

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY,O.U.

SYLLABUS FOR Pre. Ph.D. IN PHILOSOPHY

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: PAPER – I

1. Significance, scope and limitations of research in Humanities.
2. Types of Research: Historical – Descriptive – Experimental.
3. The Significance of Philosophy inquiry and its impact n other areas of knowledge.
4. Philosophical Method: A Historical perspective
 - Rationalism: a) Descartes Mathematical Method: its significance and Limitations.
 - b) Spinoza’s Geometrical Method: its relevance to the Philosophical Inquiry.
5. Empiricism: a) The role of Empirical method in John Locke “Review of Essay Concerning Human understanding”.
b) Berkeley’s critique of Lockian approach to primary and secondary qualities.
c) Hume’s skepticism: a radical departure from Empiricism.
6. Imanuel Kant: a) A attempt to synthesis Rational and Empirical approach in Philosophy – Transcendental Method as a critique of reason.
b) Hegel,s Phenomenology of spirit and the Dialectical method.
7. Edmund Husserl,s Phenomenological Method :
 - a) Transcendental subjectivity and Phenomenological reduction and bracketing.
 - b) New trends in Pragmatism: Richard Rorty – consequences of Pragmatism-Philosophy and mirror of nature.
8. Format of the thesis – Title page – Preface – Table of contents/ Abbreviations of Titles cited –Introduction – Chapters – Conclusion – Appendices
– Bibliography – Notes – Illustrations – Transliteration –
– Common Scholarly abbreviations – Style.

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FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY: PAPER –I I

1. The Concept of Reality
 - a) Parmenides and Heidegger
 - b) Sankara and Sri Aurobindo
2. The Problem of Knowledge:
 - a) Rene Descartes and Kierkegaard
 - b) Ramanuja and Tagore
3. The problem of Knowledge:
 - a) Coherence theory of truth- correspondence theory of truth.
 - b) Six pramanas in sad- darshanas.
4. The problem of causation:
 - a) Aristotle and David Hume.
 - b) Satkarya and Asattaryavada
5. The Philosophy of Value:
 - a) Value and Existence – Relation of value to Morality – The quest for Good – Schema of the Moral process – Value- Judgment.
6. The Frankfurt School: The formation of Institute of Social Research and contribution of Max Horkheimer, Adorno and Habermas.
7. Post- Structuralism: Michel Foucault – Practices of Social Discourses in his early writings- from Analysis of discourses to theory of Power.
8. Lyotard: The idea of Post-Modernism.”Report on the state of the knowledge”
Habermas: The problem of the Post- Modern and the theory of communication.
