



ANDHRA UNIVERSITY TRANS-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH HUB

PHILOSOPHICAL THINKING IN INDIA

- UNIT 1 :** Definition of Philosophy - Branches of Philosophy The Nature and Characteristics of Indian Philosophy, Philosophical Speculations of Vedas and Upanishads
- Unit-2 :** The Central Doctrines of Heterodox Systems
(A) Charvaka School – Epistemology and Metaphysics.
(B) Jainism - Nature and Destiny of Jiva(Soul) Syadvada.
(C) Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, Nairatmavada, Pratitya Samutpada, Niravana -- Arya Astanga Marga, Branches of Buddhism
- Unit-3 :** Central Doctrines of Orthodox Systems.
(A) Nyaya - Pramanas and Concept of God -
(B) Vaisheshika - Theory of Seven Categories - Atomism
- Unit-4 :** (A) Sankhya - Prakriti and Purusha – Satkaryavada and Theory of Evolution -
(B) Yoga - Patanjali's Astanga Yoga, and God -
- Unit-5 :** (A) Purva Mimamsa - Concept of Karma, Apurva and Dharma -
(B) Advaita - Nirguna Brahman - Relation between Brahman and Atman – Mayavada and Moksha -
(C) Visistadvaita – Dvaita - Introduction

Reference Books

1. S. Radhakrishnan, *Indian Philosophy*, Vols. I & II
2. S.N. Dasgupta, *History of Indian Philosophy*, Vols. I & II
3. F. Max Muller – *The Six Systems of Indian Philosophy*
4. M. Hiriyanna – *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*



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MODEL QUESTIONS

Time: 3 Hrs

Max.Marks: 5*20=100

1A). Describe the characteristics & Development of Indian Philosophy.

OR

B). Bring out the Upanishadic conception of the relation of Atman to Brahman

2A). Teachings of Gita: Sthita Prajna, Jnanayoga, Bhaktiyoga, Karmayoga

OR

B). What are Carvakas objections to Anumana as an independent Pramana

3A) Explain the padardha vadha of charvakas

OR

B). Why did Buddhism reject the theory of an immutable soul

4A). Explain Jaina conception of Soul

OR

B) Write an essay on concept of moksha through Yoga

5A). Discuss the four noble truths of Buddhism

OR

B) Explain Nyaya theory of Soul and destiny

6A). Describe the Astanga Yoga of Patanjali

OR

B) Explain Sankara's doctrine of Nirguna Brahman

7A) Examine Ramanuja conception of the world

OR

B) Write an essay on concept of Bakthi

OR

8A) Explain the concept of dwaitha vada of Madvachara.

OR

B) Explain the relation between Atman and Brahman in Madva Darsanam