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**PAPER : PHL1001C**

**RECENT TRENDS IN PHILOSOPHY**  
(Credits: 3+1+0=4)

**A**

K.C. Bhattacharyya- The concept of Philosophy, The Absolute and its alternative forms

Radhakrishnan: The concept of man, Spirit, Absolute

Dayakrishna: Field Theory of Indian Philosophy

**B**

Hermeneutics: Ricoeur – the narrative view of self and identity

Critical Theory: Marcuse's one-dimensional society; Habermas and universal pragmatics, critique and practical action

**C**

Postmodernism: Poststructuralism and postmodernism; Differences with modernity; Foucault's notion of power-knowledge and the death of the subject; Derrida's critique of the metaphysics of presence and his method of deconstruction.

**Reading list for A**

1. Radhakrishnan, S., and Muirhead, J. H. 1936. *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*. London: Macmillan (readings).
2. Guha, Ramachandra. ed. 2011. *The Makers of Modern India*. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press (readings).
3. Raju, P. T. 2008. *Idealistic Thought of India*. Abingdon: Routledge.
4. Lal, Basant Kumar. 2010. *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*. New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass.
5. Singh, Mahendra Prasad, and Himanshu Roy, eds. 2011. *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers*. Noida: Dorling Kindersley (India).

**Reading list for B and C**

1. McNeill, William, and Karen S. Feldman, eds. 1998. *Continental Philosophy: An Anthology*. Malden, MA: Blackwell
2. West, David. 2010. *Continental Philosophy: An Introduction*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
3. Porter, Stanley E., and Jason Robinson. 2011. *Hermeneutics: An Introduction to Interpretive Theory*. Cambridge: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing.
4. Malpas, Simon, and Paul Wake, eds. 2006. *The Routledge Companion to Critical Theory*. Abingdon: Routledge.
5. Sarup, Madan. 1993. *An Introductory Guide to Post-Structuralism*, Second Edition.

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Athens, GA: Georgia University Press.

6. Zalta, Edward N. ed. Stanford *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, URL: [http:// plato. stanford. edu/](http://plato.stanford.edu/)(relevant articles).

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**(Special Paper -2)**

*[For special paper a candidate has to select either Philosophy of Science or Introduction to Modern logic or Philosophy of Culture.]*

**PAPER : PHL1002SP1**

**PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE - 2**

**(Credits: 4+1+0=5)**

1. Scientific Realism and Antirealism, Scientific empiricism.
2. R.B. Braithwaite- Scientific Explanation
3. Paul Feyerabend- Against Method, Science in a Free society
4. Feyerabend-Lakatos debate about scientific method
5. Larry Loudon- Research Tradition.

**Reading list**

1. Osaka, Samir(2002) *Philosophy of Science: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press
2. Braithwaite, R.B.(1968) *Scientific Explanation: A Study of the Function of Theory, Probability and Law in science* Cambridge University Press
3. Feyerabend, Paul (1975)*Against Method* .New Left Books
4. Feyerabend, Paul(1982)*Science in a Free Society*. Verso
5. Loudon, Larry (1978) *Progress and Its Problems: Towards a Theory of Scientific Growth*. University of California Press
6. Loudon, Larry (1996) *Beyond Positivism and Relativism*. Routledge

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**PAPER : PHL1002SP2**

**PHILOSOPHICAL LOGIC**

**(Credits: 4+1+0=5)**

1. Nature of Philosophical Logic, Distinction between Philosophical Logic and Mathematical Logic.
2. Reasoning, Entailment, Necessity of Strawson, Frege's distinction between sense and reference

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3. Strawson: Generality, Form, System
4. Quine- Meaning and truth: Critique of propositionalism, Theory of Translation
5. Tarski- Semantic conception of Truth

**Reading list:**

1. Jacquette, Dale, (2005) *A Companion to Philosophical Logic*. Wiley Blackwell
2. Strawson, P.F (2014) *Introduction to Logical Theory* .Routledge
3. Strawson, P.F ed (1967) *Philosophical logic*. Oxford.
4. Quine, W.V.O (1986) *Philosophy of Logic*. Harvard University Press.
5. Globe, Lou ed (2001) *The Blackwell Guide to Philosophical Logic*. Wiley Blackwell.
6. Tarski, Alfred(1983) *Logic, semantics, Metamathematics papers from 1923 to 1938*.  
Hackett Publishing Company.

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**PAPER : PHL1002SP3**

**PHILOSOPHY OF CULTURE - 2**  
**(Credits: 4+1+0=5)**

1. Cultural Transmission – Process of Cultural Transmission
2. Globalisation and Cultural Relativism, Multiculturalism- challenges of Multiculturalism
3. Gadamer- Prejudice, tradition, understanding and fusion of horizon
4. Culture and Society- Marx and Culture, Hyper reality of Postmodern Culture (Baudrillard),  
Influence of Derrida's Deconstruction on Culture.

**Reading list**

1. Continental Philosophy of Social Science- Yvonne Sherratt, University of Oxford and University of Wales
2. Essays in Folkloristics- Alan Dundes (ed.)
3. Folklore and Folklife: An Introduction, Chicago, 1972- R.M.Dorson
4. Folk Culture & Peasant Society in India- Indira Deva, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 1989
5. Folklore and Folklife as Reflected through Modern Assamese Drama – Dr. Jagadish Patgiri, 2017

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**(Open Elective -2)**

**PAPER : PHL1003OP1**

**PHILOSOPHICAL TRADITIONS AND GREAT PHILOSOPHERS- 2**  
**(Credits: 3+1+0=4)**

**A**

1. Outlines of Gandhian Philosophy, truth and non-violence,
2. Rabindranath Tagore's Humanism

**B**

1. Radhanath Phukan as an interpreter of Indian Philosophy and concept of philosophy of Bhabananda Dutta
2. Textual study of Nam Ghosha by Madhabdev

**C**

1. Bacon- Inductive method, Four Idols
2. Nietzsche- Death of God, Superman, Moral Nihilism

**Reading list for A**

1. Datta, D. M. The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi
2. Parekh, Bhikhu. Gandhi
3. Lal, B.K. Contemporary Indian Philosophy
4. Datta, D.M. Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy

**Reading list for B**

1. Phukan, Radhanath ed. Gita
2. Datta, Bhabananda. Dristi aru Darsan

**Reading list for C**

1. Bhadra, M.K. A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism

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**PAPER : PHL1004DPW**

**(Credits: 6)**

**(In lieu of DPW/ Research work the paper on 'Philosophical Method' may be opted by the selected candidates)**

**Philosophical Method**

Textual Study

Discourse on method- Descartes

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(b)

Philosophical methods

1. Geometrical method (Spinoza)
2. Transcendental method (Kant)
3. Hermeneutical method (Gadamer)
4. Phenomenological method (Husserl)
5. Dialectical method (Hegel)

**Reading:-**

1. Copleston :- History of Philosophy (Relevant Chapters)
2. Bhadra, M.K.A Critical Survey of Phenomenology and Existentialism
3. Thilly, Frank. 1914. *A History of Philosophy*. Henry Holt.
4. Scruton, Roger. 2001. *A Short History of Modern Philosophy*. Routledge.
5. Barlingay, S and P B Kulkarni. 1980. *A Critical Survey of Western Philosophy*. Macmillan.

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