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Sanction has been accorded by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to the following syllabus of **Course II of the Course Work Examination** (Broad area of research) for research scholars in **Philosophy**, in Approved Research Centres, **from 2018 Admission onwards**.

Syllabus

Module I

What is Philosophy? Identifying Philosophical Problems; Epistemological, Metaphysical and Axiological Problems. Theories of knowledge- Theories of Truth- Problem Mind and Body, Space and Time, Being and Becoming, Permanence and Change, Problem of One and Many.

Module II

Deductive and Inductive Logic- Syllogism. Problem of Induction- Mill's Experimental Method. Symbolic logic: Logical Operators- Method of Deduction- Rules of Inference- Rules of Replacement- Quantification; Quantification Preliminary Rules.

Module III

Fundamentals of Ethics: Postulates of Ethics, Freedom of Will. Absolutism- Relativism. Deontological Theory - Categorical Imperative. Utilitarianism. Metaethics: Cognitivism, Non-cognitivism. Applied Ethics: Bioethics- Ethical Issues on Abortion, Euthanasia, Surrogacy- Ethical Issues in Business and Media.

Module IV

Metaphysics: Brahman- Atman Identity- Nishkamakarma- Nyaya-Vaisesika Pluralism- Samkhya- Yoga Dualism, Non-dualism of Vedanta- Buddhist Sunyavada. Plato's Theory of Forms, Aristotle; Form and Matter, Dualism of Spinoza, Pluralism of Leibniz, Kant; Phenomena/ Noumena, Hegel: Reality.

Module V

Recent Trends: Continental Tradition- Husserl: Intentionality, Heidegger- the Question of being, Nietzsche's Genealogical revaluation of Morals- Levinas's Criticism of Ontology- Derrida: Critique of Logocentrism, Foucault: Archeology, Discourse- Habermas: Communicative Reason- French Feminism: Kristeva: Symbolic and Semiotic.

Analytical Tradition: Linguistic turn- Logical Positivism- Frege: Sense and Reference- Wittgenstein: Picture Theory of Meaning, Use Theory of meaning- Speech Act theory: Austin and Searle- Problem of Meaning: Alfred Tarski- Donald Davidson, Michael Dummett.

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