

# Rishi Bankim Chandra Evening College

## Department of Philosophy

### Academic calendar (Session 2023-2024)

#### CBCS Philosophy Honours Syllabus

(Based on CBCS System Syllabus of West Bengal State University)

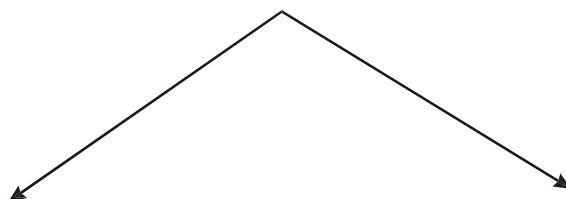
Internal Assessment : As per University Guideline  
University exam (End of 1<sup>st</sup> Sem exam) : December.

#### COURSE DISTRIBUTION FOR PHILOSOPHY HONOURS

### SEM-I (JULY- DECEMBER)

Total credits: 6 (Theory-05, Tutorial-01)

**Total Marks :75**



University Exam (Marks - 50)			Internal Assessment (Marks - 25)	
Question pattern -				
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PHIACOR		SEMESTER - I		
Course Code		Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
PHIACOR O1T	<b>Paper-I</b> <b>History of western philosophy - I</b>			
	<b>A. <u>Basic concepts of pre-Socratic philosophy (In brief)</u></b> Cosmology-origin (Ionian) Being and change (Eliatics) Process Philosophy (Heraclitus) The Sophists	75	10	P.D
	<b>B. <u>Plato and Aristotle :</u></b> Plato's Theory of knowledge (Episteme) and Opinion (Doxa) and its refutation by Aristotle. Plato's theory of Idea, Aristotle's refutation, Aristotle : Form and Matter		10	P.D
	<b>C. <u>Medieval Philosophy :</u></b> Reason, Faith [In brief], God --- Augustine, Aquinas		10	S.S.C
	<b>D. <u>Descartes, Spinoza, Leibnitz</u></b> Descartes --- Method of Doubt, Cogito Different Types of Ideas, Criterion of Truth, Theory of knowledge, Theory of substance. Spinoza --- Substance, Attributes and Modes, Existence of God, Pantheism, Theory of knowledge Leibnitz --- Innate Idea, Monad, Truths of Reason, Truths of Fact, Pre-established Harmony.		45	S.S.C  S.S.C  P.D
PHIACOR O2T	<b>Paper –II</b> <b><u>Western Logic - I</u></b>			
	1. Basic concepts --- Propositions, Propositional form, Argument and Argument form, Truth functional connectives, Truth and validity. 2. An overview of Traditional Laws of logic, Boolean interpretation of Categorical Propositions and consequences, Syllogism, Venn Diagram. 3. Propositional Logic : i) The Method of Truth Table Truth Tree as decision procedures : a) Statement forms and statements –Tautologous Contradictory and Contingent by Truth Table and Truth Tree method. b) Consistency by Truth Tree method c) Validity determination by Truth Table method and Truth Value Assignment method. ii) Method of Deduction --- Construction of formal proof of validity by using 19 Rules, I.P and C.P. iii) Invalidity by Shorter Truth Table method.	75	5  15  55	S.S.C  S.S.C  S.S.C  P.D  S.S.C  P.D  P.D

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## Academic calendar for semester- II ( Jan- June)

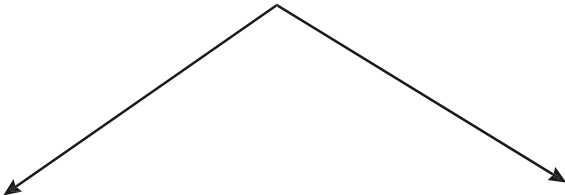
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## SEMESTER - II

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University exam (End of 2nd Sem exam) : June.

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**Total Marks :75**



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## SEMESTER - II

Course Code	Course Title	Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
PHIACOR O3T	<b>Paper - III</b> <b>Outlines of Indian Philosophy - I</b> <b>1. <u>Basic concepts in Indian Philosophy - I</u></b> Rta, rna, Jajna, panca-kosa, Atman, Brahman, jiva, sreyaś, preya, mokṣa (In Brief) <b>2. Nastika Schools :</b> i) Carvaka Epistemology - Perception as the only source of Knowledge, Refutation of Inference Metaphysics – Causality – yadricchavada/svadhavada/akasmikavada, jagat and bhutacaitanyavada. ii) Bauddha — Four noble truths, pratityasamutpadavada, kṣanabhaṅgavada, nairatmyavada, Basic tenets of four Bauddha schools (In brief) iii) Jaina — Concepts of jiva, ajiva, dravya, guṇa, paryaya, anekantavada, syadvada <b>3. Astika School</b> Nyaya system : Four Pramāṇas : Pratyakṣa pramāṇa : lakṣaṇa, classification into nirvikalpaka and savikalpaka (including pratyabhijñā) and laukika and alaukika. Anumāna pramāṇa : Lakṣaṇa, pakṣa, sādhyā, hetu, vyapti, vyaptigrahopaya, svartha and pararthanumāna. Outlines of upamāna pramāṇa and śabda pramāṇa. Vaiśeṣika System : The Basic outlines of dravya, guṇa, karma and detailed analysis of samānya, viśeṣa, samavāya and abhava, paramāṇuvada.	75	8  6  15  10  36	P.D  S.S.C  S.S.C  S.S.C  P.D
PHIACOR O4T	<b>Paper –IV</b> <u><b>Western Logic - II</b></u>			
	A. Quantification : Need for quantification Theory, Singular Propositions, quantifiers, Translating Traditional Subject – predicate proposition into Logical Notation of Propositional Function and Quantifier, predicate and Predicate functions, Individual Constant and Individual Variable. Quantification Rules and Proving Validity, Proving Invalidity for Arguments Involving Quantifiers. B. Induction : Mill's Method [In brief] and Copi's Criticism C. Induction per simple enumeration, Analogical Inference D. Criteria of Scientific Hypothesis. E. Probability : Alternative Conceptions of Probability, Probability Calculus, Joint Occurrences and Alternative Occurrences.	75	45  6  3  3  18	P.D  S.S.C  S.S.C  S.S.C  S.S.C

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### Academic calendar for semester- III (July-December)

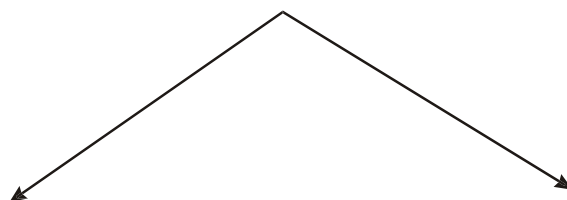
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### SEMESTER - III

Internal Assessment : As per University Guideline  
University exam (End of 3rd Sem exam) : December

Total credits: 6 (Theory-05, Tutorial-01)

**Total Marks :75**



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PHIACOR		SEMESTER - III		
Course Code	Paper-V History of western Philosophy - II	Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
PHIACOR O5T	A. <b>Empiricism :</b> <b>Locke</b> — Ideas and their classifications, Refutation of Innate Ideas, Substance, Locke's Realism and theory of knowledge, Primary and Secondary Qualities. <b>Berkeley</b> — Rejection of Abstract Ideas, Rejection of the distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities, Esse est percipi, Idealism <b>Hume</b> — Impression and Ideas, Association of Ideas, Judgement concerning relations of Ideas and matters of fact, Causality and Scepticism	75	50	S.S.C
	B. <b>Kant :</b> Conception of Critical Philosophy, Possibility of Metaphysics, Copernican Revolution, Distinction between a priori and a posteriori, Distinction between analytic and Synthetic Judgement, Possibility of Synthetic a Priori Judgement, Space and Time, Transcendental Idealism, Noumena and Phenomena.		25	S.S.C
PHIACOR O6T	<b>Paper-VI</b> <b>Outlines of Indian Philosophy - II</b>			
	A. Sankhya System :- Duhkha - traya, Satkaryavada as opposed to Asatharyavada, arguments in favour of Satkaryavada, Prakrti - Its Constituents and Evolutes, Arguments for the existence of Prakrti, Purusa-Argumentas for existence, Plurality of Purusa, Liberation.	75	20	P.D
	B. Yoga System : Citta, Cittabhumi, Cittavrtti, Cittavrtti-nirodha, Astangayoga, Concept of Isvara.		15	P.D
	C. Mimamsa System : Pramanas in brief and Arthapatti and Anupalabdhi in detail. (Prabhakara and Bhatta View)		10	P.D
	D. Advaita Vedanta Philosophy of Sankara : Sattvatraividhyavada, Vivartavada, Brahman, Relation of Brahman with Jiva and Jagat, Doctrine of Maya.		20	S.S.C
	E. Ramanuja : Brahman, Jiva, Jagat, Prapatti, Refutation of Sankara's theory of Maya		10	S.S.C
PHIACOR O7T	<b>Paper-VII</b> <b>Western Ethics</b>			
	A. Introduction to Ethics — Definition, Scope, Presuppositions, Basic concepts of morality, moral problems, moral action. Object of moral judgment.	75	8	P.D
	B. Different types of ethical theories — Descriptivism vs Normativism and Prescriptivism; Deontologism*, Teleologism**, Naturalism, Naturalistic fallacy.		30	P.D
	A. *Deontologism — with special reference to Kant. [Good will, good will and duty, categorical Imperative, Duty for Duty's sake, Kingdom of Ends ]		12	P.D
	B. ** Teleologism — Hedonism, Utilitarianism and its different types (with special reference to Mill and Bentham) — Act, Rule (basic concepts only)		20	P.D
	C. Theories of Punishment.		5	P.D

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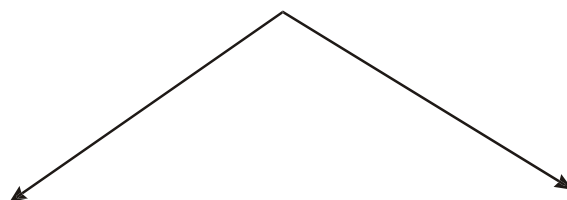
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## SEMESTER - IV

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University exam (End of 4th Sem exam) : June.

Total credits: 6 (Theory-05, Tutorial-01)

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PHIACOR		SEMESTER - IV		
Course Code	Course Title	Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
PHIACOR O8T	<b>Paper-VIII</b> <b>Social and Political Philosophy - Western</b>			
	A. Concept of Social Philosophy and Political Philosophy Relation and difference : Social and Political Philosophy on the one hand and Sociology and Political science on the other.	75	4	S.S.C
	B. Basic concepts : Society, Community, Association, Institution, Cast and Class, Social groups.		20	S.S.C
	C. Social Change : The Marxist view and the Gandhian view.		7	S.S.C
	D. Family. i) The Marxist interpretation of Family. ii) Sex gender divide, Patriarchy and the Feminist interpretation of Family. iii) The Marxist - Feminist Debate.		14	S.S.C
	E. Political Ideals : Government : Democracy and its different forms [Direct, Indirect, Parliamentary and Presidential]		10	S.S.C
	F. Socialism and its varieties : Utopian, Democratic, Scientific		15	S.S.C
	G. Separation of Power : Three wings of the Government -----Legislature, Executive and Judiciary (with special reference to Montesquieu)		5	S.S.C
PHIACOR O9T	<b>Paper-IX</b> <b>Psychology and Philosophy of Mind</b>			
	A. Relation between Philosophy of Mind, Psychology and Philosophy of Psychology.	75	5	P.D
	B. Psychology as science.		2	P.D
	C. Associationism : Perception and Learning, Gestalt theory of Perception and Learning.		10	P.D
	D. Methods of Psychology : Introspection, Extrospection and Experimental		8	P.D
	E. Freud's Theory : Conscious and Unconscious, ID, Ego and Super Ego		10	P.D
	F. Dualism, its types.		2	S.S.C
	G. General discussion on Behaviourism ---Methodological and Philosophical.		4	S.S.C
	H. The Relation between body and Mind : Parallelism, Interactionism, Bundle theory, Double Aspect theory, Occasionalism, Emergentism, And Epiphenomenalism.		20	S.S.C
PHIACOR 10T	<b>Paper-X</b> <b>Classical Indian Text</b>			
	Text : Annambhatta's Tarkasamgrahah with Dipika tika (From buddhi up to upamanakhandam)	75	75	P.D



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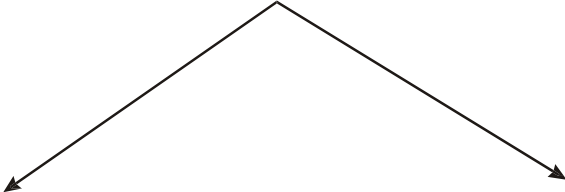
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### SEMESTER - V

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University exam (End of 5th Sem exam) : December

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PHIACOR		SEMESTER - V		
Course Code	Course Title	Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
PHIACOR 11T	<b>Paper-XI</b> <b>Philosophy of Language — Indian and Western</b>	75	35	P.D
	<p>A. Indian Philosophy of Language : Text : annambhatta's Tarkasamgrahah with Dipika tika – Sabdakhandam</p> <p>B. Western Philosophy of Language : Hospers — Word, Meaning, Ambiguity, Vagueness P. Alston - Speech acts.</p>			
PHIACOR 12T	<b>Paper-XII</b> <b>Ethical and Social Philosophy of India</b>	75	6	S.S.C
	<p>A. Introduction : Special features of Indian Ethics as opposed to Western Ethics.</p> <p>B. Basic Concepts with social significance in Bhagavat Gita : Karmayoga, Sthitaprajna, Yogaksema and Lokasamgraha</p> <p>C. Puruārtha - Concept of the four Pursartha and their interrelation</p> <p>D. Sukhavada — Carvaka</p> <p>E. Dharma : Definition, Sadharanadharma, Viseshadharma, Varnadharma, Asramadharma, Svadharma</p> <p>F. Karma : Nitya, Naimittika, Kamya, Niskama, Sancita, Sanciya and prarabdha.</p> <p>G. Concepts of Pancasila, Brahmayajna, Anuvrata, Mahavrata and Ahimsa.</p>			

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## Semester- V (July-December)

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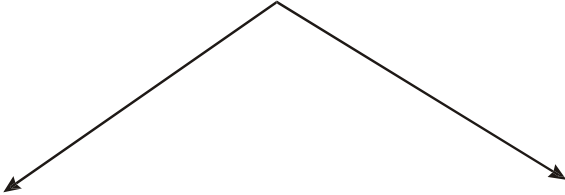
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## SEMESTER - V

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University exam (End of 5th Sem exam) : December

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# OUTLINE OF DSE SYLLABUS FOR SEM - V (PHILOSOPHY HONOURS)

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PHIADSE

SEMESTER - V

Course Code	Course Title	Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
PHIADSE O1T	<b>ELECTIVE LOGIC</b>	75	35	P.D
	<b>Set Theory :</b> Introduction, Membership, Inclusion, the Empty Set, Operations on Sets, Intersection, Union and Difference, Domain of Individuals, Translating sentences of everyday language into Set Notation, Venn diagram, Definition of Relations, Properties of Binary Relations, Definition of Functions, Definition of Functions and Operations of Functions.			
	<b>Patrick Suppes</b> - Introduction to Logic (Chapters 9, 10 and 11)		15	S.S.C
	<b>Quine's Method of Resolution</b> - Fell Swoop and Full Sweep		15	S.S.C
	<b>Quine</b> : Methods of Logic.		10	S.S.C
	<b>Discipline Specific Elective - II</b>			
PHIADSE O2T	<b>PRACTICAL ETHICS :</b>	75	20	S.S.C
	<b>Killing :</b> Killing of animals, Suicide, Euthanasia			
	i) <b>Human Rights :</b> Discrimination and its different types [with special reference to Cast/varna.		15	S.S.C
	ii) <b>War, Violence and Terrorism.</b>		10	S.S.C
	iii) <b>Concept of Environmental Ethics.</b>		10	S.S.C
	iv) <b>Feminist Ethics</b> ----- Justice based Ethics vs. Care based Ethics and Ethics based on Empathy; female foeticide and abortion.		20	S.S.C
	<b>Discipline Specific Elective - III</b>			
PHIADSE O3T	<b>PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION</b>	75	10	P.D
	i) <b>Introduction :</b> a) Scope and nature of Religion. b) <b>Relation between</b> - Philosophy of Religion and Theology			
	ii) <b>Difference between :</b> Spirituality and Religiosity. Sacred and Profane Magic and Religion		10	P.D
	iii) Problem of evil (Hospers)		5	P.D
	iv) Proofs for the existence of God: Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological, Moral		20	P.D
	v) Grounds of disbelief in God: Sociological theory and Freudian theory.		10	P.D
	vi) Some m=Major Religions : Hindusim, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam.		20	P.D

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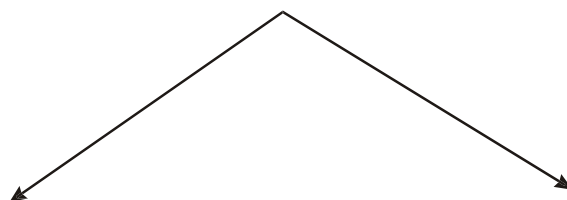
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## SEMESTER - VI

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PHIACOR		SEMESTER - VI		
PHIACOR 13T	<b>Paper-XIII</b> <b>Western Epistemology &amp; Metaphysics</b>	Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
	<p>A. Knowledge ---- Definition, components, types of knowledge : Knowing that, Knowing how, Knowledge by Acquaintance, Knowledge by description.</p> <p>B. Theories of Truth — Correspondence theory, Coherents, Pragmatism</p> <p>C. The problem of Induction.</p> <p>D. On what there is : Realism, Idealism, and Phenomenalism</p> <p>E. The Problem of Universals : Realism, Conceptualism and Nominalism</p> <p>F. The Causal Principle, the Entilment Theory of Causation, the Regularity Theory of Causation.</p>	75	<p>15</p> <p>15</p> <p>8</p> <p>15</p> <p>12</p> <p>10</p>	<p>P.D</p> <p>P.D</p> <p>P.D</p> <p>P.D</p> <p>P.D</p> <p>P.D</p>
PHIACOR 14T	<b>Paper-XIV</b> <b>Some Modern Indian Thinkers</b>	Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
	<p>A. Vivekananda — Practical Vedanta, Karma-yoga, Unification of Religions.</p> <p>B. Gandhi — Sarvodaya, Non-Violence and trusteeship, Cast.</p> <p>C. Aurobindo — Evolution and Involution.</p> <p>D. Ambedkar — Cast : Equality and Fraternity.</p>	75	<p>15</p> <p>25</p> <p>10</p> <p>25</p>	<p>S.S.C</p> <p>S.S.C</p> <p>S.S.C</p> <p>P.D</p>

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## Semester- VI (Jan - June)

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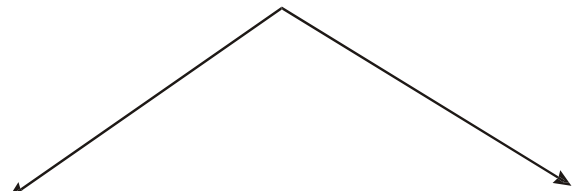
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## SEMESTER - VI

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**OUTLINE OF DSE SYLLABUS FOR SEM - VI (PHILOSOPHY HONOURS)**  
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PHIADSE

SEMESTER - VI

Course Code	Course Title	Marks	No. of lectures	Name of Teacher
	<b>Discipline Specific Elective - IV</b>			
PHIADSE O4T	<b>RABINDRANATH, SADHANA</b>	75	75	S.S.C
	<b>Discipline Specific Elective - V</b>			
PHIADSE O5T	<b>RUSSELL, PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY.</b>	75		
	i) Appearance and Reality.		20	P.D
	ii) Knowledge by acquaintance and by description.		20	P.D
	iii) On induction.		20	P.D
	iv) The value of Philosophy.		15	P.D
	<b>Discipline Specific Elective - VI</b>			
PHIADSE O6T	<b>HUME, An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding.</b>	75	75	S.S.C