Schlick, Carnap and Ayer's contributions to analytic philosophy will be addressed in this part.

Main features of Post-Hegelian western philosophy, its main trends with special reference to the following:

Twentieth century idealism, dialectical materialism, intuitionism, existentialism, pragmatism, neo-realism, logical positivism, and post-modernism

The nature and development of analytic philosophy in the twentieth century. Focus will be given to the philosophies of Russell, Moore and early Wittgenstein towards the development of analytic philosophy

#### Books Recommended

Adoraitski, V.V., *Dialectical Materialism*, New York: International Publishers, 1934.

Afanasyev, V.G., *Marxist Philosophy*, Moscow: Progressive Publishers, 1980.

Ayer, A.J., *Language, Truth and Logic*, 17<sup>th</sup> Impression, London: Victor Gollancz, 1967.

Ammerman, R.R., *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*, New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill, 1965.

Baldwin, Thomas. (Ed.), *The Cambridge History of Philosophy 1870–1945*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008

Bergson, H., *Creative Evolution*, tr. by Arthur Mitchel, London: Macmillan, 1941.

Blackham, H.J., *Six Existentialist Thinkers*, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1952.

Buchler, Justus., *Charles Peirce's Empiricism*, New York: Harcourt, 1939.

Copleston, F., *Contemporary Philosophy*, London: Burns and Oates, 1965.

Datta, D.M., *The Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy*, Calcutta: University of Calcutta, 1970.

Dev. G.C., *Idealism: A New Defence and a New Application*, Dhaka: University of Dhaka, 1958.

- \_\_\_\_\_, *Idealism and Progress*, Calcutta: Das Gupta and Co., 1952. অনুবাদ: হোসনে আরা আলম, *ভাববাদ ও প্রগতি*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৮।
- Gale, Richard M., *The Philosophy of William James: An Introduction*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Hook, S., *Towards the Understanding of Karl Marx*, New York: Collier Books, 1933.
- James, W., *Pragmatism: A New Name for Some old Ways of Thinking*, New York: Longmans Green, 1908.
- Lewis, N. D. (Ed.), *Clarity is not Enough*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1969.
- Miah, Sajahan, *Russell's Theory of Perception*, Dhaka: Dhaka University, 1998, republished London, New York: Continuum International Publishing, 2006.
- Muirhead, J.H., *Contemporary British Philosophy*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1965.
- Passmore, J., *A Hundred Years of Philosophy*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1968.
- Rashid, Haroon, *Normative Marxism: Making Sense of Jon Elster's Marx*, Dhaka: Jatiya Sahitya Prokash, 2007, Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, Berlin, Germany, 2017.
- Rashdall, H., *The Metaphysics of Mr. F.H. Bradley*, London: British Academy, 1914.
- Ratner, J., *The Philosophy of Dewey*, New York: Modern Library, 1939.
- Runes, D.D. (Ed.), *Twentieth Century Philosophy: Living Schools of Thoughts*, New York: Living Schools of Thought, 1947.
- Russell, B., *History of Western Philosophy*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1946. অনুবাদ, প্রদীপ রায়, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস*, ৩য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০০৮।
- Schwartz, Stephen P. *A Brief History of Analytic Philosophy: From Russell to Rawls*, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012
- Soames, Scott. *The Analytic Tradition in Philosophy*, Vol. I: The Founding Giants, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014.
- Ten, C.L. (Ed.), *The Nineteenth Century: Routledge History of Philosophy*, (V. 7), London and New York: Routledge, 1994.
- Urmson, J.O., *Philosophical Analysis*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1956.
- Warnock, G.J., *English Philosophy Since 1900*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1958.
- Weinberg, J.R., *An Examination of Logical Positivism*, N.J.: Little Field, 1960.
- ইসলাম, আমিনুল, *সমকালীন পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন*, ৪র্থ সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০১।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: রুশো থেকে সমকাল*, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।
- চাকমা. নীরুকুমার, *অস্তিত্ববাদ ও ব্যক্তি স্বাধীনতা*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৩।
- তারকচন্দ্র রায়, *পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস*, তৃতীয় খণ্ড, সমসাময়িক দর্শন, কলিকাতা: গুরুদাস চট্টোপাধ্যায়, ১৯৫৩।
- বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, অনিল কুমার, *বিংশ শতাব্দীর পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন*, কোলকাতা: পশ্চিমবঙ্গ রাজ্য পুস্তক পর্ষদ, ১৯৮৪।
- মতীন, আবদুল, *বিশ্লেষণী দর্শন*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৪।
- মুহিত, মোঃ আব্দুল, *ভাষা দর্শন*, ঢাকা: অবসর, ১ম সংস্করণ, ২০১২
- রশীদ, হাব্বুন, *মার্কসীয় দর্শন*, ২য় সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।
- রহমান, ড. এম. মতিউর (সম্পাদিত), *মার্কসীয় দর্শন: মানুষ ও সমাজ*, ১ম খণ্ড, ঢাকা: অবসর, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।

\_\_\_\_\_, মার্কসীয় দর্শন: মানুষ ও সমাজ, ২য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: অবসর, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।

\_\_\_\_\_, মার্কসীয় দর্শন: মানুষ ও সমাজ, ৩য় খণ্ড, ঢাকা: অবসর, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।

হোসাইন, সৈয়দ কমরুদ্দীন, সমকালীন দর্শনের কয়েকটি ধারা, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৯।

## Course No. 402

### Philosophy of Religion

#### 1. Course Description

This course covers the main philosophical trends and thoughts of major religions of the world. Students are required to have a thorough knowledge of the problems discussed in the prescribed three texts under three groups.

Students are required to have a thorough knowledge of the problems discussed in the following texts.

#### Group A: Text

John Hick, *The Philosophy of Religion*, London: Prentice-Hall, 1973. সম্পাদনা : ড. এম. মতিউর রহমান, ধর্মদর্শন, ঢাকা: অবসর প্রকাশনা সংস্থা, ২০১৬।

#### Group B: Text

R. H. Thouless, *An Introduction to Psychology of Religion*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1971. অনুবাদ: ড. এম. মতিউর রহমান, ধর্ম মনস্কৃত্ত পরিচিতি, ঢাকা: অবসর প্রকাশনা সংস্থা, ২০১৬।

#### Group C: Text

Edward J. Jurji, *The Great Religions of the Modern World*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1967.

### Books Recommended

Abernethy, G.L. and F.A. Langford (Eds.), *Philosophy of Religion: A Book of Readings*, New York: Macmillan, 1962.

Burt, E.A., *Types of Religious Philosophy*, New York: Harper and Brothers, 1951.

Clark, W.H., *The Psychology of Religion: An Introduction to Religious Experience and Behaviours*, New York: Macmillan, 1958.

Flew, A. and Alasdair MacIntyre (Eds.), *New Essays in Philosophical Theology*, New York: Macmillan, 1955.

Galloway, G., *The Philosophy of Religion*, New York: T and T Clark, 1954.

Hick, John (Ed.), *Classical and Contemporary Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1964.

Iqbal, M., *Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam*, Lahore: Sh. Muhammad Ashraf, 1968.

Islam, A.N., *Self, Suffering and Salvation: with Special Reference to Buddhism and Islam*, Allahabad: Vohra Publishers, 1987.

Noss, John B., *Man's Religions*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., London: Macmillan, 1963.

Macgregor, G., *Introduction to Religious Philosophy*, Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1959.

Mia, A.J., *A Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*, Dhaka: Islamic Foundation Bangladesh, 1987.

Quasem, M.A., *Salvation of the Soul and Islamic Devotions*, London: Kegan Paul, 1983.

\_\_\_\_\_, *Ghazali on Islamic Guidance*, Oxford: Islamic Text Society, 2007.

Trueblood, D.E., *Philosophy of Religion*, New York: Harper and Row, 1957.

Thompson, S.M., *A Modern Philosophy of Religion*, Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1955.

ইউনুস, আ খ ম, *মরণোত্তর জীবন সম্পর্কে ইসলাম ও হিন্দুধর্ম*, ঢাকা: আল হিকমাহ্ পাবলিকেশন্স, ২০০৩।

ইসলাম, আজিজুল্লাহর, ও কাজী নূরুল ইসলাম, *তুলনামূলক ধর্ম ও অন্যান্য প্রসঙ্গ*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ২০০২।

রহমান, ড. এম. মতিউর, *ধর্মদর্শন পরিচিতি*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০১৭।

### Course No. 403

### Philosophy of Science

#### Course Description

This course is designed to acquaint the students with the nature and main issues of philosophy of science. It includes the nature of science, differences between science and pseudo science, nature of scientific truth, development of methodology. Students will be introduced with the twentieth century's philosophical debates such as realism vs. anti-realism, constructive empiricism vs. scientific realism. It will explore different contemporary arguments in philosophy of science— 'No miracles' argument, inference to the Best explanation and pessimistic induction.

The purpose of this course is to make the students acquainted with the nature and the main issues of philosophy of science. The content of the course will include the following topics:

Historical development of philosophy of science: a historical survey of the works of J.S. Mill, Whewell, Brodie, Duhem, Mach, and the development of the Vienna Circle.

A unified view of the nature of philosophy of science: Verificationism, testability and falsificationism.

Science, method and decision; Lakatos and the methodology of scientific research programme.

Kuhn's views regarding paradigm, normal science and puzzle solving; his views on the anomalies and the emergence of scientific discoveries, crisis and the emergence of scientific theories

Kuhn on the structure of scientific revolutions; scientific revolutions as changes of world view

Feyerabend's epistemological anarchism

Realism and anti-realism debate, observable and unobservable distinctions, constructive empiricism and scientific realism

'No miracles' argument, inference to the Best explanation, pessimistic induction.

#### Books Recommended

Ayer, A.J., *Language, Truth and Logic*, 17<sup>th</sup> Impression, London: Victor Gollancz, 1967.

\_\_\_\_\_, (Ed.), *Logical Positivism*, New York: The Free Press, 1959.

Bird, Alexander. *Philosophy of Science*, Routledge: Taylor & Francis, 1998.

Cohen, R.S. and M.W. Wartofsky, (Eds.), *Logical and Epistemological Studies in Contemporary Physics*, Boston: D. Reidel, 1974.

Dampier, W.C., *A History of Science*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987.

Feyerabend, P., *Against Method*, London: NLB, 1975.

Feigl, H. and M. Brodbeck, (Eds.), *Readings in the Philosophy of Science*, New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1953.

Gower, Barry, *Scientific Method: An Historical and Philosophical Introduction*, London: Routledge, 1997.

Hesse, M., *The Revolutions and Reconstructions in the Philosophy of Science*, Sussex: The Harvester Press, 1980.



- Hull, L.W.H., *History and Philosophy of Science*, London: Longmans Green, 1959.
- Khan, G.A., *Epistemological Negativism and Scientific Knowledge*, Dhaka: Jatiya Grantha Prakashan, 2002.
- Kosso, Peter, *Readings in the Book of Nature: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.
- Kuhn, T.S., *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1970.
- Ladyman, James, *Understanding Philosophy of Science*, London: Routledge: Taylor & Francis, 2002.
- Lakatos, I., *The Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.
- Lakatos, I. and A. Musgrave, (Eds.), *Criticism and the Growth of Knowledge*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978.
- Loosee, John, *A Historical Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.
- Mach, E., *Popular Scientific Lectures*, tr. T.J. McCormack, Chicago: The Open Court, 1898.
- Machamer, Peter and Michael Silberstein, (Eds.), *Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Science*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2005.
- Mill, J.S., *A System of Logic*, London: Harper and Brother, 1900.
- Nuruzzaman, Md., *Observability and Scientific Realism: Realist vs. Anti-realist*, Saarbrucken, Germany: VDM, 2010.
- \_\_\_\_\_, *Philosophy of Science: Some Aspects and Nature*, Dhaka: Jatiya Sahitya Prakash, 2011.
- Popper, K., *Conjectures and Refutations*, New York: Harper and Row, 1963.
- \_\_\_\_\_, *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, New York: Harper and Row, 1968.
- Psillos, Stathis, *Scientific Realism: How Science Tracks Truth*, London: Routledge, 1999.
- Rosenberg, Alex, *Philosophy of Science: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge, Taylor & Francis, 2000.
- Salmon, M.H., et.al., *Introduction to the Philosophy of Science*, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1992.
- Siddhartha Shankar, *Understanding the Philosophy of Science*, Scholars' Press, Brivibas gatve 197, LV-1039, Riga Latvia, European Union.
- \_\_\_\_\_, *Revisiting Logical Empiricism: A Post Development Analysis*, Shova Prokash, Dhaka, 2017, *Revisiting Logical Empiricism*, LAP-Lambert, Berlin, Germany, 2017.
- Van Frassen, Bas C., *The Scientific Image*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1980.
- Whewell, W., *The Philosophy of the Inductive Sciences; Founded Upon their History*, New York: Johnson, 1967.
- খান, গালিব আহসান, *বিজ্ঞান, পদ্ধতি ও প্রগতি*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় গ্রন্থ প্রকাশন, ২০০৯।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *বিজ্ঞানের দর্শন*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় গ্রন্থ প্রকাশন, ২০০২।
- নূরুজ্জামান, মোঃ, *বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তির দর্শন*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।
- পপার, কার্ল, *নির্বাচিত দার্শনিক রচনা*, ১ম খণ্ড, অনুবাদ, আমিনুল ইসলাম ভূইয়া, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ২০০৭।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *নির্বাচিত দার্শনিক রচনা*, ২য় খণ্ড, অনুবাদ, আমিনুল ইসলাম ভূইয়া, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ২০০৮।
- \_\_\_\_\_, *নির্বাচিত দার্শনিক রচনা*, ৩য় খণ্ড, অনুবাদ, আমিনুল ইসলাম ভূইয়া, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ২০১০।

**Course No. 404****Applied Philosophy****Course Description**

This course deals with the practical questions about individual conduct and public policy raised by contemporary social, political and economical developments. It will examine a range of issues in applied philosophy, including justice, power, autonomy, self-respect, law, human rights and issues related to business and professional ethics. Some other ways will be explored where philosophy should matter to everyone for the coming ages.

Nature and subject-matter of applied philosophy

Theory and practice, analytic versus value-judgments, fact-value distinction, atomistic/ holistic approach

Justice: equality and justice, poverty and justice, justice and gender, children and indigenous people; justice in the third world and Bangladesh.

Power: the desire for power, power and glory; revolutionary, naked and economic power; power of the leader over the followers, power and democracy, power as a problem and some suggestions toward its solution.

Self-respect: two aspects, conative and estimative, psychological and moral perspective, objective & subjective standard; Elizabeth Telfer's evaluation of self-respect. Duty to parents and neighbour, Tolerance.

Autonomy: external and internal dimensions, liberty versus autonomy; conceptions of autonomy of Kant and Mill.

Human Rights: meaning and history of human rights, Hohfeld's four-fold classification, John Rawls' contractual argument.

Multiculturalism – construal and politics of multiculturalism – epistemic problem – individual and collective rights – liberalism, individual freedom and tolerance – cultural and meta-ethical relativism – Harman's and Wong's views of relativism – non-relativism; Aristotelian virtue-ethics – multicultural citizenship.

Terrorism: definition and aspects of terrorism, types of terrorism, terrorism and war, evaluation of terrorism.

Law: philosophy and law, central features of the concept of law, natural law and legal positivism, Austin's view of positivism, Hart's conception of legal positivism.

Business ethics: Different views on the relation between business and ethics; profit-making responsibility of business, minimalist and maximalist views; ethics as a social policy.

Market economy: philosophy of market economy, market economy and human nature, arguments for and against market economy.

**Books Recommended**

Almond, B. and D. Hill (Eds.), *Applied Philosophy*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1991.

Almond, B. (Ed.), *Introducing Applied Ethics*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1995.

Arthur, J. "Multiculturalism", in *The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*, (ed.) Hugh La Follette, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

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**4th year**  
**8th Semester**

**Course No. 405**

**Theory of Knowledge**

**Course Description**

This course will focus on a series of related philosophical issues in the theory of knowledge (epistemology). Topics will include knowledge, justification, the reliability of perception, and the challenge of scepticism. Specifically, we will address the following questions:

- a. What is knowledge? We will start with the traditional analysis and introduce the Gettier problem.
- b. Where does knowledge come from? This is a traditional question and the most important question in modern philosophy. We will discuss how the modern philosophers dealt with the concept of “perception” and “a priori knowledge”, and shed light in the question.
- c. Can we really know? This is a sceptical question, and following this question we will learn some skeptical tradition as well as modern skepticism.
- d. What is epistemic justification? We will go through the contemporary discussions with respect to the issue of justification and the foundationalism/coherentism and internalism/externalism debates.

**Required Texts:**

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### Book recommended

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- Ayer, A.J., *The Problem of Knowledge*, London: Penguin, 1956
- Dancy, J. and Sosa, E. (ed.), *A Companion to Epistemology*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1997
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### Course No. 406 Research Methodology

#### Course Description

This course is designed as a step-by-step guide to *research methodology* suitable for students in philosophy as well as other disciplines in the humanities and social sciences intending to carry out quantitative or qualitative research.

The topics include:

- Meaning and aims of research
- Types of research: Descriptive, Correlational, Explanatory or Exploratory
- Distinction between research in humanities and research in social science and science
- Methodology: Hypothetico-Deductive method as an integration of deduction and induction
- Heuristic method and its scope in humanities
- Research Process and its major steps
- Selecting a sample: Sampling method
- Methods of collecting primary data
- Learning how to select a research topic in the context of philosophy; knowledge of how to determine the scope and extent of the topic
- Writing an outline of a research proposal
- Writing skills; role of analysis in research and documentation
- Problem of plagiarism; role of ethics in research

#### Books recommended

- Bacon-Shone, John. *Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods*, Graduate School, UHK, 2015.
- Bogden, R., and S.J. Taylor, *Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods*, New York: Wiley and Sons, 1975.

- Dulin, R., *Theory Building*, New York: Free Press, 1969.
- Goddard, Wayne and Stuart Melville. *Research Methodology: An Introduction*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Lansdowne: JUTA, 2007.
- Jackson, S.L. *Research Methods and Statistics: A Critical Thinking Approach*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2009.
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- মতীন, আবদুল, *শিক্ষা সহায়িকা*, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা: ২য় সংস্করণ, ১৯৯৭।

## **Course No. 407 Environmental Philosophy**

### **Course Description**

This course is designed to provide the students with a comprehensive understanding of environmental problems from ethical point of view. It comprises destruction of global ecosystem, species extinction, resource depletion, global warming, deforestations, cultural environmentalism and the like. Special attention will be given in addressing the issues such as environmental justice, ecological justice, nuclear issues and future generations etc.

Environmentalism: meaning and scope of environmentalism, environment, ecology, ecosystem.

Different positions of environmentalism, anthropocentric, non-anthropocentric and biocentric environmentalisms, deep ecology, shallow ecology, and social ecology.

Philosophical attitude, land use attitude and wildlife protection attitude

Science and environment: technocentrism, environmental pollution and moral issues, global environmental problems and globalism.

Culture and environment: culture and environmental discourse, environmental and cultural determinism, cultural diversity, environmental racism.

Environmental justice: justice from regional and international context; Environment and development; Intragenerational and intergenerational justice

Responsibilities to future generations: argument for and against rights of future generations; nuclear issue and future generations.

Ecofeminism: cultural and critical ecofeminism.

### Books Recommended

- Attfield, Robin, *Environmental Ethics*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2003.
- Benson, J., *Environmental Ethics*, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 2000.
- Callicot, J.B. and Frodeman, R. (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy*, 2 vols., Detroit: Gale Cengage Learning, 2009.
- Chatterjee, D.K. (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, Heidelberg: Springer, 2011.
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\_\_\_\_\_, *পরিবেশ নীতিবিদ্যা*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০০৯।

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### Course No. 408

#### Aesthetics

#### Course Description

Aesthetics, or the philosophy of art, is a theoretical endeavor to explicate the essence of art by defining its nature, its specific function, and the grounds for its recognition and appreciation. The course outlines strategies purporting to answer the most basic questions about the status, origin and purpose of art as articulated by classic and modern thinkers.

In an effort to understand and explain various aspects of aesthetics or philosophy of art the course will particularly focus on the following problems:

1. Aesthetics and philosophy of art. Nature and definition of aesthetics. Function and value of aesthetics. Aesthetic and non-aesthetic attitude.
2. History of aesthetics: Indian aesthetics, Islamic aesthetics, Chinese aesthetics, Japanese aesthetics, Greek aesthetics, European aesthetics.
3. Relation of aesthetics to philosophy, ethics, logic and religion. Aesthetics and Feminist philosophy.
4. Relation of art to society, reality, religion, science, morality and knowledge.
5. Fundamental notions of aesthetics: aesthetic concepts, aesthetic pleasure, aesthetic qualities, aesthetic ideal, aesthetic properties, aesthetic principles, aesthetic experience, aesthetic objects and aesthetic emotion.
6. Aesthetic judgment: Nature and classification of aesthetic judgment; theories of aesthetic judgment. Modern Western interpretation of aesthetic judgment; aesthetic judgment and Immanuel Kant; aesthetic judgment, artwork and functional beauty; Leo Tolstoy.
7. Concept of beauty: Definition and nature of beauty; beauty and its various forms; interpretation of beauty in the light of Indian and Western traditions; beauty and art; beauty in nature; beauty and the critic's judgment.
8. Concept of art: Definition and nature of art; form and content of art; Conceptual art and philosophical theses of art; Major western theories of art: Imitationism, Expressionism, Functionalism, Emotivism and Formalism.

9. Intention and truth in art; Value of art: social, psychological, aesthetic, cognitive and artistic value of art.
10. Problems and nature of Indian aesthetics. Various Indian aesthetic thinkers: Brajendranath Seal, Rabindranath Tagore, Avanindranath Tagore, Anand K. Kumarswami and Swami Vivekananda.
11. Islamic concepts of Beauty and Art.
12. Major theories of Indian art: Alankarvada, Ritivada, Dhvanivada, Vakroktivada and Auchityavada. Concept of rasa and classification of rasa.
13. Marxist aesthetics.

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- Barlingay, S.S., *A Modern Introduction to Indian Aesthetic Theory: The Development from Bharata to Jagannath*, New Delhi: D.K. Print World Ltd., 2007.
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ঠাকুর, অবনীন্দ্রনাথ, *বাগেশ্বরী শিল্প প্রবন্ধাবলী*, কলিকাতা: রূপা অ্যান্ড কোম্পানী, ১৯৮৮।

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