SYLLABI AND COURSES OF READING

The following Syllabi and Courses of Reading for M.A. Philosophy (External Students) were approved by the Board of Studies in Philosophy in its meeting held on 18 February 2002.

M.A. Part I Examination

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Outline of Tests for M.A. Philosophy (External)

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###Syllabi and Courses of Reading

####Paper I: History of Modern Western Philosophy

Introduction, Characteristics of Modern Philosophy, Continental Rationalism

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<td><strong>Berkeley</strong></td>
<td>a. Rejection of Abstract Ideas and of Material Substance&lt;br&gt;(b) Subjective Idealism</td>
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####Hume:

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Bergson:  
- a. Critique of Mechanised and Teleological Theories of Evolution  
- b. Creative Evolution  
- c. Intuition and Intellect  
- e. Elan Vital  

William James:  
- a. Pragmatic Method and its Application  
- b. Voluntarism  
- c. Radical Empiricism  

Books Recommended
Paper II: MUSLIM PHILOSOPHY

Introduction: Transmission of Greek Philosophy to Muslim Culture

1. Mutazilism
   i. Five Basic Principles of Mutazila
   ii. Some leading Mutazilites
      (a) Wasil Ibn Ata
      (b) Abu al Hudhail Allaf
      (c) Al- Nazzam

2. Asharism
   i. Concept of God and the nature of Divine Attribute
   ii. Free will
   iii. Problem of Evil
   iv. Problem of createdness or uncreatedness of the Quran
   v. Asharite Atomism

3. Al-Kindi
   i. Reconciliation of Philosophy and Religion
   ii. Concept of God
   iii. Theory of Intellect

4. Al- Farabi
   i. Theory of Ten Intelligences
   ii. theory of the Intellect

5. Ibn-Sina
   i. Theory of Being
   ii. Theory of Knowledge/Concept of god
   iii. Mind-Body Relationship

6. Al Ghazali
   1. Method
   2. Refutation of Philsophers
      i. Eternity of the Word
      ii. God’s Knowledge of Particulars
      iii. Reseruction of the Body

7. Ibn Rushd
   a. Reconciliation between Philosophy and Religion
   b. Metaphysics.
   c. Way to knowledge

8. Ibn Arabi
   Doctrine of Unity of Being

Book Recommended
1. Abdul Khaliq, Dr. Problems of Muslim Theology, Lahore;


**Paper III: MORAL PHILOSOPHY**

1. **WHAT IS MORALITY?**
   a. The Problem of Definition
   b. An Example of Moral Reasoning: Body Jane Doe
   c. Reason and Impartiality
   d. The Minimum Conception of Morality

2. **THE CHALLENGE OF CULTURAL RELATIVISM**
   a. How Different Cultures Have Different Moral Codes
   b. Cultural Relativism
   c. The Cultural Differences Argument
   d. The Consequences of Taking Cultural Relativism Seriously
   e. Why There Is Less Disagreement Than It Seems
   f. How All Cultures Have Some Values in Common
   g. What Can Be Learned from Cultural Relativism

3. **SUBJECTIVISM IN ETHICS**
   a. The Basic Idea of Ethical Subjectivism
   b. The Evolution of the Theory
   c. The First Stage: Simple Subjectivism
   d. The Second Stage: Emotivism

4. **DOES MORALITY DEPEND ON RELIGION?**
   a. The Presumed Connection Between Morality and Religion
   b. The Divine Command theory
   c. The Theory of Natural Law

5. **THE UTILITARIAN APPROACH**
   a. The Revolution in Ethics
   b. First Example: Euthanasia
   c. Second Example: Nonhuman Animals

6. **ARE THERE ABSOLUTE MORAL RULES?**
   a. Kant and The Categorical Imperative
   b. Absolute Rules and the Duty Not to Lie
   c. Conflicts Between Rules
   d. Another Look at Kant’s Basic Idea

7. **THE ETHICS OF VIRTUE**
   a. The Ethics of Virtue and the Ethics of Right Action
b. Should We Return to the Ethics of Virtue  
c. The Virtues  
d. Some Advantages of Virtue Ethics  
e. The Incompleteness of Virtue Ethics

**Books Recommended**

**Paper IV PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY**

1. **Introduction:**  
   What Philosophy is and why it is worth studying  

2. **Knowledge:**  

3. **Cause, Determine and Freedom:**  
   i. What is cause. ii. The causal principle. iii. Determinism and freedom

4. **Some Metaphysical Problems:**  

5. **Our Knowledge of Physical World:**  

**Books Recommended**
5. Russell Bertrand *Problems of Philosophy*. Oxford University Press, 1959
Paper V \hspace{0.5cm} LOGIC

1. **Nature of Logic:**
   Deduction and Induction, Truth and Validity

2. **Definition:**
   Purposes of Definition. Verbal Disputes and Definition, Types of Definition, Rules of Definition

3. **Categorical Propositions:**
   Kinds of Propositions, Traditional Square of Opposition, Immediate Inferences, Existential Import

4. **Categorical Syllogism:**
   Standard Form Categorical Syllogism, Venn Diagram Technique for Testing Syllogism, Rules and Fallacies.

5. **Symbolic Logic:**

6. **Method of Deduction:**
   Formal Proof of Validity, Rule of Replacement, Inconsistency.

7. **Qualification Theory:**
   Singular Propositions, Quantification, Propositional Function subject Predicate Propositions, Proving Validity.

8. **Causal Connections:**

9. **Science and Hypothesis:**

**Books Recommended**

M.A. PART II

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Paper I  MODERN PHILOSOPHICAL MOVEMENTS

1. **Logical Positivism:**
   Turning Point Philosophy, Elimination of Metaphysics Through Logical Analysis of Language, Criterion of Verifiability

2. **Dialectical Materialism:**
   Matter, Dialectics, Historical Materialism Theory of Knowledge.

3. **Existentialism:**
   Husserl’s Phenomenological Method, Man in the World, Man and Fellow Man, Man and God, Death (with special reference to Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Sartre).

4. **Conceptual Analysis:**
   Word-meaning, Sentence-meaning, Vagueness, Private Ordinary Language

**Book Recommended**
Introduction:

1. Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi:
   i) Metaphysics. ii) Kalam.

2. Shah Wali Allah:

3. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan
   i) Socio Political back-ground of his ‘Thought. (ii) Significance and Importance of his Revivalism. (iii) Nature as the Overriding principle of his Thought : God, Miracles, Prayer, Prophetic Consciousness.( iv) political , Educational, and Moral views.

4. Iqbal

Books Recommended


**Paper II (Opt. ii) PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

1. What is philosophy of religion?
2. Arguments for the Existence of God
4. Modern Challenges to Religious Relief (Psychoanalysis, Logical Positivism, Marxism)
5. Faith and Reason
7. Religious Experience
8. Problem of Evil
9. Life after Death.

**Books Recommended**

Paper III (Opt. i) MODERN METAPHYSICS

1. What is Metaphysics
2. Existence
3. Universal and particulars
4. Linguistic Arguments for Abstracta
5. Changing Things
6. Worlds, Objects and Structure
7. Meaning, Truth and Metaphysics
8. Appearance and Reality
9. Substance
10. Essence and Accident
11. Space and Time

Books Recommended
Paper III (Opt. ii)   PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

1. Introduction: The Soul and the Mind: The varieties of Mental Phenomenon, The Importance of Philosophy of Mind.


5. Dreaming: Philosophical Relevance of Dreams.

6. Knowledge of Other Minds

Books Recommended
Paper III (Opt. iii) PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

2. Aims of Education.
3. Theories of Education
5. Education and Indoctrination
6. Moral Education: The Morality of Teaching vs. The Teaching of Morality
7. Freedom and Authority in Education
8. Educational Theory of Iqbal
9. Islamization of Knowledge

Books Recommended
Paper IV (Opt. i)  PHILSOPHY OF LAW

3. Legal Theory and Social development.
4. Kant’s Legal Philosophy.
5. Antinomies of Legal Theory:
   i. Stability and Change
   ii. Voluntarism and Objective Knowledge
   iii. Individual and the Universe
   iv. Democracy and Autocracy
   v. Nationalism and Internationalism.
7. Ethics and Law
8. Concept of Law in Islam.

Books Recommended
Paper IV (Opt. ii)   PHILOSOPHY OF ART

1. Basic Issues in Philosophy of Art:
   a) Nature of Scope of Philosophy of Art
   b) Artistic Intention.
   c) Artistic Expression.
   d) Representation.
   e) Art and Aesthetic Experience
   f) Art and language
   g) Art and Truth
   h) Art and Craft
   i) Aesthetic and Artistic objects and their Content
   j) Interpretation and Criticism of Art.

2. Art Movements:
   Modernism, Romanticism, Expressionism, Dadaism and Postmodernism.

Books Recommended
Paper IV (Opt. iii)  INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

1. Vedas, Upanishad, Puranas and Gita.
2. Baddhism: Its Metaphysics and Ethics, Hinayana and Mahayana School
3. Six Systems of Indian Philosophy with special emphasis on Yog, Vedanta, and the Theism of Ramanuja.
5. Contemporary Indian Thought: Swami Vivakedande, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Gandhi, Radakrishnan, Sri Aurobindo Gosh, Modern Western Influence on Indian Philosophers.

Books Recommended
5. Radhakrishnan, S., Contemporary Indian Philosophy London: George Allan & Unwin, 1958