

U.G. 3rd SEMESTER SYLLABUS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
COTTON UNIVERSITY

PAPER : PHL401C

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
(Credits: 4+1+0=5)

1. Nature of religion, theories of the origin of religion.
2. Religion, morality and secularism
3. Mysticism, Numinous experience (Otto)
4. Nature of religious language
5. Arguments for the existence of God

Recommended Readings:

1. Hick, John. 1989. *Philosophy of Religion* (4th edition). Pearson.
2. Wainwright, William J. 1988. *Philosophy of Religion*. Wadsworth Publishers.
3. Masih, Y. 1991. *Introduction to Religious Philosophy*. Motilal Banarsidass.

PAPER : PHL402C

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
(Credits: 4+1+0=5)

1. Probability and induction: Classical theory and frequency theory of probability
2. Enumerative and eliminative induction
3. Problem of induction
4. Justification of Induction
5. Popper's thesis of falsifiability: verification vs falsification

Recommended readings:

1. Kneale, William (1949) *Probability and Induction* Clarendon Press. Oxford.
2. Barker, Stephen. F (1957) *Induction and Hypothesis: A study of logic of confirmation* Ithaca, NY: US, Cornell University Press.
3. Barker, Stephen. F (1988) *Elements of logic* Mc Graw Hill College
4. Cohen, L.J(1989) *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Induction and Probability*. Oxford.
5. Goodman, N (1983) *Fact, Fiction and Forecast* London.
6. Swinburne, R ed(1974) *The Justification of Induction*. Oxford.
7. Popper, Karl (2002) *The logic of Scientific Discovery*. New York: Routledge.

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PAPER : PHL403C

INDIAN LOGIC
(Credits: 4+1+0=5)

1. Fundamental concepts of Indian Logic Anviksiki Prama, Pramana
2. Perception: its different kinds
3. Anumana: Its constituents, kinds of anumana, difference between Nyaya syllogism and Aristotelian syllogism
4. Vyapti: The concept of Vyapti, methods of establishing vyapti.
5. Hetvabhasas: various kinds.

Recommended Readings:

1. Chatterjee, S. C. 1950. *The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge*. University of Calcutta.
2. Atreya, B. L. 1962. *The Elements of Indian Logic*. Darshana Printers.
3. Barlingay, S. S. 1965. *A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic*. National Publishing House.

(Generic Elective-4)

PAPER : PHL404G

SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY
(Credits: 3+1+0=4)

1. The nature and scope of social philosophy.
2. The relation of social philosophy to sociology, politics and ethics.
3. Origin of society – Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau
4. Relation between individual and society
5. Globalisation.

Recommended Readings:

1. Mackenzie, J. S. 1918. *Outlines of Social Philosophy*. George Allen and Unwin.
2. Chatterjee, P. B. 1965. *A Handbook of Social Philosophy*. Banerjee Publishers.
3. McPherson, Thomas. 1970. *Social Philosophy*. Van Nostrand-Reinhold.
4. Chatterjee, M. 2005. *Feminism and gender equality*. New India Publishing Agency.
5. Steger, M. B. 2010. *Globalisation*. Sterling Publishing Co.
6. hooks, bell. 2000. *Feminism is for everybody*. Pluto Press. (online at http://excoradfeminisms.files.wordpress.com/2010/03/bell_hooks-feminism_is_for_everybody.pdf)
