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**Uttar Pradesh Public
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Exam Syllabus

Optional Subjects
Philosophy

:: PAPER - I ::

(History and Problems of Philosophy)

(SECTION-A)

1. Plato: Theory of ideas
2. Aristotle : Form, matter and Causation.
3. Descartes: Method, soul, God, Mind-Body dualism.
4. Spinoza : Substance, Attributes and Modes, Pantheism.
5. Leibnitz: Monads, God.
6. Locke : Theory of knowledge, Rejection of Innate ideas, Substance and Qualities.
7. Berkeley : Refutation of Abstract Idea, Refutation of Matter, Refutation of the distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, Idealism.
8. Hume: Theory of knowledge, Scepticism, Self, Causality.
9. Kant: Apriori and Aposteriori Knowledge, Analytic and Synthetic Judgements, possibility of Synthetic Apriori Judgement, Space, Time, Categories, Ideas of Reason, Criticism of the proofs for the existence of God
10. Hegel: Dialectical Method, Absolute Idealism.
11.
 - (a) Moore: Defence of Common sense, Refutation of Idealism.
 - (b) Russell : Theory of Descriptions, Incomplete Symbols, Logical Atomism : Atomic Facts.
12. Wittgenstein: Elementary Propositions, Picture Theory of Meaning, Distinction of Saying and Showing.
13. Logical Positivism : Verification Theory, Rejection of Metaphysics, Linguistic Theory of Necessary Propositions.
14. Phenomenology : Husserl Phenomological Method, Intentionality of Consciousness.
15. Existentialism: (Kierkegaard and Sartre)- Existence and Essence, Freedom and Choice, Responsibility and Authentic Existence.
16. Quine : Radical Translation.
17. Strawson : Theory of Person.

(SECTION-B)

1. Carvaka: Theory of knowledge, Materialism.
2. Jainism : Theory of Reality. Syadvada and Saptabhanginaya Bondage and Liberation.
3. Buddhism : Pratityasamutpada, Ksanikavada, Nairatmyavada, Schools of Buddhism.
4. Sankhya-Yoga : Prakriti, Purusa, Theory of Causation, Liberation, Ashtanga-yoga, Cittabhumi, Ishvara.
5. Nyaya- Vaisesika : Pramanas, Self, Liberation, Nature of God and proofs for existence of God, Categories, Theory of causation, Atomism.
6. Mimamsa : Theory of Knowledge, Prama, Pramanas, Svatahpramanyavada,
7. Vedanta : Sankara, Ramauja and Madhva (Brahma, Isvara, Atma, Jiva, Jagata, Maya, Avidya, Adhyasa, Moksha).

:: PAPER - II ::

(Socio Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion)

(SECTION-A)

1. Social and Political Ideals: Equality, Justice, Liberty
2. Sovereignty
3. Individual and State
4. Democracy: Concept and forms
5. Socialism and Marxism
6. Humanism
7. Secularism
8. Multiculturalism .
9. Theories of Punishment
10. Violence, Non-violence, Sarvodaya
11. Gender-Equality
12. Scientific Temper and Progress
13. Philosophy of Ecology.

SECTION-B

1. Religion : Theology and Philosophy of Religion.
2. Religion and Morality
3. Notions of God; Personalistic, Impersonalistic, Natuaralistic.
4. Proofs for the existence of God.
5. Immortality of Soul
6. Liberation
7. Religious Knowledge; Reason, Revelation and Mysticism
8. Religion without God
9. Problem of Evil
10. Religious Tolerance.

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