

Philosophy (General)

S.Y.B.A.

G-2 : Philosophy and Good Life

[**Objectives :** i) To acquaint the students with the Indian and Western perspectives on good life.
ii) To create an awareness about philosophical significance of some of the contemporary problems/issues.
iii) To encourage philosophical thinking about the notion of good life.
iv) To acquaint the student with the major issues and perspectives concerning Environmental ethics, Bio-medical ethics, Business ethics, and Media ethics
The approximate duration of teaching of each unit is 12 lectures]

Part I: Perspectives on Good life

Unit 1 : Relevance of Philosophy for human life

- 1.1 Socrates : “Life unexamined is not worth living” The critical, questioning attitude of philosophy; Synoptic approach : Role of Wisdom, ‘Darshana’
- 1.2 Concept of human being: One’s relation with nature, others, oneself and the transcendent
Different levels of existence: biological, social, personal, spiritual; The doctrine of Panchakosha, The need for a holistic perspective
- 1.3 The need for Ethics
Traditional mechanisms of regulating conduct and their shortcomings (i) Religion (ii) Law (iii) Opinion of the majority (iv) Conscience. Significance of Reflective ethical thinking.

Unit 2 : Some conceptions of Good life (Western)

- 2.1 Socrates & Plato: ‘ Virtue is knowledge’.
- 2.2 Aristotle: Virtue ethics
The concepts of virtue, eudaemonia, weakness of the will
- 2.3 Epicureanism : Hedonism
Stoicism : Deterministic ethics

Unit 3 : Some conceptions of Good Life (Indian)

- 3.1 Goals of Life – *Purusartha*: Charvaka’s approach, The *Trivarga* doctrine; The concept of Moksha
- 3.2 Conceptions of Ideal person and the ways of achieving the ideal.
Arhat (Buddhism); The way: *Sheela-Samadhi-Prajna, Brahma-Vihara Bodhisattva*-ideal (Buddhism); The way: *Paramita*.
Yogin (Patanjalayoga); The way: *Ashtangayoga, Vivekakhyati*
Jivanmukta (Vedanta); *Dnyana-Marga*.

Unit 4 : Contemporary issues regarding good life

- 4.1 Background :
Colonial rule and its impact, Notions of tradition and modernity and confrontation between them.
Response to modern western values: Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.
- 4.2 Religion and good life :
Secularism, Religious tolerance, Religion and morality,
Religion and Scientific temper (with reference to Gandhi, Vinoba and Savarkar)
- 4.3 The problem of discrimination
Caste discrimination : Dr. Ambedkar’s views in *Annihilation of caste*
Gender discrimination : Simon de Beavour’s views in *The Second Sex*.

Part II: Applied Ethics

Unit 5 : Environmental Ethics

- 5.1 Nature and significance of Applied Ethics Environmental Ethics as a branch of Applied Ethics
- 5.2 Environmental Ethics : Theocentrism, Anthropocentrism, Biocentrism and Ecocentrism
- 5.3 Ethical issues concerning Animal rights, Vegetarianism and Experimentations on animals
- 5.4 Notion of Sustainable development. Deep ecology Vs shallow ecology

Unit 6 : Bio-Medical Ethics

- 6.1 Nature of Bio-medical Ethics; Hippocratic Oath and its relevance
Principles of Bio-Medical Ethics : Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-Maleficence, Justice
- 6.2 Ethical issues concerning Doctor-Patient Relationship : Paternalism and Autonomy; Rights and Duties of patients
- 6.3 Ethical issues concerning Right of life: Abortion and Euthanasia

Unit 7 : **Corporate Ethics :**

- 7.1 Corporate Ethics as a sub-branch of Business Ethics; Nature and rise of Corporations : Corporation as a moral agent.
- 7.2 Corporate social responsibility : Narrow view & broad view
- 7.3 Ethical issues concerning employers and employees : Abusing one's own official position, Whistle blowing, Bribing

Unit 8 : **Media Ethics :**

- 8.1 Nature of Media Ethics; Nature and role of media in democracy
- 8.2 Ethical issues concerning media : Freedom, objectivity, Honesty, Privacy
- 8.3 Media and Sex, Media and Violence; Need for Code of Conduct

Prescribed Readings:

Units 1 to 4:

(Relevant sections from:)

- 1) Mc Intyer Alsadair : *A Short History of Ethics*, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1967
- 2) Titus H.H. : *Ethics for Today*
- 3) Frankena, *Ethics*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 1978
- 4) Hospers John : *Human conduct*
- 5) Rajendra Prasad : "Theory of Purusarthas : Revaluation and Reconstruction" as in *Karma, Causation and Retributive Morality* (For the nature of Purusarthas and Trivarga theory of Purusarthas only)
- 6) Sangharaksita, *A survey of Buddhism (Its doctrines and methods through the ages)*, Tharpa Publication, London, 1987 (Relevant Sections only)
- 7) Yardi M.R., *Yogasutras of Patanjali*, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune, 1979 (Relevant Sections only)
- 8) Dr. B.R. Ambdekar – *Annihilation of Caste*
- 9) Bhave, Vinoba, *Science and Spirituality*, Sarva –Seva –Sangh, Varanasi
- 10) Bose, N. K., *Selections from Gandhi*, Navajivan Publishing House, Ahmedabad, 1957
- 11) Simone De Beauvoir. 1972. *The Second Sex*. Harmondsworth: Penguin. (Introduction and Chapter 1)
- 12) Gore, M. S., *The Social Context of an Ideology : Ambedkar's Social and Political Thought*, New Delhi : Publications (1993)
- 13) Bedekar, D. K. and Bhanage, B. S., *Bharatiya Prabhodan , Samaj Prabodhan Sanstha*, Pune 1973 (Part I only)
- 14) Bhave, Vinoba, *Atmajnan ani Vijnana*, Vardha Gram Seva Mandal, Vardha
- 15) Rege, M. P. *Ihavad aani Sarvadharmasamabhav*, Sarvadharm Adhyayan Kendra va Prajna-Pathshala Mandal, Wai, 1996

- 16) Sardar G.B.– *Dharma aani Samajparavartan*
- 17) Patankar, R. B., *Apurna Kranti* (Relevant sections)
- 18) Sangvai Vijaya, *Prushartha-vichar*
- 19) Savarkar V. D., *Samagravangmaya (Nibandha-khanda)* (Relevant sections)
- 20) Bhagawat, Gauri (Tr.): “ *Purushartha-siddhanta, Punarmulyankan ani Punarracana*”, *Paramarsha*, Vol. 5, No. 3.

Units 5 to 8:

- 16) P.Singer – *Practical Ethics* – Cambridge University Press 1999
- 17) S. Luper, & C. Brown (Ed.) *The Moral Life* (2nd Ed) – Trinity University, Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1999
- 18) Ivan Illich- *Medical Nemesis*, Rupa & Co., 1975
- 19) A. Belsey & R. Chadwick – *Ethical Issues in Journalism & the Media*, Routledge, 1982
- 20) R. Chadwick (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics*, Academic Press, San Diago. 1998.
- 21) W.H. Shaw : *Business Ethics*, Thomson Asia Pvt. Ltd. 2002
- 22) *Abhivyakti Media for Development*; Mayadhyamvedha, Nasik, 2002
Editors Sanjay Sangawai, Shrinivas Hemade, Kenda P.N.

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Units 1 to 4:

- Joshi, B. R.(Ed.) *Tattvadnyana-Tarkashastra*, Continental Prakashan
 Mehta, Geeta, *Philosophy of Vinoba Bhave, A New Perspective in Gandhian Thought*, Himalaya Publication, Mumbai
 Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*
 Jonathan Barnes, *Aristotle*

Units 5 to 8:

P.Singer (Ed.) *Applied Ethics* – Oxford university Press 1988

Dr. S.K. Chahal – *Environment and The Moral life*, Ashish Publ. house, New Delhi, 1994

H. Titus & M. Keeton – *The Range of Ethics*, East-West Press, 1972

Paramarsha, Pune University, Vol. 17, Number 3, (Special issue on the Philosophy of Environment)

Maitrichya Palikade, Vidyarthi Sahayyak Samiti Prakashan, Pune, Special Number on *Paryavarana*, Year 37, Number 2, July 2007 – Oct. 2007.

Philosophy (General)

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G-2 (Alternative Course): Philosophy of Indian Saints

[Objective :

- 1) To acquaint the student with the metaphysical, Soteriological and social approaches of selected saints

The approximate duration of teaching of each unit is 12 lectures]

Part I:

Unit I : Background

- 1.1 The conception of a saint.
- 1.2 Nature and role of Bhakti Movement in the medieval India;
- 1.3 Saints as Socio- cultural reformers.

Unit II Basaveshvara

- 2.1 Basaveshvara's views on Bhakti (the relation between devotee and God, the path of Satsang).
- 2.2 Guru, Linga and Jangama.
- 2.3 Approach to Pravritti – Nivritti.
- 2.4 Approach to social reforms (views on caste, equality of men and women, criticism of ritualism)

Unit III Kabir

- 3.1 Impact of Vaishnavism and Sufism
- 3.2 Nature of Ultimate Reality (Sahab, Brahma, Ram)
- 3.3 Nirguna Bhakti and Sahaja Yoga.
- 3.4 Criticism of orthodoxy, ritualism and social customs of Hindus and Muslims, Equality of religions, Equality among human beings.

Unit IV Guru Nanak

- 4.1 The concepts of Supreme Being (Niramkara, Omkara, Akala) and Divine Ordinance (Hukum)
- 4.2 The concepts of Raja and Bhai (Will and Fear); Bhakti and Sahaj.
- 4.3 Guru Nanak's attitude towards Hinduism and Islam.
- 4.4 Ethical and social aspects of his thought.
- 4.5

Part II:

Unit V Dnyaneshvara

- 5.1 Impact of Shaivism ,Vedanta and Nath cult
- 5.2 Concept of God, Significance of Vishvatmaka Deva.
- 5.3 Chidvilasavada
- 5.4 Concept of Bhakti: Avyabhichari Bhakti, Para Bhakti

Unit VI Tukaram

- 6.1 Conception of God
- 6.2 Conception of true Dharma and Criticism of heresies (Pakhanda).
- 6.3 Concepts of Bhakti and Mukti
- 6.4 Criticism of social inequalities

Unit VII Bahenabai

- 7.1 Non-dualism and explanation of Maya
- 7.2 The status and the conception of Vedic authority
- 7.3 Concept of a true Brahmana as described in the light of Vajrasuci-Upanisad
- 7.4 (a) Dnyana, Bhakti, Karma (b) 'Loyalty to one's husband' (*Pativratiya*) in conventional and spiritual sense

Unit VIII Ramadasa

- 8.1 Monotheism, Concepts of Brahma and Maya.
- 8.2 Synthesis of Prapancha and Paramartha.
- 8.3 Views on Viveka and Shahanapana.
- 8.4 Socio-Political Thought (Prayatnavada, Dharma, Maharashtra dharma, Rajakarana, Varna and Caste).

Book for Reading : (Relevant Sections only)

1. G.S.Talib : *Guru Nanak, His Personality and Vision*, Guru Das Kapur and Sons (P) Ltd., Chwori-Bazar, Delhi-6 (1969).
2. H. Thipperudraswami L, *Basaweshwar*, Makers of Indian Literature Series Academy, New Delhi (1975).
3. Dr. Govind Trigunayat : *Kabir Ki Vichardhara* Sahayat Niketan, Shradhanand park, Kanpur.
4. R.C.Dhere (Ed.) : *Dnyanadeva Ani Dnyanadevi*, Shrividya Prakashan, Pune 30 (1990)
5. Dr. Ashok Kamat : *BhaktiBharati*, Shivparvati Pratishthan, Nasik.
6. R. D. Ranade: *Paramarthasopana*
7. Dr. S.G.Tulpule : *Pach Santakavi*, Suvichar Prakashan Mandal, Pune (1984).
8. G.B.Sardar : *Santavangmayachi Samajik Phalashruti*, Shreevidya Prakashan, Pune 30 (1982)
9. Javadekar, Shalinitai, (Ed.) *Bahenabaincha Gatha*, Continental Prakashan, Pune, 1979

10. Prabhakar Pujari : *Samarthyayogi Ramdas*, Continental Prakashan, Pune (1977)
11. V.R. Bokil – *Ramdas*.

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1. S.D.Pendse : *Maharashtracha Bhagavatadharm* (Series), Continental Prakashan, Pune.
2. Darshan Singh : *The Religion of Guru Nanak*, Lyall Book Depot, Chaura Bazar, Ludhiana 1.
3. M. Chidananda Murthy : *Basavanna* National Book Trusts, New Delhi-110016.
4. H.S Shenolikar : *Marathi Santavaneche Mantraksharatva*, Majestic Prakashan.
5. D. P. Chitre : *Punha Tukaram*, Published by S. K. Belvalkar, Pune 1990

Philosophy (Special)

S – 1: Indian Philosophical Approaches

[**Objective :** To acquaint the student with the major philosophical tenets of Upanisads, the Gita, and the nine systems of classical Indian philosophy
The approximate duration of teaching of each unit is 12 lectures]

Unit I : Upanisadic Philosophy :

- a) Opposition to the ritualism of Brahmanas, Diversity and Unity in Upanisadic thought.
- b) The doctrines : *Brahman, Atman, Para and Apara Vidya (Mundaka and Isa)*, Ethical thought (*Isa*)
- c) Introduction to some dialogues : Prajapati – Virocana - Indra, Uddalaka – Svetaketu (*Chandogya*); Yajnavalkya – Maitreyi : (*Brhadaranyaka*)

Unit II : Philosophy of the Gita

Arjuna's problem and Krsna's answer; The problem of karmic bondage and liberation, Upanisadic and Sankhya metaphysics, *Karmayoga, Jnanayoga, Bhaktiyoga*, Ideal person as *Sthitaprajna*.

Unit III : Purvamimamsa and Carvaka

- a) Purvamimamsa: Social and Philosophical role of Purvamimamsa Doctrines concerning interpretation of Vedas : Impersonality (*Apauruseyatva*) of Vedas, *Vidhi-Arthavada*; Six *Pramanas*, Theories of error: *Akhyati* and *Viparitakhyati*
- b) Carvaka : Lokayata Tradition, Theory of *Pramanas*, Criticism of Vedas and Vedic ritualism, *Bhuta-Caitanyavada* and *Dehatmavada*; Ethical approach.

Unit IV : Jainism

Founders of Jainism, Jaina sects; knowledge and its kinds; *Anekantavada, Syadvada*; The nature and kinds of *Dravya*; the nature of *Jiva, Pudgala, Dharma, Adharma, Akasa* and *Kala*; Theory of Bondage and Liberation.

Unit V : Buddhism :

Four noble truths, *Pratityasamutpada* and *Dvadasanidana*, Noble eightfold Path, *Anityata* and *Anatmavada, Nirvana, Avyakrta-*

prasnas and The Buddha's silence, Four major schools of Buddhism, Hinayana and Mahayana.

Unit VI : Nyaya – Vaisesika

- a) Nyaya : Definition and classification of *Pramana*, The nature of four *Pramanas* . Kinds of *Pratyaksa* and *Anumana*, *Anyathakhyati*
- b) Vaisesika : Six *padarthas* and the addition of *Abhava*; kinds *Dravyas* and *Gunas*, Qualities of *Atman*, Atomism, Kinds of *Abhava*; Interrelation between Nyaya and Vaisesika

Unit VII: Sankhya – Yoga

- a) Sankhya : *Prakrti* and *Purusa*, their nature and interrelation; The Nature and function of three *gunas*; *satkaryavada*; creation and destruction of the universe, Bondage and Liberation
- b) Yoga : Relation between Sankhya and Yoga, *Citta*, *Cittavrtti* and *Cittavrttinirodha*; *Cittabhumi.*, *Abhyasa* and *Vairagya*, *Klesa*, Types of *Samadhi* , *Isvara* and *Isvarapranidhana*

Unit VIII : Vedanta :

- b) Kevaladvaita of Samkara
The nature of *Brahman*, *Jiva* and *Jagat*; *Adhyasa* and *Maya-vada* *Brahmajnana* and *Moksa*, *Nirguna* and *Saguna-Brahman*, Three levels of Existence.
- c) Introduction to Visistadvaita (Ramanuja) and Dvaita (Madhva) : The nature of and interrelation between *Brahman*, *Jiva* and *Jagat* according to them. Qualified non-dualism, between *Cit Acit* and *Isvara* (Ramanuja); *Bheda* and its kinds (Madhva)

Prescribed Readings :

1. Hiriyanna, M. : *Outline of Indian Philosophy*
(Chapters on Upanisads and the Gita only)
2. Datta and Chatterjee, *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*,
University of Calcutta, Calcutta 1950
3. Sharma C.D. : *A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 1998
4. Dixit, Shririvas : *Bharatiya Tattvajnana*, Phadke Prakashan, Kolhapur, 2002.

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- 1) Hiriyanna, M : *Outline of Indian Philosophy*, London, 1956
- 2) Joshi, G. N., *Bharatiya Tattvajnanaca Brhad Itihasa*, Shubhada Sarasvat Prakashan, Pune
- 3) Tulpule, G. V., *Bhagavadgita-Saksatkaradarsana*, Tulpule, Sangli, 1959
- 4) Laxman Shastri Joshi, *Spiritual Materialism in India*

Philosophy (Special)

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S2 : History of Western Philosophy (Ancient, Medieval and Modern)

[Objective: To acquaint the student with the philosophical positions of major western philosophers of ancient, medieval and modern period

The approximate duration of teaching of each unit is 12 lectures]

Part I: Ancient and Medieval

Unit 1 : Pre-Socratic Philosophers and Socrates

- 1.1 Cosmologists : Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Empedocles, Anaxagoras Democritus.
- 1.2 Pythagoras :Number, universe and soul; Heraclitus : Logos, Becoming; Parmenides : Being
- 1.3 Sophists : Relativism, Scepticism;
- 1.4 Socrates : Virtue, knowledge

Unit 2 : Plato

- 2.1 Response to tradition : Relativism and Scepticism of sophists : Being-Becoming
- 2.2 Distinction between knowledge and opinion. Knowledge as recollection
- 2.3 Theory of forms

Unit 3 : Aristotle

- 3.1 Response to tradition : criticism of Plato's theory of forms and his views on knowledge, being and becoming.
- 3.2 Substance as a category; concepts of form and matter
- 3.3 Problem of change, Four causes, potentiality and actuality.

Unit 4 : Medieval Philosophy

- 4.1 Synthesis of Greek and Christian world view, faith and reason; St. Augustine : nature of God, Soul and World.
- 4.2 St. Anselm : Ontological argument for the existence of God.
St. Aquinas : Reconciliation of Aristotelian and Christian worldview.
Proofs for the existence of God.
- 4.3 Abelard and Ockham : Universal : Conceptualism and Nominalism

Part II: Modern

Unit 5 : Rationalists

- a) Descartes : Rationalist method, Clear and distinct ideas, Cogito, Truths of reason and truths of facts.
- b) Spinoza : Substance –attributes – modes, pantheism /Atheism
- c) Leibniz: Monadology, God, Truths of reason and truths of facts.

Unit 6 : Empiricism

- a) Locke: Primary and secondary qualities. Rejection of innate ideas, Representative theory of perception.
- b) Berkeley: Criticism of representative theory of perception, Immaterialism.
- c) Hume : Mitigated Scepticism, Matters of fact – Relations of ideas, problem of causation, self

Unit 7 : Kant

- a) Critical Philosophy : Response to rationalism and empiricism
- b) Possibility of synthetic a priori knowledge
- c) Space-time, Categories, Noumena-phenomena.

Unit 8 : Hegel

- a) Absolute idealism: Concept of Absolute/Geist, The nature of the Absolute
- b) Concept of dialectic: The triadic process and its significance; “Real is Rational.”
- c) Phenomenology of mind: Different stages of development of consciousness

Prescribed Readings :

Roger Scruton : *A short History of Modern Philosophy*, Sortilege and Paul, London, Seal edition, 1995
Lavine T. Z.: *From Socrates to Sartre*, The Philosophic Quest, Bantam Books, N. Y., 1984
Copleston, S. J., *A History of Philosophy*, Frederick Image Books Edition, 1962: Volume4, Volume5 Part2 Part1 Volume6 Part2 Volume7 Part1
Thilly and Wood, *A History of Philosophy*, Central Book Depot, Allahabad, 1965.
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W, K.C. Guthrie, *The Greek Philosophers From Thales To Aristotle*, Methuen and Co. LTD. London, 1967

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G. N. Joshi : *Paschatya Tattvadnyanacha Itihas* , Continental Prakashan, Pune, Volume 2 and 3 (Relevant Sections)
G. V. Tulpule, *Greek Tattvajnyan (Thales te Socrates)* , Chitrakala Prakation, Pune, 1957.
G. V. Tulpule, *Plato*, Chitrakala Prakation. Pune.
G. V. Tulpule, *Aristotle*, Chitrakala Prakation Pune.

Prescribed References:

Edward Paul and Arthor Pap: *A Modern Introduction to Philosophy*, The Free Press, N. Y., 1973
Relevant Sections from Paul Edwards (ed) *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (8 volumes)
Anthony Flew *An Introduction to Western Philosophy* Thames and Hudson(1971)
Anthony Kenny The Oxford, *History of Western Philosophy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000
Bryan Magee *The Great Philosophers: An Introduction to Western Philosophy*, Oxford University Press: Oxford (1988)
Gilson, Etienne, *History of Christian Philosophy*, London, (1980)

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D.Y. Deshpande : *Anubhavavada*, Nagpur
D.Y. Deshpande : *Kant*, Nagpur
D.Y. Deshpande : *Arvachin Paschatya Tattvajnana*, Nagpur
D.Y. Deshpande : *Chintane* (Marathi Translation of Descarte's *Meditations*), Maharashtra Rajya Sahitya ani Sanskriti Mandal, Mumbai, 1974
M.P.Rege : An essay on Kant's Philosophy (An appendix to *Saundaryamimansa* by R.B.Patankar)
M.P.Rege : Greek Philosophy Lekhmala (Navbharat)