

M. Phil and Ph. D. Entrance Test Syllabus
Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal

Time: 2 hours

Full Marks: 100

Qualifying Marks: 50

Part I: Research Methodology (50 marks)

Section I: Research Awareness (20 marks)

Preliminary ideas about

1. Characteristics of a research based course
Role of the supervisor
What is literature review?
What is expected in a thesis / dissertation?
What is a research proposal?
What are research questions?
2. Research ethics

Section II: Research Proposal (30 marks)

A research proposal to be prepared by the candidate on any topic of his/her choice incorporating the following:

- *Introduction to the topic of research*
- *Statement of the problem*
- *Brief mention of relevant literature*
- *Objectives of the research project*
- *Research question*

Part II: Philosophy (50 marks)

1. Nature of Philosophy
2. Methods in Indian Philosophy (Tarka, Saṁśaya, Vāda, Jalpa, Vitaṇḍā, Uddeśa, Lakṣaṇā, Parīkṣā, Śravaṇa, Manana, Nididhyāsana, Saṁvāda, Paripraśna)
3. Sources of knowledge in Indian Philosophy
4. Concepts in Indian Ethics
5. Philosophical methods in Western Philosophy: Socratic, Cartesian, Transcendental, Phenomenological, Linguistic, Dialectic and Postmodern.
6. Western Metaphysics: Universal and Particular, Appearance and Reality, Self and the Mind-Body Problem
7. Theories of Ethics: Utilitarianism, Kantianism, and Virtue Ethics
8. Definition of Knowledge, Theories of Justification, and Problem of Scepticism
9. Set Theory, Propositional Logic and Predicate Logic
10. Applied Ethics: Euthanasia, Capital Punishment, Professional Ethics, and Environmental Ethics.

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