

Deccan Education Society's

# Kirti M. Doongursee College of Arts, Science and Commerce (AUTONOMOUS)



Affiliated to

## UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

Syllabus for  
Program: Bachelor of Arts  
Course: F.Y.B.A.  
Subject: Philosophy

Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)  
with effect from  
Academic Year 2022-2023

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Lectures /Week
KUAPHI22101	Paper I Moral Philosophy	2	3

### **Unit 1: Introduction to Moral Philosophy [ 15 lectures]**

- (a) Definition, nature and scope (branches) of philosophy
- (b) Nature of moral philosophy (facts and values; intrinsic and extrinsic values) and areas of ethics (descriptive ethics, normative ethics, meta-ethics and applied ethics)
- (c) Ethical Relativism: arguments defending this position; critical evaluation

### **Unit 2: Moral concepts in Indian Philosophy[ 15 lectures]**

- (a) Philosophy of non-attachment (nishkama karma yoga)
- (b) Sthitaprajna: the moral ideal
- (c) Concepts of Rta, Rna, and purusartha

### **Unit 3: The Good Life: Greek Ethics [ 15 lectures]**

- (a) Socratic Ethics: virtue is knowledge; can ethics be taught?
- (b) The Four Virtues: Plato (in the context of *Republic*)
- (c) Ethics of Character: Aristotle

### **Unit 4: Are we Free?: Freedom and Determinism[ 15 lectures]**

- (a) Determinism: types of determinism: scientific determinism, religious determinism (i.e. predestination) and fatalism; critical appraisal of determinism
- (b) Indeterminism (i.e. libertarianism): arguments in support of free will; agency theory of freedom; critical appraisal of indeterminism
- (c) Compatibilism: reconciling determinism and freedom

## **Reference and reading list**

I. C. Sharma. *Ethical Philosophies of India*

Jacques Thiroux, *Ethics: Theory and Practice*

James Cornman, Keith Lehrer and George Pappas. *Philosophical Problems and Arguments: An Introduction*

James Fieser and Norman Lillegard, *Philosophical Questions: Reading and Interactive Guides* (New York/Oxford: OUP, 2005)

KedarNathTiwari, *Classical Indian Ethical Thought*  
(MotilalBanarasidas, 1998) William Frankena. *Ethics* (Prentice Hall, 1973)

William Lawhead. *The Philosophical Journey: An Interactive Approach* (Mayfield Publishing Company, 2000)

## **F.Y.B.A.: Semester II**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Lectures /Week</b>
KUAPHI22201	Paper II Moral Philosophy	2	3

### **Unit 1: Morality of Self-interest [ 15 lectures]**

- (a) Hedonistic Egoism: Epicurus
- (b) Psychological Egoism: Thomas Hobbes
- (c) Ethical Egoism: Ayn Rand

### **Unit 2: Modern Ethical Theories [ 15 lectures]**

- (a) Ethics of altruism: David Hume: nature and origin of morality: sentiment (sympathy) versus reason; Virtues: artificial and natural
- (b) Deontological Ethics: Immanuel Kant: Categorical Imperative: formula of Universal law and formula of End-in-itself, critical appraisal.
- (c) Utilitarianism: John Stuart Mill: Critique of Jeremy Bentham's view; Greatest Happiness principle, higher and lower pleasures, two sanctions, critical appraisal.

### **Unit 3: Alternative Ethical Theories [15 lectures]**

- (a) Augustinian Ethics: Happiness and Virtue, love of God and neighbour
- (b) Feminist Ethics: Ethics of Care: Carol Gilligan (against the backdrop of Lawrence Kohlberg's 'Stages of Moral Development')
- (c) Existentialist Ethics: Jean Paul Sartre

### **Unit 4: Theories of Punishment [15 lectures]**

- (a) Retributive theory, critical appraisal
- (b) Deterrent theory and reformatory approach to punishment; critical appraisal
- (c) Capital punishment: retentionists versus abolitionists

## Reference and reading list

Ayn Rand, *The Virtue of Selfishness* [Introduction, chpts. 1 and 3] (New York: Signet Book, 1964)

H.B. Acton (ed.), *The Philosophy of Punishment* (Macmillan, 1969)

James Fieser and Norman Lillegard, *Philosophical Questions: Reading and Interactive Guides* (New York and Oxford: OUP, 2005)

James McGlynn & Jules Toner, *Modern Ethical Theories* (New York: Bruce Publishing Company, 1962)

Jean Paul Sartre, "Existentialism is a Humanism" in Walter Kaufman (ed.), *Existentialism from Dostoyevsky to Sartre* (New American Library -Meridian Book, 1975)

Jeffery Olen and Vincent Barry, *Applying Ethics* (Wadsworth, 1998)  
Neil Levy, *Sartre* (Oneworld Publications, 2007)

Norman Bowie & Patricia Werhane, *Management Ethics* (Blackwell Publishing, 2005)

Richard Norman, *The Moral Philosophers: An Introduction to Ethics* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1983)

Ted Honderich, *Punishment: The Supposed Justifications* (Penguin Books, 1969)  
William Lawhead, *The Philosophical Journey: An Interactive Approach* (Mayfield Publishing Company, 2000)

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## **Evaluation Scheme for First Year (UG) under AUTONOMY**

### **I. Internal Evaluation for Theory Courses – 40 Marks**

(i) Continuous Internal Assessment 1 (Assignment-Tutorial) – 20 Marks

(ii) Continuous Internal Assessment 2 – 20 Marks (Class Test with Fill in the Blanks, True or False & Answer the following)

## **II. External Examination for Theory Courses – 60 Marks**

Duration: 2 Hours

Theory question paper pattern:

All questions are compulsory.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Based on</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Q.1	Unit I	<i>Any 02 out of 03</i>	12
Q.2	Unit II	<i>Any 02 out of 03</i>	12
Q.3	Unit III	<i>Any 02 out of 03</i>	12
Q.4	Unit IV	<i>Any 02 out of 03</i>	12
Q.5	Unit I, II, III, IV (Objective)	<i>Any 03 out of 06 (objective)</i>	12

- All questions shall be compulsory with internal choice within the questions.
- Each Question may be sub-divided into sub questions as a, b, c, d, etc. & the allocation of Marks depends on the weightage of the topic.