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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) DECEMBER /JANUARY**

**Faculty of Humanities**

**Branch IV-Philosophy**

**PHL S1 01 PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Philosophy and Religion.
2. Explain Pragmatic Theory of Truth.
3. What is meant by 'appearance'
4. Discuss the concept of One and Many.
5. Explain the concept of Justice.
6. What is meant by the immanence of God.
7. Discuss the concept Value.
8. Explain the nature of Axiological problem.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of philosophical problems
10. Distinguish between Knowledge and cognition.
11. Discuss the problem of Being and Becoming.
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of freedom of will.
13. Explain the nature of moral action
14. Explain the concept of 'Substance'.
15. Elucidate the concept of Truth.
16. Explain the problem of Universal and Particular.

**( weight :5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is Philosophy ?.Distinguish between the methods of Science and Philosophy.
18. Discuss the nature and different forms of Idealism.
19. Explain the philosophical concept of Subject and Object.
20. Explain the problem of Mind and Body.
21. Bring out the philosophical significance of Personal identity.
22. Discuss the nature of proofs for the existence of God.

**(weight :3x5=15)**

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**PHL S1 02 LOGIC AND LANGUAGE**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between inductive and deductive arguments.
2. Define syllogism.
3. What is meant by 'proposition'. Show the kinds of categorical proposition.
4. Discuss the nature of rhetorical language.
5. Explain the process of conversion.
6. What is meant by a logical Dilemma.
7. Discuss the concept Probability.
8. Explain the fallacy of undistributed middle.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of Hypothetical reasoning.
10. Distinguish between Figure and Mood.
11. Write a note on the problem of inductive generalization
12. Discuss the application of diagram for categorical propositions.
13. Explain the nature of pitfalls of Language.
14. Examine the argument with venn diagram:

Some pacifists are pessimists

Some Gandhians are pessimists

Therefore, Some Gandhians are pacifists

15. Elucidate the method of analogy.
16. Illustrate the distribution of terms using Venn diagrams.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by opposition of proposition ?. Distinguish between the Aristotelian and Boolean concept of opposition of proposition.
18. Discuss the nature and different forms of definitions.
19. Write a note on Arguments and methods of analyzing Arguments.
20. State and Explain the rules of Hypothetical syllogism.
21. Critically examine the Mills methods of scientific inquiry.
22. Explain the structure of a valid categorical syllogism.

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**PHL S1 03 INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A-Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Knowledge and memory .
2. State Nyaya view of 'Pratyaksa'.
3. What is meant by 'hevabhasa'.
4. Discuss the nature of 'arthapathi'.
5. Explain the concept of Validity and Invalidity of Knowledge.
6. What is meant by 'ayathartha anubhava'.
7. Discuss the theory of 'anyathakhyati'
8. Explain the charvaka view of Pratyaksha pramana.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of Valid Knowledge .
10. Distinguish between Determinate and Indeterminate perception.
11. Write a note on the Advaita view of inference.
12. Discuss Nyaya view of Validity and Invalidity.
13. Explain the concept of 'paramarsa'.
14. Bring out the significance of 'anupalabधि'.
15. Elucidate the triad in the context of Knowledge.
16. Explain Madhyamika theory of Truth.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**



**Part C- Essay****Answer any *three* Questions****Each question carries *five* weight.****Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by Vyapti?. Distinguish between the Charvaka and Nyaya theory on the knowledge of Vyapti.
18. Discuss the nature and different forms of 'Sannikarsha' in perception .
19. Write a note on Advaita theory of error .
20. State and Explain the characteristics of Indian view of Knowledge.
21. Critically examine the theory of meaning of a sentence
22. Give an account of Indian approach to the Truth of Knowledge.

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**PHL S1 04 WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Opinion and Knowledge.
2. Explain Sophistic view of Knowledge.
3. What is meant by 'esse est percipi'?
4. Discuss Spinoza's view of axiomatic method.
5. Explain Kantian concept of synthetic unity of apperception .
6. What is meant by transcendental method ?.
7. Discuss the concept of 'tabularasa'.
8. Explain the concept of innate ideas .

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of Empiricism.
10. Distinguish between sensibility and understanding.
11. Discuss the problem of reason and revelation.
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of metaphysical illusion.
13. Explain the nature of Descartes methodological doubt.
14. Explain Hume's criticism of the concept of Substance.
15. Elucidate Hegelian view of Absolute Knowledge.
16. Explain Aristotelian concept of Scientific Knowledge.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is Scholasticism ?.Distinguish between the methods of faith and reason.
18. Discuss the main tenants of Rationalism.
19. Explain Locke's argument for the refutation of innate ideas.
20. Explain the nature of Hegel's view of Dialectic method .
21. Bring out the philosophical significance of Socratic method.
22. Discuss Kantian critical philosophy and criticism of the metaphysical knowledge.

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**PHL S1 05 MORAL PHILOSOPHY**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between the ethical perspectives of Absolutism and Relativism.
2. Explain view of excusability in moral responsibility .
3. What is meant by 'cardinal virtues'?
4. Discuss the Bentham's view of utility.
5. Explain the Kantian concept of moral law.
6. What is meant by prescriptivism?
7. Discuss the concept of 'meta ethics'.
8. Explain the 'eudemonism'.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics deontological theory
10. Distinguish between Act and Rule utilitarianism.
11. Discuss the problem of moral responsibility.
12. Bring out the significance of categorical imperative.
13. Explain the nature of Divine command theory.
14. Explain the Green's view of self realization.
15. Elucidate the emotive theory of Ethics.
16. Explain the Pragmatic theory of moral standard.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by Naturalistic Fallacy ?.State the Moore's refutation of naturalism.
18. Discuss the main tenants of self-realization theory of F H Bradley.
19. Discuss the problem of moral responsibility and freedom of Will.
20. Elucidate Kantian view of 'duty for duty sake'.
21. Bring out the difference between the Platonic and Aristotelian on the theory of Virtue.
22. Evaluate critically the Mill's interpretation of utilitarianism.

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**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) APRIL/MAY**

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**PHL S2 06 SOCIO POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between social and political philosophy.
2. Explain the concept of equality.
3. What is meant by 'multiculturalism'?
4. Discuss Hobbseian view of state.
5. Explain the concept of cosmopolitanism.
6. What is meant by General will.
7. Discuss the concept of class struggle.
8. Explain the scope of socio political philosophy .

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of liberalism
10. Distinguish between the concepts of gender and sex.
11. Discuss Rawl's view of 'law of people'
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of freedom in social contract theory.
13. Explain the feminist interpretation of 'identity injustice'
14. Explain the concept of 'welfare liberalism'.
15. Elucidate Marxian concept of alienation.
16. Explain Hume's critique of social contract theory.

**( weight :5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by Social contract theory?. Explain Locke's view of liberalism
18. Discuss the nature of feminist view of social life .
19. Explain Marxian interpretation of history.
20. Explain Amarthya sen's view of Justice.
21. Bring out the philosophical significance of critical race theory.
22. Discuss the philosophical significance of distributive justice.

**(weight :3x5=15)**

**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) APRIL/MAY**

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**PHL S2 07 SYMBOLIC LOGIC**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A-Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between contingent and non contingent statement.
2. State the form of Modus Tollens (M.T.).
3. What is meant by '*Well-formed formulas*'.
4. Discuss the truth functional nature of conjunction.
5. Explain the truth functional difference between consistent and inconsistent statements.
6. What is meant by asyllogistic inference
7. Discuss the nature of logical equivalence.
8. Explain the laws of thought.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the advantages of symbolic logic.
10. Distinguish between conditional and biconditional truth function.
11. Write a note on tautology.
12. Give proof of  $(A \vee B) \rightarrow (C \cdot D)$
13. Construct formal proof of validity  
 $(D \cdot \sim E) \rightarrow F$   
 $\sim(E \vee F)$



$\sim D$

14. Give proof of

$\forall v W$

$\sim V$

$W \vee X$

15. Distinguish between sufficient and necessary condition.

16. Explain principle of Existential Instantiation.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by statement form?. Construct the truth table for statement forms

18. Discuss the Quantification rules of inference.

19. Write a note on the truth functional nature of disjunction.

20. State and Explain the fallacy of denying the antecedent

21. State and Explain the De Morgan's theorem

22. Construct indirect proof of validity :

$(G \vee H) \supset \sim G$

$\sim G$

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**PHL S2 08 INDIAN METAPHYSICS**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Rita and Karma
2. Explain the cosmic view of Brahman.
3. What is meant by the 'Category' in Nyaya-Vaishesika System?.
4. Discuss the significance of Kshanika vada.
5. Explain the concept of liberation .
6. What is meant by nihilism?.
7. Discuss the concept of 'Anekanta vada'.
8. Explain 'Asatkarana vada'.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the Sanhkya- Yoga theory of Purusha.
10. Distinguish between satkarya vada and parinama vada.
11. Discuss the problem of ignorance and bondage .
12. Bring out the significance of the identity between Brahman and Atman.
13. Explain the nature of materialist metaphysics of Charvaka.
14. Explain Advaita view of world
15. Elucidate the relation between Cosmology and causal theory
16. Explain Vaishesika theory of Atomism

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. State Madhyamika theory of Reality.
18. Discuss the main tenants of the development of Vedic religion.
19. Discuss Gita concept of Nishkamakarma.
20. Elucidate Jaina theory of Relativism
21. Bring out the difference between the Jivanmukti and Videhamukti
22. Evaluate critically the Yoga theory of cessation of mental modifications.

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**PHL S2 09 WESTERN METAPHYSICS**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Being and Becoming.
2. Explain Aristotle's view of four causes.
3. What is meant by 'pre established harmony'?
4. Discuss Spinoza's view of substance.
5. Explain Kantian concept of reality.
6. What is meant by subjective idealism?
7. Discuss the nature of 'ontological argument'.
8. Explain the concept of personal identity.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the empiricist view of metaphysics .
10. Distinguish between natura naturans and natura naturata.
11. Discuss the problem of One and Many .
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of Kant's view of regulative principle.
13. Explain the Descartes view of Mind Body interaction.
14. Explain Hume's criticism of metaphysics.
15. Elucidate Hegelian view of Absolute.
16. Explain philosophical significance of Greek atomism.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Discuss St Aquinas' view of essence and existence.
18. Discuss the theory of forms of Plato .
19. Explain Locke's argument for Substance.
20. Explain the nature of Descartes' view of God.
21. Bring out the philosophical significance of Kantian distinction between 'noumena' and 'phenomena'
22. Discuss Hume's analysis of causation.

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**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) APRIL/MAY**

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**PHL S2 10 APPLIED ETHICS**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Applied and Normative ethics .
2. Write a note on the scope of media ethics .
3. What is meant by 'autonomy'.
4. Discuss the concept of obligation in business.
5. Explain basic roles of legal system.
6. Discuss the ethical issue in 'digital divide'.
7. Discuss the ethical value of media in Indian social life
8. Explain the concept of criminal justice .

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the ethical issues in gathering news.
10. Distinguish between law and Ethics.
11. Write a note on the need of green computing
12. Discuss the moral status of human foetus.
13. Explain ethical issues in paternalism.
14. Examine the role of accountability in news reporting.
15. Elucidate ethical issues in tele medicine.
16. Examine the ethical guidelines in Business Ethics

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by Euthanasia ?. Discuss the moral issues related with the different forms of 'euthanasia'
18. Discuss the 'four myths of Business Ethics'
19. Write a note on Media and role based obligation .
20. State and Explain the nature ethical norms of theories of punishment.
21. Critically examine the ethical issues in intellectual property rights.
22. Give an ethical analysis on the concept of mother in surrogacy.

**(weight : 3x5=15)**

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**PHL S3 11 PHILOSOPHY OF GENDER**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between liberal and radical feminism.
2. Explain the concept of 'the other'.
3. What is meant by 'feminine mystique'?
4. Discuss the nature essentialism from the perspective of feminism.
5. Explain the concept of androgyny.
6. What is meant by post modern feminism?
7. Discuss the feminist perspective on women's health and reproduction .
8. Explain the scope of feminist ethics in Indian context.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of patriarchy.
10. Explain the relation between Sexuality and Power.
11. Discuss the feminist view of 'role conflict'
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of first wave feminism.
13. Explain the feminist interpretation of 'identity'
14. Explain the scope of Gandhian feminism.
15. Elucidate the distinction between sex and gender.
16. Explain feminist critique of language.

**( weight :5x2=10)**



**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by feminism?. Explain the origin and development of first wave feminism
18. Discuss the nature of feminist view of Indian social life .
19. Explain the feminist account of employment.
20. Explain the characteristics of second wave feminism.
21. Bring out the philosophical significance of feminist demand for equal rights and voting rights
22. Discuss the relation between feminist consciousness and religion.

**(weight :3x5=15)**

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**PHL S3 12 CONTEMPORARY CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Write a note on Husserl's phenomenology
2. Explain Heidegger's notion of Dasein.
3. What is eidetic reduction? Explain.
4. Discuss Foucault's theory of Archaeology.
5. Explain the concept of 'Metaphysics of presence'
6. What is meant by 'simulacra'?
7. What is 'simulacra'?
8. Write a note on 'Hermeneutics'.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss Levinasian understanding of Face to Face relation.
10. Explain : 'Language is a system of difference'.
11. Describe the chief tenets of Post structuralism
12. Critically examine Lacan's philosophy of Psyche as Language.
13. Explain the notion of logo-centrism
14. Gender is a socially constructed reality- explain this idea with reference to Judith Butler's philosophy.
15. Elucidate Habermasian view of communication
16. Explain the idea of difference.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Describe in detail Saussure's Structuralism.
18. Critically evaluate Derrida's statement 'Deconstruction is a *non-concept*'
19. Describe Emmanuel Levinas' philosophy of substitution.
20. Critically evaluate the philosophical positions of Post modernism within the background of modernism
21. Explain Gadamer's view's on Hermeneutics.
22. Comment on Heidegger's view of 'Language is the house of Being'.

**(weight : 3x5=15)**

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**PHL S3 13 CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY**

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**Time : Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight: 30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Vedanta and Neo-vedanta.
2. State the views of Vivekananda on the general nature of religion
3. What is meant by Self inquiry?.
4. Discuss the nature of 'Non-violent resistance'.
5. Explain Tagore's view of universal man
6. Explain the general nature of Academic philosophical practice in India.
7. Discuss Gandhian view of secularism.
8. Explain Sri Narayana Guru's view of 'Knowledge'

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss Dayakrishna's view of Indian Philosophy.
10. Distinguish between spiritualism and radical spiritualism.
11. Write a note on *vedadhikara nirupanam*.
12. Discuss Sri Narayana Guru's concept of Self instruction.
13. Explain the concept of integral yoga.
14. Bring out the significance of 'Word and the World'.
15. Elucidate Ambedkar's criticism of 'Varna'.
16. Explain Vivekananda's concept of bondage.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by Social justice?. Explain Ambedkar's interpretation of Social Justice.
18. Discuss the nature and applications of Vivekananda's concept of practical religion.
19. Write a note on Freedom according to J Krishnamurthi.
20. State and Explain the concept of 'enworlded subjectivity'.
21. Critically examine the theory of evolution and involution.
22. Give an account of Sree Narayana Guru's approach to 'Jati' in '*Jatilakashana*'.

**(weight :3x5=15)**

**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) DECEMBER/JANUARY**

**Faculty of Humanities**

**Branch IV-Philosophy**

**PHL S3 14 PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between logical positivist view of internal and external questions.
2. Explain Carnap's analysis on the scope of philosophy.
3. What is meant by 'family resemblance'?
4. Discuss Wittgenstein's view of private language.
5. Explain the concept of 'logicism'.
6. What is meant by truth conditional semantics ?.
7. Discuss Searle's view of illocutionary intention.
8. Comment on 'linguistic confusions'.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss Davidson's view of interpretation.
10. Distinguish between sense and reference.
11. Discuss the of limits of language according to early Wittgenstein.
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of Russell's view of definite description.
13. Explain emotive theory of meaning.
14. Explain Grice's view of intentional theory of meaning .
15. Elucidate : 'the world is the totality of facts not of things'.
16. Explain the philosophical significance of logical atomism.

(weight : 5x2=10)

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Discuss Traski's view of meaning.
18. Discuss the salient features of speech act theory.
19. Distinguish between Wittgenstein's view of 'picture' and 'game' theory of language.
20. Examine Quine's criticism on logical positivism
21. Bring out the philosophical significance of Austin's view of 'performance' and meaning.
22. Critically examine the debate between realism and anti realism .

**(weight : 3x5=15)**

**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) DECEMBER/JANUARY**

**Faculty of Humanities**

**Branch IV-Philosophy**

**PHL S3 15 PHILOSOPHY OF VEDANTA**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Veda and Vedanta.
2. Write a note on the definition of Brahman.
3. What is meant by 'Prasthanatraya'.
4. Discuss Advaita concept of '*anirvachaniya*'.
5. Explain Visishtadvaita theory of Saguna Brahman.
6. Discuss the three major commentators views on meaning of the term 'Brahman'.
7. Discuss the core principles of Dvaita Vedanta
8. Explain the concept of '*aprithak siddhi*'.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss Advaita theory of ignorance.
10. Distinguish between '*Bhakti*' and '*Prapatti*'.
11. Write a note on 'Brahmasutra'
12. Discuss the importance of Bhagavad Gita in the systems of Vedanta.
13. Explain Advaita theory of levels of reality .
14. Examine the Dvaita theory of liberation.
15. Elucidate : '*tattu samanvayat*'.
16. Examine Advaita theory of realization.



(weight : 5x2=10)

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by Maya?. Discuss the Visistadvaita objections against Advaita theory of Maya
18. Discuss Dvaita view of 'five fold difference'
19. Write a note on Advaita theory of illusoriness of World.
20. State and Explain the Vedic heritage of the systems of Vedanta.
21. Critically examine the proofs for the existence of Brahman according to Brahmasutra.
22. Give an account of the difference among the Vedantic systems on the relation between Jiva and Brahman.

(weight : 3x5=15)

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) APRIL/MAY**

**Faculty of Humanities**

**Branch IV-Philosophy**

**PHL S4 16 PHILOSOPHY OF MAHATMAGANDHI**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A-Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between active and passive resistance .
2. State Gandhian view of 'tolerance'.
3. What is meant by 'bred labour'.
4. Discuss Gandhian concept of 'Non-violence'.
5. Explain Gandhian approach to gender justice.
6. What is meant by 'participatory democracy'.
7. Discuss the theory of 'Grama Swaraj'
8. Explain Gandhian view of prohibition.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the influence of Jainism on Mahatma Gandhi.
10. Explain Gandhian interpretation of secularism and spiritualism .
11. Write a note on Gandhiji's approach to religious pluralism.
12. Discuss : 'Truth is God'
13. Explain Gandhian criticism on modernity.
14. Bring out the significance of 'Self-reliance'.
15. Elucidate Gandhian view of minority rights.

16. Explain the central components of Trustee ship.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by Sarvodaya?. Examine the role of Truth and Non violence as a civic virtue

18. Discuss the nature and different aspects of Satyagraha.

19. Write a note on the ideological influence of Gandhi in contemporary environmental movements .

20. State and Explain Gandhian idea of law and right to civil disobedience.

21. Critically examine Gandhiji's concept of peace and conflict resolution.

22. Give an account of the formative influences of Gandhian paradigm.

**(weight :3x5=15)**

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) JANUARY 2013**

**Faculty of Humanities**

**Branch IV-Philosophy**

**PHL S4 A1 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Write a note on inductivism.
2. Explain Kuhn's notion of normal science.
3. What is instrumentalism? Explain.
4. Discuss Feyerabend's view of against method
5. Explain the concept of 'verisimilitude'
6. What is meant by 'Hume's fork'?
7. What is 'problem shift'?
8. Write a note on 'methodological monism'.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the Lakatos's view of science as a research programme.
10. Explain : 'science is a process without a subject'.
11. Describe the chief tenets of sophisticated falsificationalism.
12. Critically examine Kuhn's view of scientific revolution.
13. Write a note to justify the of principle of induction.
14. Distinguish between inductivism and hypothesisism
15. Elucidate the debate between realism and anti realism.
16. Explain Kuhn's idea of Scientific paradigm.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Describe in detail axiological issues on the nature of Scientific Knowledge.
18. Critically evaluate Feyerabend's view of anarchy.
19. Bring out the salient features of Kuhn's idea of the structure of scientific revolutions.
20. Critically evaluate the philosophical positions of logical positivism and Karl Popper on the principle of demarcation.
21. Explain the logical positivist view of scientific explanation. Distinguish between D N and I S model explanation.
22. Comment on view of 'Science is a social activity'.

**(weight : 3x5=15)**

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) JANUARY 2013**

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**PHL S4 A2 FILM PHILOSOPHY**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A-Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between film and photography.
2. State the phenomenological view of film criticism.
3. What is meant by ontology of film?.
4. Discuss the psychoanalytic perspective of film and identification.
5. Write a note on genre
6. Explain the nature of documentary film.
7. Discuss the philosophy of 'three colours blue'.
8. Discuss 'ontology of moving images'

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss 'cinema is an art'.
10. Explain the philosophical position of the viewer of film.
11. Write a note on Aravindan's 'Esthapan'.
12. Discuss the feminist approach to film philosophy.
13. Explain the problems of relativism as screened in 'Rashomon' .
14. Bring out the characteristics of film narration.
15. Elucidate the process of signification in film
16. Comment on 'Ghaire Bhaire'.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by film theory?. Compare formalism and realism in film theory.
18. Discuss the concept of subjectivity in film.
19. Write a note on 'matrix'.
20. State and Explain the philosophical limits of film.
21. Critically examine neo-Freudian approach to film criticism.
22. Give an account of 'Cinematic Authorship'.

**(weight :3x5=15)**

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) JANUARY 2013**

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**Branch IV-Philosophy**

**PHL S4 A3 PHILOSOPHY OF LAW**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between law and custom.
2. Explain the role of judge in legal system.
3. What is meant by 'Tort law'?
4. Discuss Marxian 's view of legislation.
5. Explain Kelsen's formal theory.
6. What is meant by 'harm to other's principle'?
7. Discuss the nature of 'criminal law'.
8. Explain the concept natural law.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the secular version of view law.
10. Distinguish between morality and law.
11. Discuss the criticism on the role of legal subject .
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of feminist legal theory.
13. Explain Dworkin's view of model rule.
14. Explain the positivist's criticism of legal validity.
15. Elucidate the philosophical perspective of law and justice.
16. Write a note on legal realism.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**



**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Discuss St Aquinas' view of natural law.
18. Discuss the theories on the aims of crime and punishment .
19. Explain the salient features of positivist approach to law .
20. Explain the nature and different aspects of Tort law
21. Bring out the critical approach on the role of legislator according to critical race theory
22. Discuss H L A Hart's concept of law.

**(weight : 3x5=15)**

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) JANUARY 2013**

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**Branch IV-Philosophy**

**PHL S4 A4 INDIAN LOGIC**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between old and new Nyaya.
2. Explain the concept of '*abhava*'.
3. What is meant by '*paramarsa*'
4. Discuss the definition of Knowledge.
5. Explain Jaina concept of *naya* .
6. What is meant by *sphota*.
7. Discuss the concept of *hetu* .
8. Explain Mimamsa view of *arthapati*.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the concept of *Sabdha Bhodha*.
10. Distinguish between *avyapti* and *ativyapti*.
11. Discuss Gangesa's definition of perception.
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of Syad vada.
13. Explain Nyaya view of *tatparya*
14. Write a note on Navya Nyaya concept of '*sambandha*'.
15. Elucidate the fallacies of *hetu*
16. Explain the theory of non cognition .

**( weight :5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay****Answer any *three* Questions****Each question carries *five* weight.****Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is the Mimamsa view on the relation between word and sentence?.

Distinguish between *anvitabhihita* and *abhihitavita vada*

18. Discuss Jaina theory of inference.

19. Explain Gangesa's view of inferential *upadhi*.

20. Explain the general characteristics of Indian Logic.

21. Bring out the philosophical significance of threefold division of *lakshana*.

22. Discuss the Nyaya view on induction and causation.

**(weight :3x5=15)**

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**PHL S4 B1 PHILOSOPHY OF ADVAITA**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Write a note on Upanishadic concept of Accosmic Brahman
2. Explain Gita notion of lokasamgraha.
3. What is adhyasa ? Explain.
4. Discuss Gauda pada's theory of non origination.
5. Explain the Advaita concept of 'liberated in life'
6. What is meant by '*aparoksanubhuti*'?.
7. What is '*avidya*'?.
8. Write a note on Brahma sutra.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss Sankara's view of the qualifications for Brahman-inquiry
10. Explain : '*jagat mithya*'.
11. Describe the Gaudapada's analysis of waking and dream experience
12. Critically examine Sankara's concept of perception.
13. Explain the notion of '*Turiya*' in Mandukya Upanishad.
14. Write a note on Advaita interpretation of *Sruti* .
15. Elucidate Sankara's view of Knowledge
16. Explain the Advaita view of Jiva.

(weight : 5x2=10)

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Describe the vedic roots of the philosophy of Advaita.
18. Critically evaluate Gaudapada's statement 'Knowledge refutes duality'
19. Describe Sankara's view of the nature and means of liberation.
20. Critically evaluate the significance of theory of error in *adhyasa bhasya*.
21. Explain Gita view of ideal man from the perspective of Advaita.
22. Comment on Sankara's interpretation of '*janmadyasya yatah*'.

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**PHL S4 B2 PHILOSOPHY OF SREE NARAYANA GURU**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Seer and Seen .
2. Explain Sre Narayana Guru's view of illusion .
3. What is meant by 'pati and pasam'?
4. Discuss the Sre Narayana Guru's view of devotion.
5. Name the darsanas in Darsanamala.
6. What is meant by de superimposition?.
7. Discuss the nature of humanism in the philosophy of Sre Narayana Guru.
8. Explain the concept of personal identity according to *Atmopsdesastakam*.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the influence of Saiva Siddhanta in the philosophy of Sree Narayan Guru.
10. Distinguish between *Ahyaropa* and *Apavada*.
11. Discuss the problem of Knowledge and cognition in *Atmopsdesastakam*.
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of Sree Narayana Guru's view of religion.
13. Explain Guru's view of education and enlightenment.
14. Write a note on mystic experience in *Atmopsdesastakam*.
15. Elucidate Guru's view of Yoga philosophy .
16. Explain Guru's concept of Grace

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Discuss the Upanishadic influence in the philosophy of Sree Narayana Guru
18. Discuss nature of Self instruction in *Atmopadessatakam*.
19. Bring out the logic of refutation of Jati in *Jatilakshana*.
20. Explain Sree Narayana Guru's view of different kinds of Self realization in Darsanamala
21. Bring out the philosophical significance of 'One Kind,One Faith,One God for man'
22. Discuss the contribution of Sree Narayana Guru in shaping the philosophical outlook of Modern Kerala

**(weight : 3x5=15)**

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) JANUARY 2013**

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**PHL S4 B3 PHILOSOPHY OF BUDDHISM**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A-Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Brahmana and Sramanaka tradition .
2. Examine metaphysical views of Early Buddhism
3. What is meant by Sangha?.
4. Discuss the nature of '*arthakriya vada*'.
5. Explain subjective idealism of Vijana vada
6. Explain the general nature the sects of Buddhism.
7. Discuss Darmakirti's definition of perception.
8. Explain the concept of *Nirvana*.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of Sunya vada.
10. Distinguish between Vaibhasika and Sautrantika realism.
11. Write a note on Nagarjuna's scepticism of inference.
12. Discuss the The concept of suffering according to early Buddhism.
13. Explain the concept of '*Apoha*'.
14. Bring out the significance of '*Dependent origination*'.
15. Elucidate the Buddhistic view of ideal society.



16. Explain Dignaga's concept of inference.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by personal identity?.Discuss Early Buddhistic view of personal identity

18. Discuss the nature of realistic schools of Buddhism.

19. Write a note on Madhyamika theory of error .

20. State and Explain the characteristics Eight fold path

21. Critically examine the Buddhistic ideology of peace and non violence

22. Give an account of Buddhistic syllogism .

**(weight :3x5=15)**

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) JANUARY 2013**

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**Branch IV-Philosophy**

**PHL S4 B4 PHILOSOPHY OF Dr B R AMBEDKAR**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Discuss Ambedker's view of Buddhism
2. Explain Ambedker's concept of equality presented in constitution.
3. What is meant by 'social diversity'
4. Discuss Ambedker's view of state.
5. Explain Ambedker's the concept of democracy.
6. What is meant by justice?.
7. Discuss the concept of caste and castesism.
8. Explain Ambedker's view of socio political order.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss Ambedker's ideology of social justice
10. Distinguish between the concepts of caste and class.
11. Discuss Ambedker's view of 'Dharma'
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of Ambedker's view of human rights
13. Explain Ambedker's view of democracy.
14. Write a note on Ambedker's critique of Hinduism.
15. Elucidate the Ambedker's view of secularism.

16. Explain Ambedker's concept of education.

**( weight :5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by untouchability?. Explain Ambedker's and Gandhiji's criticism of untouchability

18. Discuss Ambedker's view of Buddhism.

19. Explain the humanism in the philosophy of Ambedkar.

20. Explain Ambedker's view of Justice and Judiciary system.

21. Bring out the philosophical significance of directive principles of constitution.

22. Discuss Ambedker's view of ideal religion.

**(weight :3x5=15)**

**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION (CCSS) JANUARY 2013**

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**PHL S4 C1 ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Write a note on intrinsic value of environment
2. Explain the consequentist view of Environmental Ethics.
3. What is shallow ecology.
4. Discuss environmental pragmatism.
5. Explain the concept of 'One Atmosphere'
6. What is meant by 'ecosystem ecology'?
7. What is 'sustaining of nature'?
8. Write a note on 'Eco feminism'.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the nature of Environmental Ethics.
10. Explain the significance of land ethics.
11. Describe the chief tenets of anthropocentrism.
12. Critically examine the relation between Man and Non- human world
13. Explain the notion of individualist deontological approach to Environmental Ethics.
14. Write a note on climate ethics.
15. Elucidate Environmental pluralism.

16. Distinguish between deep and shallow ecology.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Describe the central questions of Environmental Ethics.

18. Critically evaluate scope of holistic environmental ethics.

19. Describe the philosophical basis of multiple roots of deep ecology

20. Critically evaluate the eight point ideas of deep ecological platform

21. Explain bio centric equality and its denial of human superiority.

22. Comment on contemporary debate of 'Global environment and international inequality' .

**(weight : 3x5=15)**

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**PHL S4 C2 BIO ETHICS**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Ethics and Bioethics.
2. Explain the ethics of care.
3. What is meant by 'Euthanasia'?
4. Discuss the ethical issues in bio banking .
5. Explain the principle of confidentiality.
6. What is meant by surrogate motherhood ?.
7. Discuss the methods of Bioethics.
8. Explain the nature of genetic dilemma

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the concept of Global health.
10. Distinguish between passive and active euthanasia .
11. Discuss the ethical issues in clinical research.
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of virtue ethics.
13. Explain the moral issues related with the prenatal screening.
14. Explain the ethical problems in experimentation with human subject.

15. Elucidate the moral right of patient autonomy.
16. Write a note on ethical issues related with the definition of death .

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**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Discuss the nature and scope of Bio Ethics
18. Discuss the ethical problems of mother – foetus conflict in abortion .
19. Explain the ethical issues related with the different types of euthanasia
20. Discuss the moral questions related with Surrogate mothering.
21. Bring out the ethical issues in connection with the advancement of genetic research
22. Discuss the problems of bio terrorism.

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**PHL S4 C3 BUSSINESS ETHICS**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A-Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between Business rights and Business duties .
2. State the views of Utilitarian principles in Business ethics
3. What is meant by consumer privacy?.
4. 'Ethics has no place in business' Discuss this statement.
5. Explain the Kant's view of universalisability in Business context.
6. Explain the concept of environmental injustice.
7. Discuss the Blackstone's ethic of environmental rights.
8. Explain the market approach to consumer protection.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the nature of virtue ethics in Business context.
10. Distinguish between the ethical basis of command economy and market economy.
11. Write a note on the application of ethical principles in business.
12. Discuss Marxian view of justice and business .
13. Explain the concept of 'corporate ethics'.
14. Bring out the significance of 'affirmative action'.



15. Elucidate ethical issues in 'oligopolistic competition'.
16. Discuss 'from ethical point of view, big business is always bad business'  
(weight : 5x2=10)

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by advertising ?. Examine the view that 'advertising diminishes a consumers freedom of choice'
18. Discuss 'Ethics has no place in Business'.
19. Write a note on the ideology of justice in business .
20. State and Explain the characteristics of 'caring organization'.
21. Critically examine the ethical aspects of employee's obligation to the firm.
22. Give an account of an ethical issue related to the business and environment in Indian context

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**PHL S4 B4 PHILOSOPHY OF Dr B R AMBEDKAR**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Discuss Ambedker's view of Buddhism
2. Explain Ambedker's concept of equality presented in constitution.
3. What is meant by 'social diversity'
4. Discuss Ambedker's view of state.
5. Explain Ambedker's the concept of democracy.
6. What is meant by justice?.
7. Discuss the concept of caste and castesism.
8. Explain Ambedker's view of socio political order.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss Ambedker's ideology of social justice
10. Distinguish between the concepts of caste and class.
11. Discuss Ambedker's view of 'Dharma'
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of Ambedker's view of human rights
13. Explain Ambedker's view of democracy.
14. Write a note on Ambedker's critique of Hinduism.

15. Elucidate the Ambedker's view of secularism.
16. Explain Ambedker's concept of education.

**( weight :5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by untouchability?. Explain Ambedker's and Gandhiji's criticism of untouchability
18. Discuss Ambedker's view of Buddhism.
19. Explain the humanism in the philosophy of Ambedkar.
20. Explain Ambedker's view of Justice and Judiciary system.
21. Bring out the philosophical significance of directive principles of constitution.
22. Discuss Ambedker's view of ideal religion.

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**PHL S4 A1 PHILOSOPHY OF MIND**

**(2012Admissions)**

**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *one* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Write a note on epiphenomenalism.
2. Explain 'Ghost in machine'
3. What is parsimony? Explain.
4. Discuss Descartes's view of mind.
5. Explain the concept of 'layered view of the world'.
6. What is meant by 'parallelism'?
7. What is 'Qualila'?
8. Write a note on instrumentalist view of mind.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**

**Answer any *five* Questions**

**Each question carries *Two* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss 'Sensations are nothing over and above brain process'.
10. Explain functionalist theory of mind.
11. Describe the chief tenets of Cartesian dualism.
12. Critically examine mystery of consciousness.
13. Explain the notion of Folk psychology.
14. Write a note on mind body interaction.
15. Elucidate logical behaviourism.

16.Explain the concept of 'zombies'

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17.Describe the significance of 'Chinese room experiment'

18.Critically evaluate Descartes concept of 'substance and attribute'

19.Distinguish between qualities of experience and qualities experienced.

20.Critically examine the philosophical significance of 'multiple realizability'

21.Explain the basic tenets of eliminative materialism.

22.Comment on view of 'non Cartesian dualism'.

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**PHL S4 D2 INDIAN ETHICS**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A-Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between *rina* and *rita*
2. State Mimamsa view of *apurva*
3. What is meant by Mahavrita?.
4. Discuss the nature of ultimate '*purushartha*'.
5. Explain Gandhiji's view of Gita.
6. Explain Advaita concept of six fold discipline.
7. Discuss Charvaka theory of ethics.
8. Explain the nature of the Indian view of Good.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of Jaina theory of Karma .
10. Distinguish between *Yama* and *Niyama*.
11. Write a note on the Advaita view of *karma* and freedom.
12. Discuss Nyaya view of voluntary action.
13. Explain the concept of '*lokasamgraha*'.
14. Bring out the significance of '*Triratna*'.

15. Elucidate Sankhya theory of freedom from suffering.
16. Explain the ethical basis of consciousness of duty.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by Varna-ashrama-dharma?.Critically evaluate the Indian system of socio-ethical order.
18. Discuss the ethical significance of Buddhistic theory of Eightfold path .
19. Write a note on Ramanuja's theory of grace and freedom.
20. State and Explain the characteristics of Indian view of predicament of Individual and theory of Karma.
21. Critically examine Gandhiji's interpretation of *Anasakti Yoga*.
22. Give an account of Indian approach to ethics of Non - Violence.

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**PHL S4 D3 PHILOSOPHY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between 'craft knowledge' and 'knowledge of life'.
2. Explain Aristotle's view of '*techne*' and '*episteme*'.
3. What is meant by 'autonomy' of technology?.
4. Discuss the epistemological assumptions of technology.
5. Explain the place of technology in human life.
6. What is meant by hermeneutic Technics ?.
7. Discuss the impact of technology in values.
8. Comment on technological determinism.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss Heidegger's view of essence' of technology.
10. Distinguish between Knowledge and power.
11. Discuss 'technology weakens social bonds of affection'
12. Bring out the social impact of technological change.
13. Explain the concept 'genocosm' in the context of technology
14. Explain the ancient scepticism on the nature of technology .
15. Elucidate Kant's view of rationality and progress .



16. Explain post positivist concept of science.

**(weight : 5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. Discuss the technological hegemony and its impact on world peace.

18. Discuss the eco feminist concept of technology.

19. Explain the characteristics of enlightenment optimistic view of technology.

20. Write a note on the historical development of knowledge and *techne*.

21. What is technology? Explain philosophical perspective on technology.

22. Discuss the eco philosophical approach to technology.

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**PHL S4 D4 PHILOSOPHY OF YOGA**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *one* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 50 words**

1. Distinguish between *Chitta* and *Vriti*.
2. Explain the concept of *Purusha*.
3. What is meant by '*Chittabhumi*'
4. Discuss the Vedic roots of Yoga.
5. Explain the Yoga theory of Vital air.
6. What is meant by *Viveka Khyati* ?.
7. Discuss the yoga concept mental afflictions.
8. Explain the nature of external limbs of Yoga.

**(weight : 5x1=5)**

**Part B- Short Essay**  
**Answer any *five* Questions**  
**Each question carries *Two* weight.**  
**Each answer should not exceed 150 words**

9. Discuss the characteristics of 'withdrawal of mind'
10. Distinguish between the concepts of yama and niyama.
11. Discuss the Yoga view of 'samadhi'
12. Bring out the philosophical significance of yoga concept of freedom.
13. Explain yoga concept of the mechanism of *chitta*
14. Explain the concept of '*pranayama*'.
15. Elucidate Badrayana's view of ekagra prinama

16. Write a note on the approach of Non-Vedic tradition on yoga practice.

**( weight :5x2=10)**

**Part C- Essay**

**Answer any *three* Questions**

**Each question carries *five* weight.**

**Each answer should not exceed 500 words**

17. What is meant by 'Yoga'? Explain Patanjali's interpretation of Yoga.

18. Discuss the Yoga view of the predicament of individual.

19. Explain the Badrayana's interpretation of Consciousness and Chitta .

20. Explain the Yoga view of *Dharana* and *Dhyana*.

21. Bring out the philosophical significance of Yoga-practice.

22. Discuss the philosophical basis of the Yoga theory of Matter and Consciousness.

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**PHL S4 G1 GENERAL ESSAY**

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**Time :Three Hours**

**Maximum Weight:30**

**Part A- Very Short Answer**  
**Answer any ONE Question with Abstract**  
**Answer should not exceed 800 words**  
**Abstract should not exceed 50 words**

1. Discuss the philosophical concept of subject and object.
2. Explain the structure of valid categorical syllogism.
3. Write a note on Vyapti.
4. Discuss Locke's argument for the refutation of innate ideas.
5. Elucidate Kantian view of 'Duty for Duty sake'.
6. What is justice?. Explain Amartya sen's view of justice.
7. Discuss Quantification rules of inference.
8. Explain Jaina theory of relativism.
9. Bring out the philosophical significance of Hume's analysis of causation.
10. Write a note on media and role based obligation.
11. What is meant by Feminism?. Explain the problems of second wave feminism.
12. Comment: 'language is the house of being'
13. State and Explain Vivekananda's view of Universal religion.
14. Distinguish between Wittgenstein view of 'picture' and 'game' theory of Language.
15. Critically examine Visishta advaita objections against Advaita theory of Maya.
16. Bring out Gandhian method of peace and conflict resolution.

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Abstract of General Essay

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