

Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University

Department of Philosophy

Syllabus for Ph.D. Coursework in Philosophy

Session: 2016-17

(Approved by the Board of Research Studies in Philosophy)

One semester for Ph.D. course work (duration of six months)

- Number of Courses: 4
- Total Marks: 200
- Pass Marks: 50% in each Course

Outline of the syllabus

Course – 1: Philosophical Methodology 1 (Indian)	(50 Marks)
Course- 2: Philosophical Methodology 2 (Western)	(50 Marks)
Course- 3: Critical Review of Philosophical Literature	(50 Marks)
Course- 4: Knowledge of Computer and Thesis Writing	(50 Marks)

Course –I : Philosophical Methodology 1 (Indian) (50 Marks)

1. Concept of Philosophy in traditional Indian schools of thought.
2. Concept of Philosophy in modern Indian thought (Kalidas Bhattacharya, Rasvihary Das, Daya Krishna)
3. Methods in Philosophy (Tarka, Samśaya, Vāda, Jalpa, Vitanḍā, Uddeśa, Lakṣaṇā, Parīkṣā, Śravaṇa, Manana, Nididhyasana, Samvāda, pariprasna)
4. Indian Values and its Relevance

Books recommended:

1. Das, Rasvihary: *Katipay Darshanik Prabandha*, Bangiya Darshan Parishad, Kolkata.
2. Tarkavagish, Phanibhusan: *Nyayadarshana* (Vol. 1), WBSBB, Kolkata.
3. Matilal, B.K.: *Epistemology, Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophical Analysis*, Oxford University Press, 2005.
4. Matilal, B.K.: "On the Concept of Philosophy in India", in *Philosophy, Culture and Religion: Collected Essays*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2001.
5. Ganeri, Jonardon: *Philosophy in Classical India: The Proper Work of Reason*, Routledge, 2001.
6. Ghosh, Raghunath: *Knowledge, Meaning and Intuition*, New Bharatiya Book Corporation, Delhi.

Course –II : Philosophical Methodology 2 (Western) (50 Marks)

1. Ancient Greek approaches to Philosophy: Socratic Method.
2. The Epistemic approach: Rationalism and Empiricism.
3. Linguistic analysis as a method.
4. Phenomenological Method.
5. Hermeneutics.

Books recommended:

1. Moran, Dermot & Timothy Mooney (Eds.): *The Phenomenology Reader*.
2. R.G. Collingwood: *An Essay on Philosophical Method*.
3. Ricoeur, Paul: *Hermeneutics and Human Sciences*, Martinus Nijhoff Dordrecht, 1984.
4. Rorty, Richard (Ed.): *The Linguistic Turn*, 1979.
5. Gadamer, Hans-Georg: *Philosophical Hermeneutics*, University of California Press, 1977.

Course –III: Critical Review of Philosophical Literature (50 Marks)

- One Book or Two Articles of candidate's choice pre-approved by the Departmental Committee.

Course –IV: Knowledge of Computer and Thesis Writing (50 Marks)

Part A –Basic Computer Applications (25 marks)

- **Internet:** Access to web resources; Downloading articles (Google Scholar, INFLIBNET etc.); Google Docs; E-mail communication; Use of E-resources.
- **Software Usage:** MS Word, PowerPoint, PDF.

Part B –Introduction to Thesis writing (25 marks)

- What is expected in a thesis?
- Developing research skills.
- Finding the research questions.
- Literature review.
- Research gap.
- Methodological knowledge of Bibliography/Reference, Footnote/Endnote.
- Writing and presentation skill.