

WEST BENGAL COUNCIL OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION
SYLLABUS FOR CLASSES XI AND XII
SUBJECT : PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

Aims and Objectives of the Proposed Curriculum

General Objectives :

- To prepare young minds to become constructive thinkers and responsible citizens.
- To impart an education that enables them to be capable of meaningfully contributing to a society that understands the environment and imbibes the ideals of sustainable development
- To impart an education that is not a mere collection of facts but is a tool that helps the student to find his or her status in society and life in general
- To impart an education that helps students in their character-building so that they embody empathetic social concerns and
- To ensure parity with the key ideals of NEP-2020, SEP-2023 as well as the CBSC curriculum
- To generate informative and intuitive knowledge as well as ensure skill development and analytical ability.
- To develop a mind oriented towards research and innovation.
- To develop social and ethical values in students
- To prepare students for the College /University entrance examination for higher education as well as different competitive exams

Subject-specific Objectives :

- Develop a foundational philosophical understanding of key issues relating to epistemology, metaphysics, logic, and ethics and take informed actions after identifying the assumptions that frame our thinking and actions
- Develop a foundational understanding of Classical Indian Philosophy as well as Western Philosophy
- Develop interest and basic knowledge of some key modern Indian philosophers
- Develop critical thinking abilities

CLASS - XI

SEMESTER – I

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FULL MARKS : 40

CONTACT HOURS : 100 Hours

COURSE CODE : THEORY

UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
Unit – 1 Introduction to Indian Philosophy	1. দর্শন শব্দের অর্থ (The meaning of the term <i>Darśana</i>)	3	2
	2. ভারতীয় দর্শন সম্প্রদায়গুলির শ্রেণীবিভাগঃ সংক্ষেপে (Classification of Indian Philosophical System: in brief)	8	3
	3. জ্ঞানলাভের ছয়টি পদ্ধতি – প্রমাণ সম্পর্কে ভারতীয় তত্ত্বসমূহ (Six ways of knowing – Indian theories of <i>pramāna</i>)	10	3
	4. চার্বাক কর্তৃক অনুমান প্রমাণ খণ্ডন (Refutation of inference by <i>Cārvāka</i>)	5	3
	5. ন্যায়সম্মত প্রত্যক্ষের লক্ষণ (<i>Nyāya</i> definition of <i>pratyakṣa</i> or perception)	6	3
	6. নির্বিকল্পক ও সবিকল্পক প্রত্যক্ষের পার্থক্য (Distinction between determinate & indeterminate perception)	6	2
	7. ন্যায় দর্শনের অনুমান সম্পর্কে বক্তব্য (<i>Nyāya</i> theory of inference):	9	2
• অনুমিতির লক্ষণ (Definition of <i>anumiti</i>)	6	3	
• পক্ষ, সাধ্য ও হেতুর ধারণা (The concepts of <i>pakṣa, sādhyā, hetu</i>)			
• ব্যাপ্তির স্বরূপ (The nature of <i>vyāpti</i>)			

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Unit – 2 Introduction to Western Philosophy	1. দর্শনের স্বরূপ ও শাখাসমূহ (Nature and branches of Philosophy)	10	6
	2. জ্ঞানের উৎসসমূহ (Sources of Knowledge)		
	a. অভিজ্ঞতাবাদ -লক, বার্কলে, হিউম (Empiricism -- Locke, Berkeley, Hume)	16	5
	b. বুদ্ধিবাদ – ডেকার্ট, স্পিনোজা, লাইবনিজ (Rationalism -- Descartes, Leibnitz, Spinoza)	16	5

CLASS - XI

SEMESTER – II

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UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
Unit – 1 Introduction to Logic	1. যুক্তিবিজ্ঞানের প্রকৃতি – অবরোহ এবং আরোহ (The nature of Logic – Deductive and Inductive)	4	2
	2. পদ, বাক্য, বচন, পদের ব্যাপ্যতা, সত্যতা ও বৈধতা (Terms, sentences, propositions, distribution of terms, truth & validity)	6	4
	3. বাক্য থেকে বচনে রূপান্তর (Changing sentences into logical forms)	8	4
	4. বচনের বিরোধিতা (Opposition of proposition)	4	3
	5. অমাধ্যম অনুমান – আবর্তন, বিবর্তন, সমবিবর্তন (Immediate Inferences: Conversion, Obversion, Contraposition)	8	4
	6. নিরপেক্ষ ন্যায় – মূর্তি ও সংস্থান এবং বৈধতা বিচার (Categorical Syllogism: Figure & Mood)& validity testing	10	4
		6	3

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	<p>7. যৌগিক যুক্তিঃ প্রাকল্পিক ও বৈকল্পিক (Compound arguments: Hypothetical and Disjunctive)</p>		
<p>Unit – 2 Introduction to Ethics</p>	<p>1. ভারতীয় নীতিবিদ্যা (Indian Ethics):</p> <p>a. পুরুষার্থ (Purusartha)</p> <p>b. শ্রীমদ্ভগবৎ গীতা – নিষ্কাম কর্মের ধারণা (Srimadbhagavad Gita – The concept of <i>Niskama Karma</i>)</p> <p>c. বৌদ্ধদের অষ্টাঙ্গিক মার্গের ধারণা (Buddhist concept of Eight-fold <i>Margas</i>)</p> <p>d. চার্বাক সুখবাদ (Carvaka Hedonism)</p> <p>2. পাশ্চাত্য নীতিবিদ্যা (Western Ethics):</p> <p>a. নৈতিক প্রত্যয়সমূহ – নৈতিক, অনৈতিক, নীতি-বহির্ভূত; উদ্দেশ্য ও অভিপ্রায়; ঠিক ও ভুল; ভাল ও মন্দ; ন্যায়বিচার (Ethical concepts: moral, immoral, non-moral; motive and intention; right and wrong; good and bad; justice)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4</p> <p>6</p> <p>4</p> <p>8</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p> <p>4</p>

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	b. নৈতিক তত্ত্বসমূহ (Theories of Ethics): Teleological & deontological Theories		

PROJECT

Suggested Topics:

1. Distinction between Ordinary and Extra-ordinary Contact (Laukika and Alaukika Sannikarsa)
2. Svarthanumiti and Pararthanumiti
3. Realism and Its Different Forms
4. Idealism – Subjective Idealism of Berkeley

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CLASS - XII

SEMESTER – III

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UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
Unit – 1 Introduction to Metaphysics	1. Western Metaphysics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substance: Descartes, Spinoza & Leibnitz – Locke, Berkeley & Hume• Causality: Regularity Theory & Entailment Theory• Mind-Body Problem: Interactionism & Parallelism	16 12 10	1x12=12
	2. Indian Metaphysics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vedanta1. Dvaita and Advaita Vedanta2. Brahman and Maya	15	1x8=8
Unit – 2 Ethics & Social and Political Philosophy	Ethics	15	1x10=10
	1. Kant, Mill, Bentham 2. Environmental Ethics Social and Political Philosophy Basic Concept: Society, Community, Association, Institutions, State, Law	12 20	1x10 =10

CLASS - XII

SEMESTER – IV

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FULL MARKS : 40

CONTACT HOURS : 80 Hours

COURSE CODE : THEORY

UNIT No.	TOPICS	CONTACT HOURS	MARKS
Unit – 1 Western Logic	1. Symbolic Logic		
	• Truth-functions – Variables, Constants, Truth-functional propositions: Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction, Material Implication, Material Equivalence	6	3
	• Boolean Interpretation of categorical propositions	6	2
	• Venn Diagram of categorical propositions	8	7
	• Truth-Table method of determining forms of proposition : Tautology, Self-Contradictory, Contingent	8	4
	2. Inductive Logic		
• Nature of Induction	6		
• Causality	6		
• Mill’s Method of Experimental Enquiry	10	6	
Unit – 2 Contemporary Indian Thoughts	• Rabindranath Tagore’s Humanism	10	6
	• Swami Vivekananda’s Karma yoga	10	6
	• Mahatma Gandhi’s Ahimsa	10	6

PROJECT

Project Topics:

- 1. Vaisesika Categories (padarthas)**
- 2. Ontological Arguments for the Existence of God (Western Philosophy)**
- 3. The Idea of Democracy**
- 4. Science and Hypothesis**

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