

RET Examination Syllabus

Subject: Philosophy

1. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

2. INDIAN CLASSICS

- i) Praśastapāda: *Padārthadharmasaṅgraha* (six *padārtha*-s, both *uddeśa* and *parīkṣā*)
- (ii) Umāsvāti : *Tattvārthasūtra* (Selections, excluding Ch.-VII)

3. INDIAN EPISTEMOLOGY

- (i) Gaṅgeśa: *Tattvacintāmaṇi* (*prāmāṇyavāda* upto the end of “*na tu rajatatvena purovartināmiti*”)
- (ii) Dharmakīrti: *Nyāyabindu* (Up to “*trirūpāniga*”)

4. WESTERN CLASSICS

Kant: *Critique of Pure Reason* (N. K. Smith’s abridged edition (up to the end of the Transcendental Analytic)

5. WESTERN ETHICS

- (i) Normative Ethics: Utilitarianism and Deontology
- (ii) Virtue Ethics
- (iii) Metaethics: Cognitivism: Naturalism and Intuitionism; Non-cognitivism: Emotivism and Prescriptivism; Descriptivism
- (iv) Applied Ethics: Notion and Methodology, Life and Death Issues (Euthanasia and/or Abortion), Environmental Ethics: Definition and Concerns
- (i) *Śrīmadbhagavadgītā* (Chapters II & III)
- (ii) Laugakṣi Bhāskara: *Arthasaṅgraha* (*dharma*, *bhāvanā*, *vidhi* and its varieties, *arthavāda*)

6. INDIAN METAPHYSICS

- (i) Sadānanda Yogīndra: *Vedāntasāra* with *Subodhinī* (Selections)
- (ii) Ísvarakṛṣṇa: *Sāṃkhyakārikā* with *Tattvakaumudī* (*Kārikā*-s 1-3, 9-22)

7. WESTERN EPISTEMOLOGY

- (i) Nature and Definition of Knowledge
- (ii) Gettier Problem and Responses to it
- (iii) Scepticism and the Possibility of Knowledge
- (iv) Justification of Knowledge Claims: Foundationalism (including Internalism and Externalism), Coherentism and Reliabilism

8. WESTERN LOGIC

- (i) Propositional Logic: Rules of Natural Deduction, the Rule of Conditional Proof, Indirect Proof, Proving Invalidity
- (ii) Quantification Theory: Singular and General Propositions, Multiply-General Propositions, Quantification Rules and Proving Validity, Proving Invalidity, Logical Truths Involving Quantifiers
- (iii) Truth-Tree and its Applications

9. INDIAN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

Viśvanātha : *Bhāṣāpariccheda* with *Siddhāntamuktāvalī* (*Śabdakhaṇḍa*)

10. WESTERN METAPHYSICS

- (i) Nature and Notions of Metaphysics: Traditional and Contemporary
- (ii) Essentialism and the Notion of Possible Worlds
- (iii) Substance: The Aristotelian Conception, Basic Particulars, Ryle on Mind-Body Dualism
- (iv) Self-Knowledge and Self-Identity: Memory Criterion, Body Criterion; Primitiveness of the Concept of Person

11. CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY

- (i) **Phenomenology**: Development of Husserl's Phenomenology, Reduction, Essential Intuition, Intentionality, Solipsism and Intersubjectivity, The Life-World
- (ii) **Existentialism**: Sartre's Existentialism, Nothingness, Being-for-itself *vis-a-vis* Being-in-itself, Freedom and Responsibility, Bad faith
- (iii) **Hermeneutics**: Basic Notions: The Idea of Text, Explanation and Interpretation, Criteria of Acceptability of Interpretation; Heidegger's Hermeneutics of Being and *Dasein*

12. WESTERN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

- (i) **Issues and Problems**: Proper Names, Definite Descriptions, Sense and Reference; Concepts and Objects; Negative Existentials, Performative-Constatative, Speech Acts.
- (ii) **Wittgenstein**: Language and Reality, Facts and Objects, Names and Propositions, the Picture Theory, Rejection of the Picture-model, Philosophy and Language, Meaning and Use, Forms of Life.