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**SYLLABUS IN DETAILS FOR THE
B.A. HONOURS IN PHILOSOPHY
(SIX SEMESTER PATTERN)
(To be effective from the academic session 2016-2018)**

BAHPHIC101	Outlines of Indian Philosophy-I	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

➤ **Detailed Introduction:**

(a) General Features of Indian Philosophy (b) An Overview of Schools of Indian Philosophy.

➤ **Cārvaka:**

(a) Perception as the only Source of Knowledge, Refutation of Inference and Testimony as Sources of Knowledge, (b) *jaḍavāda* and *dehātmanvāda*

➤ **Jainism:**

(a) *anekāntavāda*, (b) *syādvāda* and *navavāda*, (c) Theory of Self and Liberation (d) Nature of Substance: Relation between Substance, Attributes & Modes

➤ **Buddhism:**

(a) Four Noble Truths, (b) *pratītyasamutpādvāda* (c) *kṣaṇabhāṅgavāda*, (d) *nairātmyavāda* (e) Schools of Buddhism

➤ **Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika:**

(a) Nyāya Epistemology : Perception, Inference, Comparison and Testimony; Theory of Error

(b) Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics : Nature of Cause, Classification of Causes, Theory of Causality, *paramāṇuvāda*, Seven Categories

➤ **Sāṅkhya:**

(a) Theory of Evolution, *prakṛti* and its *guṇa*-s, Notion of *puruṣa*, *bahupuruṣavāda*, Theory of Causality

Recommended Texts:

- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta University Press, Kolkata 700019, 2004
- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi, 2009

References:

- J. N. Mohanty : *Classical Indian Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2000
- M. Hiriyanna: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 2009
- S.N. Dasgupta : *A History of Indian philosophy, Vols. I to V*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1988
- T.R.V.Murti : *The Central Philosophy of Buddhism*, Munshiram Monoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2013
- R.D. Ranade : *A Constructive Survey of Upanisadic Philosophy*, Oriental Book Agency, Poona, 1926
- R. Puligandla : *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*, Abingdon Press, Nashville, New York, 1975
- P.T.Raju : *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, south Asian publications, 1985
- Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyay : *Nyayatattva-Parikrama*, Papyrus, Kolkata, 1984
- Karuna Bhattacharya: *Nyaya-Vaiśeṣika Darśan*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata, January 2013
- Panchanan Shastri : *Cārvāk Darśan*, Marmabani Press, Kolkata, 1394 Bangabda
- Panchanan Shastri : *Bauddha Darśan*, Pratham Sanskaran, 1401(Bangabda), Praptisthan- Joyguru pustakalaya, 12/1B, Bankim Chatterjee street, Kolkata 73
- Rajat Bhattacharya : *Sāṅkhyakārikā O Sāṅkhyatattvakumudī*, Pragatishil Prakasak, Kolkata, 2011
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhāratīya Darśaner Marmakathā*, The New Durga Printing Works, Medinipur, 7th ed. 1986

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Suggested Topics:➤ **The Pre-Socratic Period:**

(a) Ionian School, Parmenides, Heraclitus and Democritus

➤ **Plato:**

(a) Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas

➤ **Aristotle:**

(a) Refutation of Plato's Theory of Ideas, Theory of Substance and Mind-Body Problem, (B) Classification of Ideas, Theory of Causation, Form and Matter, potentiality and actuality, soul and God

➤ **Medieval Philosophy:**

(a) St. Augustine – Problem of Evil.

(b) St. Anselm – Ontological argument.

(c) St. Thomas Aquinas – Faith and Reason, Essence and Existence, the Existence of God

➤ **Francis Bacon:** (a) General outline of Bacon's philosophy, (b) Idolas, (c) Induction, (d) Critical evaluation➤ **Descartes:**(a) Method of Descartes, (b) *Cogito Ergo Sum*, (c) Criterion of Truth, (d) Existence of God, e) Mind and Body➤ **Spinoza:**

(a) The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, (b) Relation between Mind and Body: Parallelism, (c) Degrees of Knowledge.

➤ **Leibniz:**

(a) Doctrine of Monads and Pre-established Harmony (b) Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, Identity of indiscernibles

Recommended Texts :

- Y. Masih : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Matilal Banarsidass Publishers Private limited., Delhi, 1996.

References:

- F. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy* [Vols. I, IV, V, & VII], Continuum Publishers, London (1946-1974)
- B. Russell : *History of Western Philosophy*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1946
- R. Falckenberg : *History of Modern Philosophy*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, 1962
- W.T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, MacMillan and St. Martine's Press Inc, 1967
- W.K. Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1958
- Anders Wedberg : *A History of Philosophy*, Vol.-I & II, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1982
- Tom Sorell & G. A. J. Rogers (ed.): *Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2005

Suggested Topics:➤ **Yoga:**

citta, cittabhūmi, cittavṛtti, cittavṛttinirodha and īśvara

➤ **Pūrva Mīmāṃsā :**

pramāṇa-s with special reference to *arthāpatti* and *anupalabdhi*, Theories of error: *akhyativāda*(prabhākara), *anyathakhyativāda* (Bhātta)

➤ **Advaita Vedānta :**

Nature of Brahman, *vivartavāda, māyā, jīva* and *jagat*

➤ **Viśiṣṭādvaita Vedānta:**

Distinction between *advaitavāda* and *viśiṣṭādvaitavāda*, Nature of *īśvara, jīva* and *jagat*, Ramanuja's Criticism of Sāṅkara's Doctrine of *māyā*

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- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta University Press, Kolkata , 2004
- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy* ,Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi, 2009

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- J. N. Mohanty : *Classical Indian Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi,2000
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- R.D.Ranade : *A Constructive Survey of Upanisadic Philosophy*, Oriental Book Agency,Poona,1926
- R.Puligandla : *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*, ABINGDON PRESS, Nashville, New York,1975
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- Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyay : *Nyayatattva Parikrama*, Papyrus, Kolkata, 1984
- Karuna Bhattacharya : *Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Darśan*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata, January 2013.
- Panchanan Shastri : *Cārvāk Darśan* , Marmabani Press, Kolkata, 1394 Bangabda.
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- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhāratīya Darśaner Marmakathā* , The New Durga Printing Works, Medinipur, 7th ed.1986
- Jharna Bhattacharya : *Advaitavāda O Viśiṣṭādvaitavāda*, Snskrit Prakasak Bhandar, Kolkata,1382

Suggested Topics:➤ **Locke :**

(a) Refutation of Innate Ideas and Principles, (b) Theory of Ideas, (c) Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (d) Theory of Substance, (e) Theory of Knowledge, (f) The Extent and Validity of Knowledge

➤ **Berkeley :**

(a) Rejection of the Lockean notion of Substance, (b) Refutation of Abstract Ideas (c) Rejection of the Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (d) *Esse Est Percipii* (e) God and self

➤ **Hume :**

(a) Origin of Knowledge : Impressions and Ideas, (b) Laws of Association, (c) Distinction between Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact, (d) Notion of Causality, (e) The Problem of Personal Identity, (F) Hume's Scepticism, (g) rejection of metaphysics

➤ **Kant :**

(a) Idea of the Critical Philosophy, (b) Possibility of Metaphysics, (c) Kant's Copernican Revolution in Philosophy, (d) Role of Sensibility and Understanding in the origin of Knowledge, (e) Possibility of Synthetic *a priori* Judgments, (f) Space and Time: Metaphysical and Transcendental expositions.

➤ **Hegel:**

(a) Dialectical Method, (b) The Absolute.

➤ **A.J. Ayer:**

(a) The Elimination of Metaphysics
(b) Verifiability Theory of Meaning

Recommended Texts :

- Y. Masih : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private limited., Delhi, 1996.
- I. Kant : *Critique of Pure Reason*, Translated by N.K. Smith, Macmillan and Co., Limited, London, 1929.
- A.J. Ayer : *Philosophy in the Twentieth Century*, Unwin Paperbacks, London, 1984

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- F. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy* [Vols. I, IV, V, & VII], Continuum Publishers, London (1946- 1974)
- B. Russell : *History of Western Philosophy*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1946
- R. Falckenberg : *History of Modern Philosophy*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, 1962
- W.K. Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1958
- Anders Wedberg : *A History of Philosophy*, Vol.-I & II, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1982
- Tom Sorell & G. A. J. Rogers (ed.): *Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2005
- Robert R. Ammerman (Ed.): *Classics of Analytic Philosophy*, TATA Mc GRAW-HILL Publishing Company Ltd., New Delhi, 1965
- Norman Kemp Smith : *A Commentary to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2003

BAHPHIC301	Indian Ethics	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- *puruṣārtha* (Cārvāka, Bauddha and āstika views)
- Vedic Concept of *ṛta*, *satya*, *yajña*, *ṛṇa*, *vidhi* and *niṣedha*
- The concepts of *niṣkāmakarma* and *sthitaprajña* in the *Śrīmadbhagavadgītā*
- Buddhist Ethics : *pañcaśīla* and *brahmavihārabhāvanā*
- Jaina Ethics : *pañcamahāvratā*, *triratna*, *anuvratā* and *mahāvratā*
- Yoga Ethics : *himsā*, *ahimsā*, *yama* and *niyama*

Recommended Texts :

- S. K. Maitra : *Ethics of the Hindus*, Calcutta University Press, Kolkata , 1963

References :

- I. C. Sharma : *Ethical Philosophies of India*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1965
- M. Hiriyanna : *The Indian Conception of Values*, Kavyalaya Publishers, Mysore , 1975
- Surama Dasgupta : *Development of Moral Philosophy in India*, FREDERICK UNGAR PUBLISHING CO., New York, 1965
- Jagadish Chandra Ghosh : *Bhagavadgītā*
- Sukhamoy Bhattacharya : *Pūrvamīmāṃsā Darśan*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata, 2006

BAHPHIC302	Western Ethics	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Nature and Scope of Ethics; Nature of Morality
- Moral and Non-moral actions
- Object of Moral Judgment : Motive and Intention
- Postulates of Morality
- The Development of Morality
- Normative Theories :

Consequentialism(teleology): Ethical Egoism; Utilitarianism: Act and Rule Utilitarianism; Act and Rule Deontology; Kant's Moral Theory; Divine Command Theory; Eudaemonism

- Theories of Punishment: Retributive, Deterrent And Reformatory Theory

- Issues in Applied Ethics :

Suicide; Mercy Killing and Euthanasia: Nature and Types; Famine and Affluence; Gender Equality; Basic Concerns of Environmental Ethics: Anthropocentrism, Non-anthropocentrism and Eco-feminism

Recommended Texts:

- W. Frankena: *Ethics*, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, Delhi, 1973
- Y. V. Satyanarayan : *Ethics : Theory and Practice*

References:

- W. Lillie : *An Introduction to Ethics*, University Paperbacks, London,1955
- J. S. Mackenzie : *A Manual of Ethics*, Oxford University Press, London, 1973
- J. L. Mackie : *Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong*, Penguin Books, New York, 1977
- P. Singer : *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, 2011
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Nīvidyār Tattvakathā*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2002
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Kathāy Karma Ethics*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2006
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *Nīvidya*, The University of Burdwan , Burdwan,1991
- Dikshit Gupta : *Nītiśāstra*, Paschimanga Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata, 2nd ed., 2007

BAHPHIC303	Indian Logic	Minimum Classes: 84
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Recommended Topics & Texts :

Annambhatta : *Tarkasamgraha with Dīpikā*

[From "sarvavyavahāraheturguṇo buddhirjñānam" to "smṛtirāpi dvividhā yathārthāyathārthaśceti"]

References:

- Gopinath Bhattacharyya (tr. & elucidated) *Tarkasamgrahadīpikā on Tarkasamgraha*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, 1976, Reprint august 2009.
- Narayan Chandra Goswami : *Tarkasamgraha of Annambhatta*, Snskrit Prakasak Bhandar, Kolkata

BAHPHIC401	Western Logic-I	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

Half-I : Deduction Propositional Logic , 1st Order Predicate Logic up to singly general proposition.

Recommended Texts :

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, K. McMahon : *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition) [Chapters 5 to 10], First published 2014 by Pearson Education, Inc, Reprint Routledge, 2017.

Suggested Topics:

- **Half-II : Induction**

Recommended Texts :

M. Copi, C. Cohen, K. McMahon : *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition) [Chapters 11 to 14], First published 2014 by Pearson Education, Inc, Reprint Routledge, 2017.

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BAHPHIC402	Psychology	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Nature of Psychology
- Psychological Research Methods
- Biological Processes and Behavior: Nervous System and Endocrine System
- Perception : Colour and Depth , Pattern Recognition, Perceptual Organization
- Attention
- Learning: Classical Conditioning Theory, Instrumental(Operant) Conditioning Theory
- Memory
- Cognition and emotion : Appraisal Theory of Emotion, Cognition-emotion- action
- Consciousness: Content and Levels of Consciousness
- Intelligence

Recommended Texts :

- C.T.Morgan & R.A.King Jr.: *Introduction to Psychology*, Tata McGraw–Hill Publishing Company Ltd.,New Delhi,1993
- Robert S. Feldman: *Understanding Psychology*, Mc Graw-Hill, Inc.,1993

References:

- G. F. Stout : *A Manual of Psychology*, Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, 1915
- Woodworth & Marquis : *Psychology*, Holt, New York, 1947
- R. S. Woodworth : *Contemporary Schools of Psychology*, Methuen & Co.Ltd., Great Britain,1931
- E. B. Titchener : *A Text- book of Psychology*, Macmillan, 1921
- Baron & Misra : *Psychology*, Pearson, 5th Edition, 2014
- Sadhan Chakraborti : *Monovidyar Prathamik Porichay*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata, 2017

BAHPHIC403	Philosophy of Religion	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion
- Origin and Development of Religion
- Religion, Dharma, Dhamma
- Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism : Basic Tenets, Prophets (if any), Incarnation, Bondage and Liberation
- Arguments for the Existence of God
- Arguments against the Existence of God
- The Problem of Evil

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- Monotheism, Polytheism, Henotheism
- God as Immanent or Transcendent

Recommended Texts

- J. Hick : *Philosophy of Religion*, Prentice Hall of india, 3rd ed., 1988

References:

- D. Mohanta: *Dharma Darsaner Katipay Samasya*, Nababharati Prakashani, Kolkata, 2010
- P.B.Chatterjee : *Studies in Comparative Religion*, Dasgupta & Co. Private Ltd., Calcutta, 1971
- Kalidas Bhattacharyya : *Possibility of Different Types of Religion*, The Asiatic Society, Calcutta, 1975
- K.N.Tiwari : *Comparative Religion*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1987

BAHPHC501	Socio-Political Philosophy	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Nature and Scope of Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy
- Basic Concepts : Society, Social Group, Community, Association, Institution, Customs, Folkways and Mores
- Social Class and Caste: Class Attitude and Class Consciousness, Marxian Theory of Class, Caste System in India, B. R. Ambedkar's Criticism of Caste System, Dalit Movement
- Socio-Political Ideas:
 - Democracy – its Different Forms
 - Socialism – Utopian and Scientific
 - Secularism and its Nature
 - Secularism in India
 - Nation, Nationalism and Internationalism (Rabindranath Tagore)
 - Humanism (Manabendranath Roy)
 - Swaraj and Sarvodaya (M.K.Gandhi)
 - Basic issues of Human rights

Recommended Texts :

- Krishna Roy : *Political Philosophy : East and West*, CAS, Dept. of Philosophy & Allied Publishers Ltd., Delhi, 2003
- Andrea Veltman : *Social and Political Philosophy: Classic & Contemporary Readings*, Oxford University Press, 2008
- John Somarville & Ronald E. Santoni : *Social and Political Philosophy: Readings from Plato to Gandhi*, Anchor Books, 1963

References:

- R. M. MacIver & C. H. Page : *Society*, Macmillan & CO LTD., London, 1957
- Morris Ginsberg : *Sociology*, Oxford University Press, 1950
- Tom Bottomore : *Sociology, A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Blackie & Son (India) Ltd., Bombay, 1972

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- P. Gisbert : *Fundamentals of Sociology*, Oriental Longmans Private Ltd. 1959, Calcutta 13
- F. Engles : *Socialism : Utopian and Scientific*, Resistance Books, 1999
- Satyabrata Chakraborty (Ed.) : *Bharatbarsha : Rastrabhabana*, Ekushe, Kolkata, 2003
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay : '*Secularism in the Present Indian Society*' in *Bulletin of the Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture*, Vol. LVII No. II
- D.E. Smith : *India as A Secular State*, Princeton University Press, 2015
- Sobhanlal Duttguta : *Marxiya Rastrachinta*, Paschim Bango Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata, 1984
- M.K. Gandhi : *Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule*, Printed & Published by : Jitendra T Desai, Navajivan Publishing House, Ahmedabad, 380 014 (INDIA), 1909
- Benulal Dhar : *Manavadhikar ki ebong keno ?*, Pragatishil Prakashak, College Street, Kolkata -700073, 2015
- Benulal Dhar : *The Philosophical Understanding of Human Rights*, Pragatishil Publishers College Street, Kolkata -700073, 2013

BAHPHIC502	Western Logic -II	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- **Chapter 9: Sets**
- **Chapter 10: Relations**

Recommended Texts:

- P. Suppes: *Introduction to Logic*, East West Press Private Limited, New Delhi, 1957

BAHPHIC601	Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Indian	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

Philosophical Thoughts of Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, S. Radhakrishnan, Md. Iqbal and Mahatma Gandhi (Minimum number of classes on each thinker should not be less than 14)

- **Rabindranath Tagore**
(a) Nature of man : The Finite Aspect of Man, the Infinite Aspect of Man, the Finite-Infinite Aspect of Man, (b) Nature of Religion, (c) Problem of Evil (f) Surplus in Man
- **Swami Vivekananda**
(a) Practical Vedānta, (b) Universal Religion, (c) Yoga
- **Sri Aurobindo**
(a) Nature of Reality, (b) Human Evolution– its different stages, (c) Integral Yoga
- **S. Radhakrishnan**
(a) Nature of Man, (b) Nature of Religious Experience, (c) Nature of Intuitive Apprehension
- **Md. Iqbal**
(a) Nature of the Self, (b) Nature of the World, (c) Nature of God
- **Mahatma Gandhi**
(a) God and Truth, (b) *Ahimsā*, (c) Trusteeship

Recommended Texts :

- B. K. Lal : *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, 2005
- Benay Gopal Ray : *The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, 1970

References:

- Swami Vivekananda : *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda* (Vol. II), Advaita Ashrama, Kolkata, 1997
- P.T. Raju : *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, south Asian publications, 1985

BAHPHIC602	Philosophy in the Twentieth Century: Western	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Philosophical thoughts of G.E. Moore, B. Russell, Quine, M. Heidegger and J.P. Sartre
- **G.E. Moore:**
(a) The Refutation of Idealism (b) The Defence of Common Sense
- **B. Russell:**
(a) Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description
- **L. Wittgenstein:**
(a) Use Theory of Meaning
- **Quine:**
(a) Critique of Empiricism
- **M. Heidegger:**
(a) Being in the World : Existenz, Facticity and Fallenness
(b) Authenticity and Inauthenticity
- **J.P. Sartre:**
(a) Nothingness
(b) Freedom

Recommended Texts:

- B. Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 1912
- W.V.O. Quine: *Two Dogmas of Empiricism*, (Classics of Analytic philosophy), Edited by R. Ammerman, Mcgraw-Hill, New York, 1965.

References:

- A.J. Ayer : *Language, Truth and Logic*, Dover Publications, 2nd ed. , 31 may 2002.
- A.J. Ayer : *The Central Questions of Philosophy*, Penguin Books, New York , 1973
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *A Critical Study of Sartre's Ontology of Consciousness*, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan, 1978
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, Allied Publishers, New Delhi, 1990
- J. Passmore : *Recent Philosophers A Hundred Year of Philosophy*, Penguin Books Ltd., England, 1968
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Prasanga : Darsana Jignasa, (1&2)*, Progressive Publishers , Kolkata, June 1999, January 2000.
- Debika Saha : *Darshaner Samasyabali*
- M.K. Bhadra : *Astibad O Manabatabad*, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan, 1995

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DSE-I & II Group A

BAHPHIDSE501 Special Text: Bertrand Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy* Minimum Classes: 84

Suggested Topics:

- Chapters 1-9 & 15

Recommended Texts:

- Bertrand Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, Paperback, 1959.

BAHPHIDSE502 Special Text: *Kāthopaniṣad* Minimum Classes: 84

Recommended Texts : Kāthopaniṣad-

Suggested Topics:

- *three boons*, Nature of self, *preyas* and *śreyas*, allegory of chariot, Nature of Body
- Chapter1: *prathama vallī*, *dvitīya vallī*, *trītiya vallī*,
- Chapter2: *prathama vallī* (Nature of body) & *dvitīya vallī*

BAHPHIDSE503 Special Text: René Descartes: *Meditations on First Philosophy* Minimum Classes: 84

Suggested Topics:

- *Pages 1 to 57 (6 Meditations)* ; Objections & Replies excluded

Recommended Texts :

- René Descartes: *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Translated & Edited by John Cottingham, Cambridge University Press, 2017 (First Published 1986)

BAHPHIDSE504 Special Text: Debiprasad Chattopadhyay: *Lokāyata Darśana* Minimum Classes: 84

Suggested Topics:

- *Prathama*, *dvitīya*, and *trītiya pariccheda*

Recommended Texts :

- Debiprasad Chattopadhyay: *Lokāyata Darśana* , New Age Publisher's PVT. Kolkata, 1956

References :

- Chattopadhyaya , Debiprasad : *Lokayata: A study in Ancient Indian Materialism* ,People's Publishing House, New Delhi, 1959

BAHPHIDSE505

Special Text: Shibaditya Misra : Saptapadārthī

Minimum Classes: 84

Suggested Topics:

- *māṅgalācaraṇa, uddesā prakaraṇa, lakṣaṇa prakaraṇa*

Recommended Texts :

- Shibaditya Misra : *Saptapadārthī*-

References :

- Joy Bhattacharjee: Shibaditya-Birochito- *Saptapadārthī*, Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture.

DSE-III & IV Group B

BAHPHIDSE601
Classes: 84

Special Text: • David Hume: An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding

Minimum

Suggested Topics:

- Sections 1 to 8 & 12

Recommended Texts :

- David Hume: *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

References :

- David Hume: *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, with an introduction by J. N. Mohanty, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, 1999

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Special Text: Dhammapada

Minimum Classes: 84

Recommended Texts : Dhammapada-

Suggested Topics:

- Chapter1: *yamaka varga*, Chapter2: *apramāda varga*, Chapter3: *citta varga*, Chapter4. *puṣpa varga*, Chapter10: *daṇḍa varga*, Chapter14: *buddha varga*, Chapter26: *brāhmaṇa varga*

References :

- *Dhammapada:Bhumika*: Prabhat Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Haraf Prakasani.
- *Dhammapada*: Grantha parichiti-Rabindranath Tagore, edited by Charuchandra Basu, Mahabodhi Book Agency, Kolkata.

BAHPHIDSE603

Special Text: Rabindranath Tagore: Sādhana

Minimum Classes: 84

Suggested Topics:

- Soul consciousness, The problem of Evil, The problem of self, Realisation in Action.

Recommended Texts :

- Rabindranath Tagore: *Sāadhanā-*

References :

- Rabindranath Tagore: *Sāadhanā- The Realization of Life, Published by Rupa.Co*

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Special Text: Plato : *The Republic*

Minimum Classes: 84

Suggested Topics:

- Part I, Chapters 1-4
- Part II, Chapters 5,6,10-14
- Part III, Chapters 18, 23

Recommended Texts : The Republic of Plato, Translated with introduction and notes by Francis Macdonald cornford, Oxford University Press, 1941.

References :

BAHPHIDSE605

Special Text: Lokacari Swami: *Tattvatraya*

Minimum Classes: 84

Suggested Topics:

- *cit tattva*
- *acit tattva*
- *Brahman*
- Relation among *cit, acit* and *Brahman*

*Recommended Texts : Lokacari Swami: *Tattvatraya**

**POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVE PAPERS [INTERDISCIPLINARY]
FOR HONOURS: SEMESTER 1-6**

[Students of a particular Honours department should choose one Generic Elective Paper of any other existing Honours Department except of his/her own Department from the pool provided below.]

BAHPHIGE101	Outlines of Indian Philosophy	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

• **Introduction:**

(a) General Features of Indian Philosophy

• **Cārvāka:**

- (a) Perception as the only Source of Knowledge
- (b) Refutation of Inference and Testimony as Sources of Knowledge
- (c) *jaḍavāda* and *dehātmanvāda*

• **Jainism:**

- (d) *anekāntavāda*
- (e) *syādvāda* and *naḡavāda*
- (f) Theory of Self and Liberation

• **Buddhism:**

- (a) Four Noble Truths
- (b) *pratītyasamutpāda*
- (c) *kṣaṇabhangavāda*
- (d) *nairātmyavāda*
- (e) Schools of Buddhism

• **Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika:**

- (a) Nyāya Epistemology : Perception, Inference, Comparison and Testimony,;
- (b) Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics : Theory of Causality, *paramanuvāda*, Seven Categories

• **Sāṅkhya:**

- (a) Theory of Evolution
- (b) *prakṛti* and its *guṇa-s*
- (c) Notion of *puruṣa*, *bahupuruṣavāda*
- (d) Theory of Causality

• **Yoga :**

- (a) *citta*
- (b) *cittabhūmi*
- (c) *cittavṛtti*
- (d) *cittavṛttinirodha*

• **Advaita Vedānta:**

- (a) Nature of Brahman
- (b) *māyā*
- (c) *jīva* and *jagat*

- S. C. Chatterjee & D. M. Dutta : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta University Press, Kolkata , 2004
- Haridas Bandyopadhyay : *Bhāratīya Darśaner Marmakathā*, The New Durga Printing Works, Medinipur, 7th ed.1986

References :

- C. D. Sharma : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy* ,Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi, 2009
- J. N. Mohanty : *Classical Indian Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi,2000
- M. Hiriyanna: *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi,2009
- S.N.Dasgupta : *A History of Indian philosophy, Vols. I to V*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi,1988
- T.R.V.Murti : *Central Philosophy of Buddhism*, Munshiram Monoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd.,New Delhi ,2013
- R.D.Ranade : *A Constructive Survey of Upanisadic Philosophy*, Oriental Book Agency,Poona,1926
- R.Puligandla : *Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy*, ABINGDON PRESS, Nashville, New York,1975
- P.T.Raju : *Structural Depths of Indian Thought*, south Asian publications, 1985
- Kalikrishna Bandyopadhyay : *Nyayatattva Parikrama*, Papyrus, Kolkata, 1984
- Karuna Bhattacharya : *Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Darśan*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata, January 2013.
- Panchanan Shastri : *Cārvāk Darśan* , Marmabani Press, Kolkata, 1394 Bangabda.
- Panchanan Shastri : *Bauddha Darśan*, Pratham Sanskaran, 1401(Bangabda), Praptisthan- Joyguru pustakalaya, 12/1B, Bankim Chatterjee street, Kolkata 73.
- Rajat Bhattacharya : *Sāṃkhyakārikā O Sāṃkhyatattvakaumudī*, Pragatishil Prakasak, Kolkata, 2011

BAHPHIGE102	Psychology	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Nature of Psychology
- Psychological Research Methods
- Biological processes and behaviour: Nervous system and endocrine system
- Perception : Colour and depth , pattern recognition, perceptual organization
- Attention
- Learning: Classical Conditioning Theory, Instrumental(Operant) Conditioning Theory
- Memory
- Cognition and emotion : Appraisal theory of emotion, Cognition-emotion- action
- Consciousness: Content and levels of Consciousness

Recommended Texts :

- C.T.Morgan & R.A.King Jr.: *Introduction to Psychology*, Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Ltd.,New Delhi,1993
- Robert S. Feldman: *Understanding Psychology*, Mc Graw-Hill, Inc.,1993

References:

- G. F. Stout : *A Manual of Psychology*, Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, 1915
- Woodworth & Marquis : *Psychology*, Holt, New York, 1947
- R. S. Woodworth : *Contemporary Schools of Psychology*, Methuen & Co.Ltd., Great Britain,1931
- E. B. Titchener : *A Text- book of Psychology*, Macmillan, 1921
- Baron & Misra : *Psychology*, Pearson, 5th Edition, 2014
- Sadhan Chakraborti : *Monovidyar Prathamik Porichay*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata, 2017

BAHPHIGE201	History of Western Philosophy	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- **Descartes :**
 - (a) Method of Doubt, (b) *Cogito Ergo Sum*, (c) Criterion of Truth, (d) Existence of God, e) Mind and Body
- **Spinoza :**
 - (a) The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, (b) Relation between Mind and Body : Parallelism, (c) Degrees of Knowledge
- **Leibniz :**
 - (a) Doctrine of Monads and Pre-established Harmony (b) Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, (c) Theory of Knowledge
- **Locke :**
 - (a) Refutation of Innate Ideas and Principles, (b) Theory of Ideas, (c) Theory of Substance, (d) Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, (e) Theory of Knowledge
- **Berkeley :**
 - (b) Rejection of the Lockean notion of Substance, (b) Refutation of Abstract Ideas (c) *Esse Est Percipii*
- **Hume :**
 - (c) Origin of Knowledge : Impressions and Ideas, (b) Laws of Association, (c) Distinction between Relations of Ideas and Matters of Fact, (d) Notion of Causality (F) Hume's Scepticism.

Recommended Texts :

- Y. Masih : *A Critical History of Western Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private limited., Delhi, 1996.

References :

- F. Copleston : *A History of Philosophy* [Vols. I, IV, V, & VII], Continuum Publishers, London(1946-1974)
- B. Russell : *History of Western Philosophy*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London,1946
- R. Falckenberg : *History of Modern Philosophy*, Progressive Publishers, Calcutta, 1962
- W.T. Stace : *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*, MacMillan and St. Martine's Press Inc,1967
- W.K. Wright: *A History of Modern Philosophy*, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1958
- Anders Wedberg : *A History of Philosophy*, Vol.-I & II, Clarendon Press,Oxford,1982
- Tom Sorell & G. A. J. Rogers (ed.): *Analytic Philosophy and History of Philosophy*, Clarendon Press,Oxford,2005

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BAHPHIGE301	Ethics	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Nature and Scope of Ethics; Nature of Morality
- Object of Moral Judgment : Motive and Intention
- Postulates of Morality
- Normative Theories :
 - a) Consequentialism (Teleology): Ethical Egoism & Utilitarianism, b) Kant's Moral Theory
- Theories of Punishment
- Issues in Applied Ethics : Suicide, Euthanasia, Basic Concerns of Environmental Ethics

Recommended Texts :

- W. Frankena: *Ethics*, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, Delhi, 1973
- Y. V. Satyanarayan : *Ethics : Theory and Practice*

References::

- W. Lillie : *An Introduction to Ethics*, University Paperbacks, London, 1955
- J. S. Mackenzie : *A Manual of Ethics*, Oxford University Press, London, 1973
- J. L. Mackie : *Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong*, Penguin Books, New York, 1977
- P. Singer : *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge University Press, 2011
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Nītividyār Tattvakathā*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2002
- Somnath Chakraborty : *Kathāy Karme Ethics*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2006
- Mrinal Kanti Bhadra : *Nītividyā*, The University of Burdwan , Burdwan, 1991
- Dikshit Gupta : *Nītiśāstra*, Paschimanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata, 2nd ed., 2007

BAHPHIGE302	Socio-Political Philosophy	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- **Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy**
- **Basic Concepts** : Society, Social Groups, Community, Association, Institution
- **Social Class and Caste** : Class and Caste in India
- **Current Social Problems** : Justice and Equality, National Integration, Marriage and Divorce
- **Political Ideas** : Democracy, Socialism, *Sarvodaya* and *Swaraj*

Recommended Texts :

- Krishna Roy : *Political Philosophy : East and West*, CAS, Dept. of Philosophy & Allied Publishers Ltd., Delhi, 2003
- Andrea Veltman : *Social and Political Philosophy: Classic & Contemporary Readings*, Oxford University Press, 2008
- John Somarville & Ronald E. Santoni : *Social and Political Philosophy: Readings from Plato to Gandhi*, Anchor Books, 1963

Reference:

- R. M. MacIver & C. H. Page : *Society*, Macmillan & CO LTD., London,1957
- Morris Ginsberg : *Sociology*, Oxford University Press, 1950
- Tom Bottomore : *Sociology, A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Blackie & Son (India) Ltd., Bombay, 1972
- P. Gisbert : *Fundamentals of Sociology*, Oriental Longmans Private Ltd. 1959,Calcutta 13
- F. Engles : *Socialism : Utopian and Scientific*, Resistance Books, 1999
- Satyabrata Chakraborty(Ed.) : *Bharatbarsha : Rastrabhabana*, Ekushe, Kolkata, 2003
- Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay : 'Secularism in the Present Indian Society' in *Bulletin of the Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture*, Vol. LVII No. II
- D.E. Smith : *India as A Secular State*, Princeton University Press, 2015
- Sobhanlal Duttguta : *Marxiya Rastrachinta*, Paschim Bango Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata,1984
- M.K.Gandhi : *Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule*, Printed & Published by : Jitendra T Desai, Navajivan Publishing House, Ahmedabad, 380 014 (INDIA), 1909

BAHPHIGE401	Logic	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Categorical propositions
- Categorical Syllogism; Figure and Mood, Venn Diagram technique for Testing Validity
- Symbolic Logic : Test of Truth-functional Arguments by Truth-Tables
- Analogical Reasoning
- Science and Hypothesis

Recommended Texts :

I. M. Copi, C. Cohen, K. McMahon: *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition) [Chapters :5 to 8 & 11,13], First published 2014 by Pearson Education, Inc, Reprint Routledge, 2017.

Reference:

M. Copi, C. Cohen, K. McMahon: *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition) (Relevant Chapters) First published 2014 by Pearson Education, Inc, Reprint Routledge, 2017.

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BAHPHIGE402	Philosophy of Religion	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion
- Origin and Development of Religion
- Religion, Dharma, Dhamma
- Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism : Basic Tenets, Prophets (if any), Incarnation, Bondage and Liberation
- Arguments for the Existence of God
- Arguments against the Existence of God
- The Problem of Evil

Recommended Texts :

J. Hick : *Philosophy of Religion*, Prentice Hall of india, 3rd ed., 1988

References:

- D. Mahanta: *Dharma Darsaner Katipay Samasya*, Nababharati Prakashani, Kolkata, 2010
- P.B.Chatterjee : *Studies in Comparative Religion*, Dasgupta & Co. Private Ltd., Calcutta, 1971
- J. Hick : *Philosophy of Religion*, Prentice Hall of india, 3rd ed., 1988
- Kalidas Bhattacharya : *Possibility of Different Types of Religion*, The Asiatic Society, Calcutta, 1975
- K.N.Tiwari : *Comparative Religion*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1987

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BAHPHISEC301	Logical Rules & Fallacies (Indian)	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- **Definition and classification of *anumāna***
 - a) The Nyāya model
 - b) The Buddhist model (Svārthānumāna)
- **Aid to *anumāna*:**
 - a) *tarka*
 - b) *avayava*
 - c) *dṛṣṭānta*
 - d) *siddhānta*
- **Logical Fallacies**
 - a) *hetvābhāsa* : Nature and Types

Recommended Texts :

- Gautama : *Nyāyasūtra*: Phanibhushan Tarkabagish, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata
- Th. Stecherbatsky: *Buddhist Logic*, Vol.-I, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Ltd., Delhi, 2008
- Bimal Krishna Matilal: *The Character of Logic in India*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1998
- B. N. Singh: *Indian Logic*, Asha Prakashan, Baranasi, 1982

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- Bimal Krishna Matilal: *Logic, Language and Reality*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1985 .
- J.N. Mohanty: *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought* , Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1992
- Phanibhushan Tarkabagish: *Nyāya Parichay*, Paschimbanga Rajya Pustak Parshad, Kolkata, 1978
- Satischandra Chatterjee : *The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge* , Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Ltd., Delhi, 2017

BAHPHISEC302	Methods of Philosophical Enquiry (Indian)	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- **Common and differentiating characteristics of Philosophy and *darśana***
- **Nature of Inquiry in *darśana***
- **Types of Inquiry in *darśana*:**
 2. Epistemic Inquiry in *darśana*
 3. Metaphysical Inquiry in *darśana*
 4. Axiological Inquiry in *darśana*
- **Methods of Philosophical Discourse (*kathā*)**
 - a) *vāda*
 - b) *jalpa*
 - c) *vitaṇḍā*
 - d) *chala*
 - e) *jāti*
 - f) *nigrahasthāna*

Recommended Texts :

- B.K. Matilal: *The Word And The World* , Oxford University Press, 2001
- Th. Stcherbatsky: *Buddhist Logic*, Vol.-I, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Ltd., Delhi, 2008
- Bimal Krishna Matilal: *The Character of Logic in India*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1998
- Gautama : *Nyāyasūtra*

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- B.K. Matilal: *Perception* , Oxford University Press, 1986
- S.C. Chatterjee & D. M. Datta : *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta University Press, Kolkata , 2004
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- Phanibhushan Tarkabagish: *Nyāya Parichay*, Paschim Bango Rajya Pustak Parsad, Kolkata

BAHPHISEC401	Reasoning, Logical Rules & Fallacies (Western)	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Argument: deductive and inductive
- Deductive Argument: Immediate inference , Categorical Syllogism, truth functional argument and quantificational argument
- Opposition of propositions: Rules and Fallacies
- Immediate inference: Rules and Fallacies
- Categorical Syllogisms : Rules and Fallacies
- Truth functional Argument : Rules and Fallacies

- Quantificational Argument : Rules and Fallacies
- Fallacious Reasoning in Argumentation
- Inductive Argument : Rules and Fallacies

Recommended Texts :

- M. Copi, C. Cohen, P. Jetli & M. Prabhakar : *Introduction to Logic* (14th Edition)
- R.S. Agarwal: *A Modern Approach to Logical Reasoning* Paperback, 2007

BAHPHISEC402	Methods of Philosophical Enquiry (Western)	Minimum Classes: 84
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Suggested Topics:

- Reasoned Speculation
- Conceptual Analysis
- Linguistic Analysis
- Logical Argumentation
- Critical Reflection

Recommended Texts :

- H. Cappelen: *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*, Oxford University Press, 2016

References:

- Paul F. Kiskak: *Philosophical Methodology : the Methods of Philosophical Inquiry* CSI Publishing Platform, 2016
- Bertrand Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*, Chapter xv (The Value of Philosophy), Holt, New York, 1912
- R. M. Keon: *Philosophic Semantics and Philosophic Inquiry*
- G. E. Moore: *Some Main Problems of Philosophy*, London George Allen & Unwin Ltd. New York - The Macmillan Company, 1953