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5th Semester

√PHI -300- Epistemology and Metaphysics

Credits: 4

Objectives: The course aims to investigate the nature of knowledge, belief, reality, and existence through the exploration of epistemological and metaphysical theories and debates.

Unit – I Meaning and Method of Philosophy

- (a) Meaning of Philosophy
- (b) Relation of Philosophy to Science
- (c) Relation of Philosophy to Religion

Unit – II Sources of Knowledge

- (a) Western: Empiricism, Rationalism and Critical Philosophy
- (b) Indian: Perception, Inference and Verbal Testimony

Unit – III Theories of Truth

- (a) Coherence
- (b) Correspondence
- (c) Pragmatism

Unit – IV Theories of Reality

- (a) Monism, Dualism and Pluralism
- (b) Realism and Idealism

Unit – V Metaphysical Categories

- (a) Substance and Causality
- (b) Space and Time

Learning outcome: Students will acquire a robust understanding of key epistemological and metaphysical concepts, enhancing their ability to critically analyse and evaluate philosophical theories about knowledge, truth, and the nature of reality.

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- 8. C. D Sharma, Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1975.
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5th Semester

√HI -301- Existentialism

Credits: 4

Objectives: To teach students about the existentialist method of philosophising and the issues studied by existentialism

Unit - I Salient Features

- (a) Thesistic and Atheistic Existentialism
- (b) Existence Precedes Essence
- (c) Existentialism as a Movement
- (d) Existentialism and Humanism

Unit - II Kierkegaard

- (a) Faith, Subjectivity and Truth
- (b) Dread
- (c) Stages of Life

Unit - III Heidegger

- (a) Being
- (b) Dasein: Understanding and Truth
- (c) Being-in-the-World
- (d) Authenticity

Unit - IV Sartre

- (a) Being-in-Itself and Being-for-Itself
- (b) Freedom
- (c) Authenticity
- (d) Bad Faith

Learning outcome:

Students will get appointed with the philosophical issues and methods studies by existentialist $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1$

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- 2. Blackman, H. J., Six Existentialist Thinkers, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1952.
- 3. Soren Kierkegaard, Philosophical Fragments, edited and translated by Howard V. Hong and Edna H. Hong, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersy, 1985.

5th Semester

JPHI -302- Philosophy of Value

Credits: 4

Objectives to teach students about the meaning nature and origin of moral, aesthetic and other value, and exploring philosophical theory that under pin our understanding of what is valuable in life.

Unit-1 Idea of Value

- (a) Value as abstract and concrete
- (b) Intrinsic and Extrinsic
- (c) Relation between Value, Norm and Moral life

Unit-2 Theories of Value

- (a) Kant's theory of value
- (b) Hegel's theory of value
- (c) More theory of Value

Unit-3 Kinds of Values

- (a) Pluralist and Monist Values
- (b). Non-Standard Value Relations
- (c) Attitudes, Interests and bare differences

Unit-4 Owing, Blaming and Judging

- (a) What we owe to each other
- (b) Nature and Norms of Blameworthiness
- (c) Critique of Judgment

Learning students will a acquire comprehensive understanding of the varieties of values and their moral significance.

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5th Semester

从PHI -303- Philosophical Understanding of Culture

Credits: 4

Objective The course aims to explore philosophical prospective on culture by using philosophical tools to explore on the concepts and component culture.

UNIT - I: Problem of Culture

- (a) Philosophy of Culture and Cultural Anthropology
- (b) Nature and Culture
- (c) Cultural Identity

UNIT - II: Theories of Culture

- (a) Structuralism and Functionalism
- (b) Culture as Superstructure
- (c) Psychoanalysis

UNIT - III: Critique of Traditional Theories

- (a) Culture as Text (Narrative and Hermeneutics)
- (b) Post-Modern Concept of Culture
- (c) Post-Structural Critical Theory

UNIT - IV: Tribal Epistemology

- (a) Concept of Tribe and Ethnicity
- (b) Distinctiveness of a Tribal Culture: Frazer, Malinowshi and Geertz
- (c) Tribal World View: Rationality, Identity and Relationality

Learning Outcome Students will develop announced understanding of culture through philosophical analyst interpretation

Suggested Readings:

- 1. Philip Smith, Cultural Theory, Blackwell Publishers, Oxford, 2001.
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